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The Directorate of Economics & Statistics Nagaland yesterday conducted a training programme for Aadhaar Operators on Aadhaar registration for children aged 0–5 years in Kohima. Addressing the inaugural session, Director of Economics & Statistics, Neidilhou Keditsu highlighted the importance of the department’s role in streamlining birth registration by integrating Aadhaar enrolment for children in the 0–5 age group. He urged Aadhaar operators to ensure the successful implementation of the Birth Registration-Based Aadhaar Enrolment initiative. Aadhaar registration for children in this age group is currently operational at the Directorate in Kohima. To expand access, the service will soon be made available across all District Economics & Statistics offices in the state. For enrolment, the required documents include the child’s digitised birth certificate and the Aadhaar number of one parent. The department has encouraged the public to come forward and register their children’s Aadhaar at district offices as well as at the Directorate.

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Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change and Village Guards, C L John yesterday inaugurated a new Forest Beat Office at Chen Town under Mon Forest Division. Addressing the gathering, the Minister said the office fulfills a long-standing demand of the people, noting that difficult terrain earlier made it hard for locals to access forest services. He said the new office will act as a quick-response centre to prevent illegal activities and promote environmental protection. Mr. John also called for community participation in conserving forests and wildlife, and informed that Chenloishu and Wangti villages have been approved under the Vibrant Village Programme. Principal Secretary, Y Kikheto Sema said the Chen area, with 14 villages and vast forest cover, will benefit from the new office as a key centre for protection and monitoring. He added that Mon Forest Division now has three Forest Beat Offices and urged people to safeguard biodiversity for sustainable living.

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The four-day in-house training on Office Procedures and Service Rules for District Office Assistants under the Directorate of School Education began yesterday in Kohima. Director of School Education, Razouseyi Vese, urged participants to be sincere and dedicated in carrying out their duties, emphasizing their crucial role in their respective establishments. A total of 45 participants from across the districts are attending the training, which will conclude on April 24.

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A fire broke out in the heart of Mokokchung town yesterday at around 12:30 PM, adjacent to the Mokokchung Municipal Council shopping complex, causing significant damage to multiple structures. According to officials, the blaze gutted three buildings, including one kacha structure that was completely destroyed. Another building housing four shops and a separate structure with five rooms were also severely damaged.

In addition, the outer wall of a nearby building was partially affected by the fire. Speaking to media, Officer-in-Charge of Fire and Emergency Services Mokokchung, Keleseho Stephen, said the cause of the fire remains unknown and is currently under investigation. No casualties have been reported, while the extent of damage and financial loss is being assessed.

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The 8th edition of the Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEX) 2026 will be conducted on April 30th in Dimapur. The exercise is being organized in pursuance of directives from the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Home Department, Kohima. In preparation for the event, a virtual capacity building programme will be held today at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Dimapur. All concerned officers from line departments have been requested to attend the programme. Heads of Departments (HoDs) have been directed to participate in person or nominate a senior-level officer in case of their absence.

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Niuland and Chumoukedima registered convincing wins in the Senior Men's Inter-District Tournament 2026. At Sovima Cricket Ground, Niuland defeated Kohima by 84 runs. Batting first, Niuland scored 201, with Afzal top-scoring with 44. In reply, Kohima was bowled out for 117 despite Solomon Awungshi's 45. Hokaito Zhimomi led Niuland's bowling with three wickets. Chumoukedima also secured a dominant victory in the other league match, continuing their strong run in the tournament.

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