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- Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation says, signing of FNTA is the beginning of administrative journey.
- Deputy Chief Minister T.R Zeliang chairs comprehensive review meeting of 2025-26 Plan
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says framework for Interim Trade Agreement between India & US reflects strong ties between the two countries.
- and, Kohima Police confirms recovery of 22-year-old Pranab Das's body.

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Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation (ENPO) said, the signing of FNTA is the first step towards achieving their goal which is a separate statehood. Addressing a civic reception of ENPO team at Konyak Morung, today, ENPO president A. Chingmak Chang informed that the signing of agreement is not the end of the road but the beginning of administrative journey. Mr. Chang attributed the credit to the spirit of the people for historic development stating that the credit goes to each and every citizen of eastern Nagaland. He appealed all tribes of eastern Nagaland to remain united for the future governance of the territory. He said the agreement is not the demand of the ENPO but it was offered by Government of India which the organization accepted as it aligned with the aspirations of the people of Eastern Nagaland.

He said the arrangement will be within the state of Nagaland. In this regard, Mr. Chang appealed all other Naga tribes to support for the upliftment of eastern people.

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A comprehensive review of the 2025–26 Plan was convened under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister T.R Zeliang on February 5 and 7. The two day meeting which covered all department began on February 5 reviewed ongoing development activities and deliberated on finalizing the Annual Plan for 2026–27 for all state government departments, ahead of the forthcoming State Budget Session. Mr. Zeliang appreciated the cooperation and support extended by all AHODs & HoDs to the Planning & Transformation Department in sorting out the Annual Plan. Mr. Zeliang said, focus remains on creation of durable capital assets, while discouraging proposals that may lead to additional financial liabilities for the State. He emphasized several projects are either left incomplete or poorly constructed, thereby placing a long-term burden on the State exchequer. Mr Zeliang further hoped for pragmatic, tangible, and outcome-oriented proposals from all departments, aimed at improving the quality, sustainability, and overall success of projects for the benefit of the people.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has termed the framework for an Interim Trade Agreement between India and US as great news, and thanked US President Donald Trump for his personal commitment to robust ties between the countries. In a social media post, Mr Modi said this framework reflects the growing depth, trust and dynamism of India-US partnership. He said it strengthens ‘Make in India’ by opening new opportunities for India’s hardworking farmers, entrepreneurs, MSMEs, StartUp innovators, fishermen and more. Mr Modi said it will generate large-scale employment for women and youngsters. India and the US announced that they have reached a framework for an Interim Agreement regarding reciprocal and mutually beneficial trade.

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Kohima Police have confirmed the recovery of the dead body of 22-year-old Pranab Das, who had gone missing earlier this year. Mr. Das, a resident of West Tripura, was reported missing on January 6 after last being seen at a homestay in Kohima’s Lerie Colony. A press note from Superintendent of Police said, investigation revealed that he had booked an entry to Dzukou Valley on January 4 through the Viswema entry point. After extensive investigation, technical analysis, and multiple search operations, including drone-assisted searches conducted in coordination with the Southern Angami Youth Organization (SAYO), district administration and NSDMA, the body was found on yesterday on a riverbank below the Dzukou Valley helipad. It was recovered today at early

hours, and identification was confirmed through personal belongings found at the spot. The dead body was shifted with the assistance of SAYO volunteers and later brought to the Police Station by ambulance. The body has been kept at the police morgue, pending the arrival of family members, who have requested that no post-mortem examination be conducted till their arrival to Kohima. Preliminary observations suggest no foul play, though the cause of death is yet to be determined. Kohima Police has expressed condolences to the bereaved family and thanked SAYO, district authorities, and volunteers for their support in the search and recovery operations.

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Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal today said 50 percent reciprocal tariff has now been reduced to 18 percent under the India-US interim trade agreement for the Indian Exports. Briefing media on India-US Joint Statement in New Delhi this afternoon, Mr Goyal said that India has less tariff than its neighboring countries including, China, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Vietnam. Mr Goyal highlighted that the deal protects the Agriculture and Dairy Sector of the country and agricultural products such as Spices, Tea, Coffee, Cashew nuts, Chest Nuts, Avocado, Banana, Mango, Kiwi and Papaya will attract zero duty in the United States.

The Minister further added that the trade agreement has been welcomed across all sectors of the country.

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President Droupadi Murmu, today inaugurated the Bastar Pandum festival at Jagdalpur, the divisional headquarters of Bastar in Chhattisgarh. Addressing the programme, the President said that the people of Bastar live life like a celebration. She said that through the Bastar Pandum festival, the country and the world get a glimpse of the rich tribal culture of the Bastar region.

Under Bastar Pandum festival, divisional-level competitions are being held till 9th February. During this period, over 700 artists from 84 teams will present performances in twelve cultural disciplines.

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A one-day capacity building training programme on office courtesy for grade-IV staff of Water Resources Department (WRD) was conducted yesterday at the office of the Chief Engineer, WRD. Delivering the keynote address, Additional Chief Engineer, WRD Sobu Angami, emphasized the importance of discipline, polite behaviour, and responsibility in maintaining a healthy workplace environment. Project Lead of Nagaland Skills & Entrepreneurship Mission,

Kohima, Meripeni Ngullie, stressed on integrity, responsibility, respect and teamwork among colleagues within the workplace. Meanwhile, Wapangnaro Imchen, Executive Engineer, WRD conducted the session on Duties and Responsibilities of Grade-IV Staff, and explained the roles and expected conduct of staff in office functioning.

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