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Nagaland's Lok Sabha MP, S. Supongmeren Jamir, has shared the Centre's response on development of higher education infrastructure in the state. The reply from Union Minister of State for Education and DoNER Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, follows a Zero Hour query raised in December last year, regarding land allotment for setting up an IIT in Nagaland. In its response, the Centre has stated that its current focus is to strengthen existing institutions and align them with the National Education Policy to promote quality, multidisciplinary education. It noted that Nagaland already has key centrally funded institutes, including Nagaland University and a National Institute of Technology. Under the PM-USHA scheme, over 1,292 crore rupees has been approved for 2023 till 2026 to improve access, equity, and excellence in higher education. Additionally, 39 projects worth over 254 crore rupees have been sanctioned under Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan. Regarding the proposal for an IIT in Nagaland, the Ministry confirmed receiving a request in January 2025, which has been duly noted, with further updates to be shared in due course. Mr Jamir said setting up an IIT in Nagaland remains crucial for the youth and long-term development of the state, adding that efforts would continue to pursue the issue at the highest level.

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Veterinarians in Nagaland marked the World Veterinary Day 2026 with a call for continuous upskilling and wider adoption of technology to safeguard public health and livelihoods. The call was made during a workshop in Kohima yesterday organized by the Nagaland Veterinarians' Association and the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services under the theme 'Veterinarians: Guardian of Food and Health'. Speaking at the event, Secretary, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Angelina Tajen, emphasized the vital role of veterinarians in preventing disease outbreaks, protecting the food chain, and securing farmers' incomes. Highlighting emerging challenges, she cautioned that climate change will alter disease patterns, with increasing consumer demand for safer and traceable food. To address this, Ms Tajen urged veterinarians to continuously evolve and adopt modern tools.

During the programme, Association President, Dr. K.N. Zubemo Humtsoe led the reaffirmation of the Veterinarian's Oath.

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The National Health Mission under the state Department of Health & Family Welfare has launched the 'ASHA Connect' app to improve payment systems and monitoring of grassroot health workers. Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Anoop Khinchi, officially unveiled the App on Friday in Kohima in the presence of Principal Director Dr. Mereninla Senlem and other department officials. The digital platform aims to enhance efficiency in health service delivery, accountability and transparency in the functioning of ASHAs by reducing delays in payments, and providing accurate real-time data for monitoring.

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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 at 11 AM today. It will be the 133rd episode of the monthly radio programme. The programme will be broadcast across the entire Akashvani and Doordarshan network, the AIR News website, and the Newsonair mobile app. It will also be live-streamed on the YouTube channels of AIR News, DD News, the PMO, and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Akashvani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast.

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And in weather, the India Meteorological Department has forecast continued rainfall activity in Nagaland till the end of this month. According to the department, Nagaland is likely to experience widespread rainfall accompanied by thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds until April 29. Heavy rainfall is expected in isolated areas from 27th to 30th of April.

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