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The Union government has approved Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan with a total outlay of 79 thousand 156 crore rupees. Briefing media in New Delhi yesterday after the Union Cabinet meeting, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, the scheme will cover around 63 thousand villages benefitting more than five crore tribal people. It will cover 549 districts and two thousand 740 blocks spread across all tribal majority villages across the country. Vaishnaw also announced that the government has approved Nutrient Based Subsidy rates for Rabi Season 2024-2025 on Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers. He said that the cabinet has given its nod for establishment of the National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality to enhance India's soft power globally and attract foreign investment by positioning India as a content hub for providing state-ofthe-art content. The Minister said, the Union Cabinet has also approved a Biotechnology Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development scheme with a new component namely Biomanufacturing and Biofoundry. He said, the proposed outlay for the implementation of the unified scheme Bio-RIDE is nine thousand and 197 crore rupees. The Minister also informed that the government has approved Chandrayaan-4 Mission and Venus Orbiter Mission to give boost to the country's science and technology sector.

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Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman yesterday launched the NPS Vatsalya scheme in New Delhi. Sitharaman said that through NPS Vatsalya, the child gets an advantage of high returns from the time that the money is saved. She suggested that parents and guardians should consider investing in NPS Vatsalya for their minor kids for their birthdays and other occasions. The Finance Ministry said NPS Vatsalya will allow parents to save for their children's future by investing in a pension account and ensure long-term wealth with the power of compounding.

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13 Private Schools in Nagaland have been closed down with immediate effect. The School Education Department notified that the closure of these 13 private schools were in pursuance of the decisions taken during the State Level Education Committee meeting held on 15th of December last year as well as upon receiving No Objection Certificates from the respective District Administrations. The closure of 13 private schools includes Pinewood School, Scola Lojes, East View Home School, Assemble of God High School, C.D King School Jotsoma under Kohima District, Logos Home Academy and Imsutemjen memorial High School from Mokokchung, Little Star School Aizuto and Christian School Aizuto of Zunheboto, Zion School Kacharigaon in Dimapur, Public School Tohoi Village in Niuland, King David School under Pfutsero, and Christ King School in Longleng.

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The Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) has approved the constitution of Village Adoption Committees and LADP Verification Committees for 2024-25. The core committee will be headed by ADC Headquarters as Convenor, with the District Planning Officer and District Public Relations Officer as members. The approval was made during the monthly meeting of DPDB yesterday under the Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman of the DPDB, Kumar Ramnikant. The meeting was also attended by DPDB Chairman and MLA Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhütso, MLA Kevipodi Sophie and officials from the district departments. In the meeting , the members of the DPDB recommended the proposals for upgradation of Heartshome Pre-school located at New Police Reserve, Phesama and Wonderbeats Pre-school at Upper PWD Colony, Kohima to the primary level.

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The four-day Mega event, 'World Food India 2024' begin today in New Delhi. Food Processing Industries Ministry said, over 90 countries, 26 States and Union Territories and 18 Central Ministries will participate in the event.

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Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Thsuvisie Phoji has restricted overloaded trucks or dumper carrying wet sand to ply along the stretch of NH 702D - Mokokchung to Mariani until further order. The restriction order was imposed in view of the poor bearing capacity of the sub-grade of NH 702D

(Mokokchung to Mariani) and until its upgradation to two -Lane National Highway.

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