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The Joint Co-ordination Committee (JCC) On IAS Induction comprising of CANSSEA, FONSESA, NIDA, NSSA & NF& ASA has resolved to escalate and intensify the ongoing Pen Down Strike with effect from November 6. The decision comes after the state government failed to respond within the three-day timeline for dialogue, which expired yesterday. While expressing sincere regret for the inconvenience caused to the public, the JCC earnestly appealed for understanding and support, stating that the ongoing protest is aimed at upholding meritocracy and fairness in the system

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The Forest Department, Mokokchung Division, in collaboration with the Wildlife Division, Dimapur, organised a two-day training workshop on Human-Elephant Conflict Mitigation under the Community Conservation Area management plan. According to a press release, the programme was held on October 30 and 31, covering the villages of Khar, Mongchen, Dibua, Alongkima and Waromung. During the training, participants were briefed on elephant behaviour and taught practical, non-lethal methods to protect farmlands and settlements without harming the animals. Demonstrations included preparing grass bundles with dry chilli and tobacco, chilli-grease fencing, and using fireballs to deter elephants from a distance. The workshop also covered precautionary measures to prevent crop and property damage, as well as reporting procedures for elephant-related incidents. The training was conducted under the Forest and Biodiversity Management in the Himalaya, Nagaland Project, co-financed by the Federal Republic of Germany.

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The GST Bachat Utsav began on 22nd of September as the Narendra Modi government reduced GST rates across several sectors, benefiting citizens nationwide. Today, our correspondent brings a report on how the next-generation GST reforms in housing sector are helping citizens.

GST V/C: *Under the new tax structure, the government has reduced GST from 28 percent to 18 percent, cutting building-cost and easing the financial burden on home-buyers and developers. In GST 2.0, marble and granite blocks now attract just 5 percent GST instead of 12 percent, reducing flooring and finishing costs. Similarly, tax on sand-lime bricks have been brought down from 12 percent to 5 percent, making low-cost housing construction cheaper. The next generation GST reforms is making homes and infrastructure more affordable. These reforms are aimed to strengthen MSMEs in the construction sector, creating jobs, accelerating private investment in infrastructure and supporting the government's mission of Housing for All)*

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In continuation of its commitment to a cleaner and greener India, the Assam Rifles yesterday conducted a combined cleanliness drive under the Swachhta Hi Seva campaign at Akhegwo village, Meluri District. Held as part of the nationwide Clean India Movement, the drive saw enthusiastic participation from Assam Rifles personnel and local residents, cleaning public areas, community spaces, and village surroundings. The campaign also promoted awareness on hygiene, waste management, and sustainable living. Addressing the gathering, Assam Rifles personnel reiterated the vision of the Swachh Bharat Mission and urged citizens to uphold cleanliness as a collective responsibility.

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Grace Kikon was crowned Miss Wokha 2025 in a dazzling event held at the Public Ground, Wokha. Marking a grand comeback after seven years, the Miss Wokha beauty pageant made a spectacular return, organized by Glamours Event Management in collaboration with the Lotha Elohe Hoho. The evening shimmered with excitement and elegance as Yisanbeni Tsanglao and Nzanbeni Humtsoe were crowned the first and second runners-up, respectively

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And, On to local sports now, The 50th Annual Meet of the Niuland Area Sports Association, marking the 50th Hovishe Memorial Trophy, kicked off yesterday at

Hovishe local ground. Inaugurating the meet, Minister for PHED and Cooperation, Jacob Zhimomi, said sports today offer new avenues for employment, income, and social progress in Nagaland. Encouraging the participating teams to uphold the spirit of sportsmanship, the Minister expressed hope that the sports meet would continue to serve as a platform to reaffirm friendship, promote peace, foster unity, and inspire hope across the Niuland Area. Nineteen villages are competing in the weeklong 50th Hovishe Memorial trophy. Meanwhile, Meanwhile, in Kohima, Head Hunters FC (164 Naga TA) will take on Dimapur Sporting Club in the finals of the 9th Capt. N. Kengurüse MVC Memorial Football Tournament on November 6 at the Indira Gandhi Stadium.

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