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- Deputy Chief Minister T. R. Zeliang inspects restoration work at Old KMC Dumping site.
- President Droupadi Murmu stresses on equal opportunities for every section of society to achieve Viksit Bharat.
- Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia attends High-Level Task Force meeting on Investment Promotion in North Eastern Region.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has called on the youth to lead in strengthening humanitarian mission. He said this in his Vice Presidential address during the ceremonial function of the 38th Annual General Meeting of Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland State Branch (IRCSN) in Kohima today. Describing young people as ‘torchbearers of empathy,’ Mr. Rio urged members to expand outreach and inspire wider youth participation to sustain the spirit of service across the state.

Emphasizing the Red Cross theme ‘Keeping Humanity Alive’, the Chief Minister said it was a reminder to uphold compassion and voluntary service amid global challenges. He commended the IRCSN for over four decades of humanitarian work since 1982, including disaster response, health and hygiene promotion, blood donations, even to the most remote corners of the state. The Chief Minister encouraged continued collective effort to serve and keep humanity alive.

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Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Planning & Transformation and National Highway, T. R. Zeliang, along with the Chief Engineer and officers from NPWD (National Highways), today inspected restoration work at the Old KMC Dumping site. In a social media post, Mr. Zeliang stated that the work is progressing rapidly, and he is optimistic about reopening the route to traffic very soon. With the monsoon receding and favorable weather conditions, The Deputy Chief Minister expressed hope that there will be minimal disruptions to the project's timeline.

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President Droupadi Murmu has stressed that equal opportunities for every section of society, especially for the weakest and the marginalised section, are required to achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat. She was addressing the gathering after unveiling the bust of former President KR Narayanan at

Rajbhavan in Kerala today. Highlighting the contribution made by former President KR Narayanan, the President said he left behind a legacy of integrity, compassion and high democratic spirit.

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Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia today participated in the High-Level Task Force meeting on Investment Promotion in the North Eastern Region. The meeting was chaired by Chief Minister of Tripura, Dr. Manik Saha and attended by Deputy Chief Minister of Nagaland T R Zeliang, Ministers from Meghalaya and Sikkim and other Union Ministers. In a social media post, Mr. Scindia informed that during the meeting, deliberations focused on a comprehensive roadmap for investment promotion in the North East, identifying priority sectors and strategies to attract and sustain investments. He said the Northeast states shared plans to strengthen infrastructure, enhance ease of doing business and foster a conducive ecosystem for industries. Mr. Scindia added that the state further reaffirmed the need for Centre-State collaboration to accelerate industrial growth and inclusive development across the region to build a Viksit Purvottar.

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Vice-Chancellor of Nagaland University, Professor Jagadish Kumar Patnaik today inaugurated a Cancer Research Laboratory at Lumami campass, marking a significant milestone in the University's scientific advancement and commitment to addressing the growing burden of cancer in the region. Speaking on the occasion, Professor Patnaik urged faculty members and students to pursue excellence through research and publication. He encouraged scholars to document and explore traditional healing practices by engaging with local healers to identify potential natural remedies, emhhasizing the possibility of recognizing and patenting such indigenous knowledge. Addressing the program as Guest of Honour, Registrar of Nagaland University, Dr. Abemo underscored the importance of scientific progress for the betterment of humanity, asserting that Nagaland University holds immense potential in contributing to cancer prevention and cure.

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The Nagaland State AIDS Control Society (NSACS), in collaboration with Nagaland Olympic Association and Nagaland Athletics Association will be organizing Red Run 3.0 on October 30, at Agri. Expo in Chümoukedima. This was announced during a curtain raiser press conference held at the Nagaland Olympic Association office complex in Kohima today by Project Director, NSACS, Dr. Ahu Sekhose.

Dr. Sekhose also informed that the event is being hosted by the Government of Nagaland and supported by the National AIDS Control Organisation, Ministry of

Health & Family Welfare. The occasion marked the release of the official logo of Red Run 3.0, the launch of QR code for registration in the Open (General) Category two kilometer run, and the launch of the official jersey for Open Category runners.

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The key provisions relating to nomination under the Banking Laws Amendment Act will come into effect from 1st of next month. The Ministry of Finance, in a statement said that the provisions will give depositors the flexibility to make nominations as per their preference, allowing the Customers to nominate up to four persons, simplifying claim settlement for depositors and their nominees. The act aims to strengthen governance standards in the banking sector, ensure uniformity in reporting by banks to the Reserve Bank of India, enhance depositor and improve audit quality in public sector banks.

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The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy today announced a Logo Design Contest for the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM). The Ministry in a statement said that the winner will be rewarded a cash prize of one lakh rupees and a certificate of recognition by the NGHM. It further emphasized that the design of the logo must capture the essence of the mission, which is to make the country self reliant and a global hub for production, usage and export of green hydrogen and showcase the emerging nature of the sector. The Ministry also informed that the entries should be submitted on the MyGov portal by the 5th of the next month.

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