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THE HEADLINES :-

- Nagaland signs MoU with World Resources Institute to adopt Energy Access Explorer
- Dimapur Police Commissioner says police recruitment rally smoothly and peacefully proceeded up to third day
- Vice President Radhakrishnan underscores importance of languages in carrying collective memory of society
- And External Affairs Ministry says India, US committed to negotiating bilateral trade agreement

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Nagaland GIS and Remote Sensing Centre (NGISRSC) and World Resources Institute (WRI) India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding MoU on Wednesday in Kohima to adopt Energy Access Explorer (EAE), an open-source, interactive geo-spatial platform. This will help the State to identify high-priority areas for clean energy interventions. EAE is the first digital public goods to focus on climate-friendly energy transitions. Senior Project Director, Mhathung Kithan said this collaborative model strengthens transparency, shared responsibility and impact in inclusive planning for the sustainable development of Nagaland. WRI Executive Director, Energy Program Bharath Jairaj said EAE offers powerful way to move from intent to informed action. Beyond expanding energy access, EAE can guide the decarbonization of critical public infrastructure, particularly in the health and education sectors, through the strategic deployment of decentralized renewable energy systems.



The recruitment rally for the post of 1,176 police constables is currently underway at the Police Complex, Chümoukedima. The rally began on Wednesday and will continue till 13th January. The recruitment is being conducted in a tribe-wise manner on different days and nearly 2000 candidates are expected to participate in the rally. Commissioner of Police, Dimapur and presiding officer of recruitment rally, Aotula T. Imchen, informed that all female candidates from all tribes completed their tests on the first day, along with male candidates from Angami tribe. She added that Ao and Chang male candidates participated on the second day. On the third day, around 400 candidates from Lotha and Rengma communities turned up to participate in the selection process.

The recruitment process includes a Physical Standard Test (PST) to assess height and weight, followed by medical screening. Candidates who qualify are then required to appear for the Physical Efficiency Test (PET), which comprises a 3-kilometre run, a minimum of eight pull-ups, high jump and long jump events. In Zunheboto, the recruitment drive entered 3rd day at Police Reserve Ground, Zunheboto by screening male candidates. The recruitment process for female candidates is scheduled separately on 10th January. In Noklak district, the rally is being held at Parade ground, Noklak and officials informed that candidates who qualify in Medical Standard and Physical test will be shortlisted for written examination to be held on 20th January at Christian High School, Noklak.



Vice President CP Radhakrishnan has said that the importance of language lies not only in communication between two individuals but also in preserving and passing on culture, heritage, and traditions across generations. Mr. Radhakrishnan said this while gracing the 3rd International Indian Languages Conference in New Delhi today. The Vice President emphasised that languages carry the collective memory of society as a whole. He said that, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Assamese language has been given the classical language status. The Vice President also credited the Malayalam language for its contribution to Ayurveda. He noted that from the

earliest inscriptions on stone and palm leaves to today's digital screens, language has played a vital role in human progress.



External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal has said that India and the US are committed to negotiating a bilateral trade agreement. Briefing reporters in New Delhi, he said India remains interested in a mutually beneficial trade deal between two complementary economies and looks forward to concluding it. Mr Jaishwal said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Trump have also spoken on the phone on eight occasions during 2025, covering different aspects of the wide-ranging partnership.



Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw today highlighted that Prasar Bharati's WAVES platform has received widespread global appreciation and has facilitated international business worth five thousand crore rupees. Mr Vaishnaw said this during the launch of a new platform, Creator's Corner on DD News, to empower content creators.



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. Today, in this special series, we take a look at the Parbati-II Hydroelectric Project in Himachal Pradesh.

(VC : *The Parbati-II Hydroelectric Project is a run-of-the-river hydropower station developed by NHPC Limited on the Parbati River in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh. The project is among India's most technically complex and strategically significant hydropower developments. Parbati-II is designed to generate approximately 3,074 million units of electricity annually, supplying reliable renewable power to the Northern Grid and benefitting multiple states. These states include Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana,*

Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, and the UT of Chandigarh. However, the scale and complexity of the project posed significant implementation challenges. The matter was reviewed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi under the PRAGATI mechanism on 17th February 2016. Three of the four generating units commenced commercial operation on 1st April last year followed by commissioning of the fourth unit on 16th April last year, marking the full commercial commissioning of all 800 Mega Watt capacity. It is a demonstration of India's growing capability to plan, execute, and deliver technically demanding infrastructure in extreme environments, enabled by leadership-driven intervention through the PRAGATI mechanism.



Chanka Colony Women Council, Wokha Town celebrated its Silver Jubilee today at Wokha town under the theme, Women Who Inspire Change. Ward Councilor Thungchano Kikon highlighted the vital role of women as nurturers, educators and agents of positive change. She expressed that strong family bond forms the foundation of a strong society. President of Lotha Eloehoho Thungbeni Ngullie, emphasized the cultural responsibility of women and the need to preserve values and traditions.



W Myingthungo Kikon has been elected as new Chairperson of Wokha Town Council today. He is a member of Naga People's front and he was elected from ward no 3 Jonsulan. The Wokha Town Council comprises 15 elected ward councillors and five nominated members.

