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Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Angelina Tajen, has underscored the vital role of animal husbandry in strengthening rural livelihoods and ensuring food security in the state. Speaking at a State-level Officers' Conference on "Transforming Veterinary Services in the State: Challenges and Opportunities" in Kohima yesterday, Ms Tajen noted that in a small state like Nagaland, where a large number of marginal farmers depend on agriculture and allied sectors, animal husbandry serves as a crucial pillar of economic stability.

The Secretary emphasized that the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services plays a key role through veterinary healthcare, disease control programmes, breed improvement initiatives and extension services, all of which contribute significantly to the rural economy and the welfare of livestock owners. Calling veterinarians the "backbone" of these efforts, Ms. Tajen acknowledged their dedication in delivering services in remote and challenging areas, ensuring that government programs reach the grassroots level. Stressing the importance of good governance, she highlighted key principles such as transparency, accountability, timely service delivery and availability at place of posting.

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Ministry of Education, Department of School Education and Literacy organized a one-day interactive Workshop on National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) in Kohima yesterday. the program was attended by State Nodal Officers and District Nodal Officers of Nagaland and Neighbouring States. Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner & Secretary of School Education, Nagaland Kevileno Angami emphasized that the NMMSS aims to address educational challenges in North East states through collaboration and shared learning. She highlighted that initiatives like the Right to Education, National Education Policy, Samagra Shiksha, and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan ensure free and

compulsory education up to age 14, while also strengthening foundational learning and reducing dropout rates in many regions. In her welcome address, Economic Advisor, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, A. Srija said that the scholarship began in 2008 under the Right to Education to support students aged 6–14. It was introduced especially to help students who dropped out after Class 8 due to financial difficulties.

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In a significant enforcement action under the Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition (NLTP) Act, 1989, the Excise Department destroyed seized liquor worth about nine lakh in Zunheboto district yesterday. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of the Destruction Committee and Joint Commissioner of Excise, Katoho Sumi called for a more balanced and collective approach to addressing issues related to the enforcement of liquor regulations. He emphasized that effective enforcement requires the cooperation of all stakeholders, including civil society organizations, community leaders, and the general public. Stressing the need for shared responsibility, Mr. Sumi urged citizens and community groups to actively support enforcement efforts.

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said the Income Tax Act 2025 lowers the errors, disputes and compliance cost. Addressing a Nationwide Awareness Campaign on the Income Tax Act, 2025, PRARAMBH 2026 in New Delhi yesterday, Ms Sitharaman underlined that the new act is less ambiguous and gives a simpler framework for people who want to understand it.

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Ministry of Education will organise the Bharat Innovates Deep-Tech Pre-Summit in Mumbai today to position India as a global powerhouse in deep-tech innovation. Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan will address the summit during a special session. The Ministry said that the two-day summit will feature around 137 promising deep-tech startups selected from more than three thousand applications received from across the country.

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