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- NPF Secretary General and MLA Achumbemo Kikon cautions against misusing party office for personal purposes.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi lays foundation stone of Kaziranga Elevated Corridor Project at Kaliabor in Assam.
- MLA Dr. Sukhato. A. Sema says our culture will survive when younger generation carries it forward with understanding. And,
- Union Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi describes MSMEs as backbone of country's development.

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The Naga People's Front (NPF) inaugurated its Chümoukedima Division Office yesterday, followed by oath-taking of office-bearers. Speaking on the occasion, NPF Secretary General and MLA Achumbemo Kikon said the opening of a political office represents discipline, responsibility and continuity rather than mere logistics. He said under Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, the party has gone the extra mile to lead from the front in uniting Nagas across regions and opinions. Mr. Kikon asserted that although NPF is a regional party, it has also safeguarded the rights of non-Naga minorities living in the state over the years. Calling for transparency and accountability, he cautioned functionaries not to misuse the good office of the party for personal purposes. Referring to the priorities of the ruling coalition, Mr. Kikon said that the government's 34 MLAs place resolution of the Naga political issue at the top, without forgetting the development of the state. Also, speaking on the occasion, Advisor for Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio said the opening of the Chümoukedima Division Office marked the successful completion of the NPF-NDPP merger at the grassroots level. He urged party workers to coordinate between division and assembly constituency levels, reminding them that they were unpaid political workers serving public welfare. Mr. Rio further suggested that the division hold a follow-up meeting to discuss government policies and programmes, and expressed hope that through the party's platform, greater peace and

strengthened



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today laid the foundation stone of the Kaziranga Elevated Corridor Project, worth over six thousand 950 crore rupees at Kaliabor, Nagaon district in Assam. The 86 kilometres long Kaziranga Elevated Corridor project is an environmentally conscious National Highway project. It will feature 35 kilometres of an Elevated Wildlife Corridor that will pass through Kaziranga National Park. The project aims to improve regional connectivity while ensuring protection of the park’s rich biodiversity. The elevated wildlife corridor will also ensure the uninterrupted movement of animals and reduce human-wildlife conflict. Speaking at the launch of development works in Kaliabor, Mr. Modi said that Kaziranga is not merely a national park but the soul of Assam.

Prime Minister also flagged off two new Amrit Bharat Express trains at Kaliabor, Nagaon district, Assam. These trains are Kamakhya-Rohtak Amrit Bharat Express and Dibrugarh-Lucknow (Gomti Nagar) Amrit Bharat Express.



Member of Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Dr. Sukhato. A. Sema said that our culture will survive when the younger generation carries it forward with understanding, not because they are forced to, but because they feel proud of it. Speaking the conclusion of the three-day Tsungkamnyo festival of the Yimkhiung community in Shamator district yesterday, Dr. Sema said the idea behind Mini-Hornbill festival is to take our rich Naga Heritages and Cultures closer to the people and give different communities a platform to present their traditions with pride and dignity. he emphasized that culture is carried through daily life - through customs, values, dialects and oral traditions. The MLA also acknowledge the Government of Nagaland under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio for continuing to support culture initiatives like the Mini-Hornbill Festival of every recognized Naga Tribes.



Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Jitan Ram Manjhi has described MSMEs as the backbone of the country's development. Mr. Manjhi said this while addressing the inaugural ceremony of PM Vishwakarma Haat 2026 in New Delhi today. He said, the event is providing a platform to the artisans for branding and marketing their products. Highlighting the PM Vishwakarma Yojna, Mr. Manjhi said that this scheme is a medium of ending unemployment in the country.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated, laid the foundation stone and flagged off various development projects worth more than 830 crore rupees at Hooghly district's Singur in West Bengal today. The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the Extended Port Gate System at Balagarh, including an Inland Water Transport IWT terminal and a Road Over Bridge. Addressing the event, the Prime Minister said the central government is working to meet the goal of a developed eastern India.

The Balagarh project aims to significantly improve cargo evacuation efficiency by diverting heavy cargo movement away from congested urban corridors. This will enhance road safety, reduce vehicular congestion and pollution in Kolkata city, and contribute to an improved quality of life for residents.

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Centre has debunked a video circulating on social media which claims that legal minimum wage will not be determined under the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act. The Fact Check Unit of the Press Information Bureau (PIB) has informed that the viral claim is misleading. The Unit added that there will be no reduction in the wage rate paid to workers and legal guarantee of employment will continue as before. PIB has further urged the citizens to always rely on official sources for accurate information.

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India's power distribution utilities have recorded a positive Profit After Tax (PAT) of 2 thousand 701 crore rupees in 2024-25. According to the Ministry of Power, the distribution utilities as a whole have been reporting PAT

losses for the past several years since the unbundling and corporatisation of State Electricity Boards. The ministry stated that this positive PAT in 2024-25 is a significant improvement compared to a loss of 67 thousand 962 crore rupees in 2013-14. While commenting on this, Union Minister of Power, Manohar Lal, said that this marks a new chapter for the distribution sector and is a result of several steps taken to redress the concerns of the distribution sector. Mr. Lal, said that the government is committed to the required reforms in the sector so that the power sector can support country's growing economy and play its part in the journey towards Viksit Bharat.

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Nominations for the election of the Bharatiya Janata Party's national president are scheduled to be filed tomorrow. According to the poll schedule released by Party's National Returning Officer, K Laxman, nominations can be filed between 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, the scrutiny of nomination papers will take place between 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM followed by the window for withdrawal of nominations, which will remain open till 6:00 PM. After the completion of the nomination process, if required, polling will take place on Tuesday.

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