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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called upon civil servants to align their every effort with the goal of building a developed India. In a letter to the civil servants of the country, Mr Modi recognised their commitment to continuous learning and capacity building. The Prime Minister said that he has experienced that commitment to continuous learning is a source of positive energy. He said that the world is living in an era where keeping oneself updated and upskilled is no longer optional, adding that committing oneself to constant learning is the only way to be ahead of the curve. The Prime Minister added that the 21st century is a time of great challenges as well as opportunities, with trends changing every day, new technologies emerging and innovations constantly happening. He emphasised that the government's services and work culture are tuned to make the maximum out of this historic era. Mr Modi urged the civil servants to make learning a lifelong habit through the use of platforms such as the iGOT Karmayogi platform is important in this regard.

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The Directorate of Economics & Statistics today rolled out Aadhaar enrolment for children below five years. The initiative was formally launched Deputy Commissioner Kohima B. Henok Buchem, marking a significant step towards strengthening identity documentation in the district. He noted that Aadhaar has become mandatory for availing various government schemes and urged village leaders to ensure awareness and encourage enrolment in their communities. For enrolment , required documents include digitised birth certificate of the child and the Aadhaar number of a parent. During the programme, the Directorate also distributed IT equipment to selected villages in the district to support online registration of births and deaths. Representatives from 26 villages under Kohima district and 10 villages under Tseminyu district attended the programme.

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Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change, C.L. John inaugurated the Mon Wildlife Division today Forest Colony in Mon Town. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister emphasized the importance of community participation in wildlife and forest conservation, urging civil society groups, students and Church leaders to play an active role in the effort. He also urged officials to carry out their duties with sincerity and responsibility. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Vedpal Singh highlighted growing awareness on climate change and a shift from hunting to preservation.

Principal Secretary Y. Kikheto Sema called for collective efforts to protect the environment.

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Earth Day is being observed across the globe to promote environmental protection and awareness. The theme for this year is 'Our Power, Our Planet. On the occasion, Governor Nand Kishore Yadav said, a clean, green, and safe environment is not only essential today, but is the cornerstone for a brighter future. He urged citizens to remain committed to environmental conservation, responsibly use natural resources, and play an active role in protecting water, forests, and land. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, in a social media post, said, environmental protection is vital for public health, livelihoods, and long-term growth. Noting that this year's theme highlights collective action in sustaining foundations for present and future generations, Mr Rio called for collective action and mindful choices.

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The Nation is paying tribute to the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack on its first anniversary today. On this day last year, 26 innocent people were killed by terrorists at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir. In response, Indian Armed forces launched Operation Sindoor, striking terrorist camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir. President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President CP Radhakrishnan and Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes to the victims, reaffirming the country's strong resolve to fight terrorism in all its forms. Also paying tributes, Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav, said India has given a clear message that the country will never bow to terror.

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Aquaex Northeast 2026, the region's premier fisheries and aquaculture expo, will be held on the 12th and 13th of June at Maniram Dewan Trade Centre in Guwahati. The expo is being organised by the National Fisheries Development Board, NFDB, in collaboration with Aquaex India and fisheries departments of all

eight Northeastern states. Addressing media persons in Kohima today, Director of Fisheries, Rongsennungba, said the event is conceived as a unified platform to showcase sustained fisheries development across the Northeast, with focus on farmer empowerment, technology adoption, market linkages, and investment opportunities. He noted that Aquaex Northeast 2026 will bring together fish farmers, entrepreneurs, investors, researchers, technology providers, and other industry stakeholders.

Governing Member of NFDB, Rajnish Kumar highlighted that Aquaex India connects farmers, scientists, and states to boost production and consumption. He added that for the first time in Assam, Aquaex will host an exhibition, seminars, and an investor meet.

Mr. Kumar noted that the fisheries sector has been growing at an average of 10 percent in recent years and holds immense potential as a source of high-protein food. Another Governing Member, Anup Sarmah, said, plans are underway to organise at least 5 Expos in the next 5 years to support fish farmers and strengthen the sector. Meanwhile, the State Fisheries Department has informed that interested farmers, entrepreneurs, researchers, and fisheries graduates can approach the department for registration by the second week of May.

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A two-day district-level training programme for the first phase of Census 2027 commenced today in Kohima, with Administrative Officers from Kohima and Tseminyu districts participating. Director of Census Operations, Nagaland, Dr. Zasikuolie Chusi, informed that Census 2027 will be conducted in a fully digital and paperless mode through dedicated applications. He stressed the

importance of accurate data collection, particularly of vacant households, citing concerns from the 2011 Census, and urged meticulous enumeration. Meanwhile, Kiphire concluded a similar training programme today. The trainings are aimed at equipping census functionaries with necessary skills and knowledge for the upcoming nationwide exercise. Sessions covered topics including roles and responsibilities of census functionaries, legal provisions, fund management, the Census Management and Monitoring System, among other processes.

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And, In cricket, Dimapur and Chumoukedima have advanced to the final of the Senior Men's Inter-District Tournament 2026. In the first semi-final, Dimapur defeated Niuland by 47 runs. Opting to bat first, Dimapur were bowled out for 175, but a disciplined bowling effort saw them restrict Niuland to 128 runs. In the second semi-final, Chumoukedima secured a dominant 126-run victory against Kohima. Chasing a daunting target of 315, Kohima were bowled out for 189. The final will be played on April 24 at the Nagaland Cricket Stadium in Chümoukedima.

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