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2. Senior BJP leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi says central government is committed for development of North Bengal.

3. Election Commission receives over 73 thousand applications catering to diverse range of permissions on Suvidha Portal.

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Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar today urged young professionals to be part of the endeavour of making India a developed country by 2047. Dhankhar was addressing the 6th convocation ceremony of IIM Bodhgaya in Bihar. He said, young mind and students of today are torchbearer of India's future. He appealed young students to harness their skills and talent to script new chapter in India's growth story. Underlining the significance of economic nationalism for the nation's prosperity and sovereignty, the Vice-President appealed to citizens to make 'Swadeshi' and 'Vocal for Local' a national habit. Earlier, the Vice President conferred degrees to students of MBA in a convocation ceremony. Bihar Governor, Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Chairman of IIM Bodhgaya, Uday Kotak and Director Vinita Sahay were also present at the function.

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Senior BJP leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a public meeting at Jhumur in Jalpaiguri, West Bengal. He said, Central government is committed for the development of North Bengal. He said that the ruling TMC has deprived the people of the state by not implementing various welfare schemes. Modi said, the I.N.D.I.A bloc has no vision to lead the country. He said, G20 was organised to attract more tourist and investment in North Bengal. He assured people that more investment will come if BJP comes to power. Modi also expressed anguish at the loss of lives in the tornado at Barnish of Jalpaiguri last Sunday.

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Election Commission has said that over 73 thousand applications have been received on the Suvidha Portal in just 20 days since the announcement of General Elections 2024. Recognising the importance of the election campaign period, where parties and candidates engage in activities to reach out to voters, the Suvidha Portal caters to a diverse range of permission requests transparently on the First in First Out principle. It caters to permissions for organising rallies, opening temporary party offices, door-to-door canvassing, video vans, helicopters, obtaining vehicle permits, and distributing pamphlets. The Commission said, over 44 thousand 600 requests have been approved and the First in First out principle is ensuring a level playing field for parties and candidates. It said, Suvidha Portal also promotes transparency in election management. The Poll Body said, nearly 11 thousand 200 requests had been rejected which is 15 per cent of the total requests received and over 10 thousand applications were cancelled as these were invalid or duplicates. The rest of the applications are under process. Maximum requests of over 23 thousand were received from Tamil Nadu followed by West Bengal nearly 12 thousand and Madhya Pradesh over 10 thousand.

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Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana & Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) will continue to deliver cashless services to beneficiaries despite technical challenges in the portal. CEO, Nagaland Health Protection Society, Thavaseelan K stated that the implementation of the scheme has encountered intermittent technical issues within the National Health Authority (NHA) IT Portal for CMHIS (EP) adding that all efforts are underway to resolve the issues promptly. Empanelled hospitals have been directed to submit offline registrations and preauthorization requests along with all necessary documents by email to SHA and claim processing team of the insurance company to ensure seamless service delivery till the portal issues are resolved, he added. Further, all empanelled hospitals have been directed to continue delivery of cashless services to beneficiaries, failing which necessary disciplinary actions as per the provision of the contract will be initiated against erring EHCPs. Beneficiaries are requested to immediately contact in the event of any empanelled hospitals refusing cashless benefits at 8880515011, 8880515012, 8880515013, 8880515014 or email at nagaland.nhpm@gmail.com and toll-free helpline number at 14555 / 1800111565.

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Congress today released a list of three candidates for the Lok Sabha polls. The Party has fielded Pradip Biswas from Bangaon, Azahar Mollick from Uluberia and Dr Papiya Chakraborty in Ghatal in West Bengal. The Party also announced Anju Begam as its candidate for by-poll to Bhagabangola Assembly Constituency in West Bengal.

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Microsoft has warned that China is gearing up to disrupt the upcoming elections in India, the United States and South Korea by using artificial intelligence- (AI) generated content. The warning comes after China conducted a trial run during Taiwan's presidential election, employing AI to influence the outcome. Across the world, at least 64 countries, in addition to the European Union, are expected to hold national elections this year. These countries collectively account for approximately 49 per cent of the global population. According to Microsoft's threat intelligence team, Chinese state-backed cyber groups, along with involvement from North Korea, are expected to target several elections scheduled for 2024. Microsoft said that China will likely deploy AI-generated content via social media to sway public opinion in favour of their interests during these elections.

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The first edition of Phom Monyiu Amateur badminton tournament organised by Dimapur Sakshi Union concluded successfully at Multidisciplinary sports complex on Friday last. The event was held on the theme 'Let's celebrate Phom Monyiu with a smash' with a purpose to promote badminton among the Phom community in particular and the Naga brethren in general and also to promote ethnic cuisines, culture and tradition. A total of 56 teams including participants from Arunachal Pradesh and from Bokajan (Assam) took part in the competition. All the winners were awarded with cash prizes.

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The Northern Angami Youth & Sports Association (NAYSA) Group D vesterday conducted Chiechama Chapter of the 1st Presidential Trophy 2024 of NAYSA-D at Chiechama Local Ground. Gracing the event as the President Kohima District auest. Football Association special Mhasimhalie Mathew Yhome commended NAYSA-D for developing a culture of sports at the grassroots level, adding that it would push the youngsters forward. He asked the youngsters to be specific and pursue their talent with utmost sincerity and dedication and take up sports with seriousness to excel at the national and international level. Further, Yhome challenged the participants of the 1st Presidential Trophy to keep up the spirit of sportsmanship till the conclusion of this league tournament by November. In the football match of the 1st Presidential Trophy, Tuophema defeated Botsa, Tsiemekhuma Bawe won over Nachama, while Seiyhama defeated Chiechama. In the volley ball, women's match, Tsiemekhuma Bawe won by walkover against Nachama, Seiyhama defeated Chiechama and Botsa won over Tuophema.

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