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THE HEADLINES :-

- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio says NSRLM building self-reliant households across Nagaland
- Nagaland GIS Centre, health department enter agreement to use drones for medical emergencies
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says entire nation working cohesively towards 'Viksit Bharat'
- In Ranji Trophy cricket, Nagaland falls to Baroda by an innings and 6 runs

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today highlighted the role of the Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission in empowering rural livelihoods in the state. In a social media post, he said, the mission is supporting self-help groups, promoting sustainable income initiatives, improving access to financial and social security schemes, and building self-reliant households through strong community institutions. Currently, NSRLM operates in 1,260 villages across 76 rural development blocks in all 17 districts.

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In an effort to improve healthcare services in the state, the Nagaland GIS and Remote Sensing Centre under the Planning and Transformation Department, and the Department of Health and Family Welfare have signed a Memorandum of Agreement to integrate drone technology into the state's healthcare system. The

agreement was signed at the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare in Kohima today. The initiative aims to address challenges posed by Nagaland's difficult terrain and limited connectivity by using drones for emergency medical supply delivery, response during disease outbreaks and natural calamities, and geospatial mapping. Under the agreement, the GIS Centre will handle drone operations, training, and data analysis, while the Health Department will provide logistical and operational support. The collaboration is expected to enhance healthcare efficiency, strengthen emergency preparedness, and ensure timely delivery of essential medical supplies across Nagaland.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that the entire nation is working cohesively towards the aim of 'Viksit Bharat' and that cities have big role to play in the effort. Addressing an event in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, he said, central government has been investing a lot on urban infrastructure since the last 11 years.

Mr Modi added that the central government is making tremendous efforts to provide banking services to the grassroot level, enabling easy access to bank loans. On the occasion, the Prime Minister launched various developmental projects, flagged off new train services, and laid the foundation stone for a CSIR-NIIST Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship Hub, and a state-of-the-art Radiosurgery Centre.

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Union Electronics and Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that India is expected to launch its own mobile brands in the next 18 months. Mr Vaishnaw informed this while speaking on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Davos, noting that India has a very substantial electronics ecosystem. He informed that during the World Economic Forum, India held significant meetings with the entire ecosystem which produces the thousands of things that are required to go into a mobile phone.

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The newly appointed Chairman of the Nagaland Public Service Commission, A Pitoho Chophy, along with Members Kenilo Apon, Athel O. Lotha, and S. Temsuwati Angh, were sworn in today. The oath of secrecy was administered by Chief Secretary Sentiyanger Imchen at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat in Kohima. The oath-taking ceremony was attended by senior government officials, NPSC officers, staff, and family members.

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The Chairman of the Ceasefire Monitoring Group and Ceasefire Supervisory Board (CFSB) has directed the NSCN(K) Khango group to hand over to police, seven cadres linked to the abduction and assault case of local businessman Kiyeto Zhimomi, Head GB of Vikuho Village. In an order issued yesterday, the chairman said the case has been registered at Diphupar Police Station, Chümoukedima, and preliminary enquiry has identified the accused, including four Special Ceasefire Identity Card holders. The order noted that ceasefire identity cards of the four cadres have been cancelled with immediate effect. It said that the accused are suspected to be taking shelter at the CFSB office in Thilixu, and instructed any of the accused outside the premises and evading arrest, to present themselves before the police. The order said, other individuals named in media reports are also subject to investigation.

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Team Nagaland shone at the IndiaSkills Regional Competition Northeast 2025-26 which concluded yesterday at Guwahati University, Assam. Imtisangla Kangshou won the silver medal in Restaurant Service, Vimeneno Phira took bronze in Fashion Technology, and Tonikali Yeptho earned a Medal of Excellence in Fashion Technology.

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Prime Minister's flagship platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, PRAGATI, has marked a significant milestone with the successful conduct of its 50th meeting. Since its launch by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, PRAGATI has transformed governance by enabling real-time monitoring and resolution of key infrastructure projects and public

grievances through direct Prime Ministerial review. Over a decade, PRAGATI has helped accelerate decision-making, resolution of issues causing delay in key infrastructure projects, and instilled a strong culture of accountability. Today, in this special series, we take a look at the Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project. A report:

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In commemoration of the 77th Republic Day on 26th January, the Governor of Nagaland has granted remission to 36 convicted prisoners in jails across the state. The remission has been granted to 13 prisoners in Central Jail, Dimapur, 7 in District Jail Mon, 5, in District Jail Tuensang, 4 in District Jail Longleng, 3 in District Jail Wokha, 2 in District Jail Phek and 1 each in District Jails of Kohima and Mokokchung. The order will take effect on 26th January.

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And, In cricket, Nagaland went down to Baroda in their Ranji Trophy Elite match today. In their first innings, Nagaland scored 206, while Baroda responded with 353. In their second innings, Nagaland managed 141, handing Baroda the victory by an innings and 6 runs.

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