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1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi says government is making unprecedented investments in modern infrastructure to build a Viksit Bharat
2. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio reaffirms NPF's Commitment to Naga Welfare, Urges Unity for Progress
3. MSME Joint Secretary Mercy Epao says there are plans for focused intervention in Nagaland to bridge gaps in state's industrial sector
4. And Power department says efforts underway to restore power supply to Kohima following temporary outage

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that his government is making unprecedented investments in modern infrastructure to build a Viksit Bharat. Speaking after inaugurating the first phase of Noida International Airport at Jewar in Gautam Buddha Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh this afternoon, Mr Modi shared that over the past eleven years, the infrastructure budget has been increased more than six-fold, with over 17 lakh crore rupees spent on highways and expressways and over one lakh kilometres of highways constructed.

The Prime Minister highlighted that for the first time, the Kashmir Valley and the capitals of the North-East are being connected to the rail network, while port capacity has more than doubled in the past decade and the number of inland waterways continues to grow. He said, India is working at a rapid pace in every sector necessary for building a Viksit Bharat.



Chief Minister and NPF President Neiphiu Rio has reiterated Naga People's Front's commitment to welfare of the Naga people. Speaking at a consultative meeting of the NPF 11th Northern Angami Assembly Constituency at Chiephobozou, Mr. Rio said the NPF is rooted in Naga history and custodian of the community's identity, culture, and tradition. The Chief Minister urged party members to work towards taking the NPF to greater heights and contribute towards betterment of the Naga people. Mr. Rio also called members to work together to ensure that the public reap benefits of development and progress. MLA and NPF Secretary General Achumbemo Kikon highlighted the NPF's grassroots approach, aimed at preserving Naga identity and providing direction to the people.



Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, in collaboration with Nagaland Government and Business Association of Nagas is organizing Entrepreneur Awareness Camp and Special Vendor Development programme on 30th March in Dimapur. Ahead of this event, MSME, Joint Secretary Mercy Epao addressed media persons today and announced plans for focused intervention in Nagaland to bridge gaps in the state's industrial sector. She said MSMEs are vital for Nagaland but the current footprint is far below. She said the visit to the state is not merely reviewing existing projects but to identify high-impact opportunities that can be developed to stimulate local economy and generate employment for the youth. Ms. Epao said MSME it is multi-sectoral and Nagaland has got niche products keeping in mind the potential of the people in the state.



The Power Department has informed that a temporary power outage has occurred in Kohima since morning, due to damage caused by inclement weather. A transmission line from Dimapur to Kohima was snapped at Kuda Village, leading to the disruption. Currently, power supply to Kohima is facing challenges as it relies on three main sources. The Doyang Generation Station is disrupted due to collapse of transmission tower at Longsa Village, Wokha. Additionally, an equipment failure at the 132/33 kV Yurembam Sub-Station in Manipur has also affected supply from that side. At present, Kohima's power supply is being sourced only from the 220/132 kV Power Grid Sub-station at Nargajan, Dimapur. The Power Department informed that it is

working diligently to restore the affected transmission line and minimize any further inconvenience.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani tomorrow at 11 AM. It will be the 132nd episode of the monthly radio programme.

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Assam Rifles handed over ambulance to Pensioner's Union Dimapur, at Phaijijang Village under Operation Sadbhawna today. DIG, 6 Sector Assam Rifles speaking after handing over ambulance to Pensioner's Union asserted that Assam Rifles remains committed to welfare of the people of Northeast. He added that the ambulance is small step towards ensuring timely medical assistance for those in need. The DIG also lauded the service and sacrifices made by pensioners adding that veterans have dedicated their lives to the nation, and it is the responsibility of the public to support their wellbeing. The handover ceremony was held in presence of members of Pensioner's Union, village authorities, and local residents.

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Vishu Rita Krocha has been elected as new President of Kohima Press Club (KPC) for the tenure 2026-2029. Election Commissioner, Chizokho Vero presented the election report and handed over the certificates to the new team during a formal programme in Kohima today. Led by Ms Krocha, the newly elected members are Vincent Belho as Vice President, Seyiekietuo Keretsu as general secretary, Nzanbemo Khuvung as Joint secretary and Reyivolu Rhakho as the treasurer. Outgoing president, Alice Yhoshu and the newly elected president delivered short speeches.

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The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heavy rainfall for the Northeastern states until tomorrow, indicating a continued wet spell for the region. The weather agency has forecast thundersqualls over Gangetic West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh and Odisha. The Met Department has also predicted thunderstorms and lightning over Punjab, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Telangana and West Rajasthan.

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Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) has informed that a fake weather advisory has been circulating on social media. The advisory titled 'Nagaland Weather Advisory: March 25-29' has been identified as false and not issued by the NSDMA. To stay protected and receive accurate information, the NSDMA has urged public to rely solely on official channels from the NSDMA and the Government of Nagaland for weather advisories and disaster-related updates.

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