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- Nagaland hosts Northeast Health Financing Forum with World Bank
- State government puts police recruitment for four non-Naga tribes on hold pending enumeration exercise
- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar calls for balanced approach of AI governance
- And, Red Scars FC and Sechü Zubza FC advance to quarterfinals of 25th NSF Martyrs' Memorial Trophy

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Nagaland is hosting the 'Health Financing Forum for Cross-State Learning in the Northeast Region' in collaboration with the World Bank. Addressing the inaugural event in Chumoukedima today, Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang underscored the importance of financial reforms to ensure accessible and equitable healthcare access. Noting that effective health financing goes beyond mobilizing resources, he stressed upon efficiently using them to reach the last mile. Mr Zeliang highlighted the Northeast region's structural challenges such as rural livelihoods, difficult terrain, and limited connectivity, compounded by climate change and

rising non-communicable diseases. Acknowledging the World Bank's support, he said each Northeastern state has pursued unique approaches to improving health financing, service delivery, accountability, and governance. He urged states to adopt innovation and collaborate on strategies tailored to the Northeast's needs.

Mr Zeliang also outlined Nagaland's commitment to a resilient healthcare system, that can address challenges like demographic shifts, disease transitions, and climate change. During the event, the Deputy Chief Minister released the FinHealth Assessment Report, which outlines recommendations for reform in the region's health financing landscape. The two-day forum brings together policymakers and experts to share experiences and strategies in strengthening health systems.

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The Nagaland Government has put on hold the recruitment of police constables reserved for the four Non-Naga tribes of Garos, Kacharis, Mikirs (Karbhis), and Kukis, pending the outcome of an Enumeration Exercise to determine their eligibility as Indigenous Inhabitants of the state. More from our correspondent...

The Home Department said, pending the legal case, the recruitment process will proceed with 1,176 posts allotted to Indigenous Naga tribes, while the 24 posts reserved for the four Non-Naga tribes will be taken up after the matter is resolved.

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Nagaland is joining the nationwide observance of Wildlife Week 2025. As part of the celebrations, the Kohima Forest Division today organized a Nature Walk and awareness programme for Class 10 students of St. Peter's School, Kohima. Speaking to students, Conservator of Forests, Zuthunglo Patton, highlighted the importance of Human-Animal Coexistence as a practical necessity for survival. She urged students to learn from ancestral practices that respected nature, and stressed that protecting wildlife habitats means safeguarding the entire ecosystems. She cited Nagaland's Amur Falcon conservation as one of the greatest wildlife conservation success stories, where hunters turned protectors highlighting the power of community-led efforts. During the Nature Walk, students visited the Blyth's Tragopan Conservation and Breeding Centre. A total of 38 students and two teachers took part in the programme. Meanwhile, a special Wildlife Week programme was also held in Mon Town today which was graced by Minister for Forest, Environment & Climate Change, CL John, and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vedpal Singh.

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External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar has said that trust and safety are essential for the implementation of responsible Artificial Intelligence. Addressing the Trust and Safety Festival India in New Delhi today, he said, AI will transform the economies, change work habits, create new health solutions and enhance educational access, in the coming years. The Minister added that the inclusion of AI in lifestyle will impact every citizen in every corner of the world. Dr Jaishankar also stressed on the need to adopt a balanced approach to the governance of AI and to ensure effective safeguards to protect digital citizens.

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Niuland has declared the 2x5 megawatts Hovukhu Solar Power Plant as a restricted area following repeated incidents of unauthorized public entry. The DC cautioned that the plant is equipped with high-voltage electrical systems, which can be fatal especially during foggy or rainy weather. Despite fencing and warning signs installed at the plant, public continues to visit the area without authorization, posing serious risks to life and equipment. The DC warned that trespassers will be arrested and charged under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and other relevant laws.

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Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament (MP), S. Phangnon Konyak will attend the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York from October 8 to 14. She is part of India's first non-official Parliamentary Delegation, along with 14 other MPs. The visit aims to enhance parliamentary engagement and strengthen India's voice in global discussions on peace, development and cooperation.

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Red Scars FC and Sechü Zubza FC have booked their places in the quarterfinals of the 25th NSF Martyrs' Memorial Trophy 2025. In the first match of the day, Red Scars FC delivered a dominant 5-nil win over Michazou FC showcasing a commanding display of skill and teamwork. Asito and Sentisang scored a brace each, while Rakeviche added one more. In the second match, Sechü Zubza FC faced Ward 19 Kohima in an intense match that ended in a goalless draw at regular time. In the tiebreak that followed, Sechü Zubza FC triumphed 3-1 to advance to the last eight. Both teams now join Chedema Youth Organisation and

Tangkhul Katamnao Saklong, who had secured their quarterfinal spots yesterday.

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Nagaland will receive localized thunderstorm and lightning with moderate to light rain at most places till the 11th of October. In a weather update, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, NSDMA said Kiphire, Kohima, Mokokchung, Peren and Tuensang districts will witness heavy rain accompanied by localized thunderstorm and lightning on October 9 and 10. NSDMA has advised public to exercise caution to avoid any eventualities, and to contact State Emergency Operation Centre on numbers 1070, 112, 2291120, and 2291122 in case of any emergencies.

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