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Member of Parliament S. Supongmeren Jamir has raised concerns in Parliament over linking the delimitation process with the implementation of women's reservation. Mr. Jamir said while he supports the objective of reserving seats for women, the reform should not be delayed by procedural conditions like delimitation. He stressed that the Women's Reservation provisions under the Constitution (106th Amendment) Act, 2023 must be implemented without postponement. Citing constitutional provisions, he noted that delimitation is to be undertaken only after the first Census post-2026, and any premature linkage raises serious concerns. Mr Jamir also highlighted the need to safeguard political arrangements in the North East, including Nagaland, and urged reconsideration or revision of the current approach after wider consultation.

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The State-Level Unique Identification Implementation Committee meeting for 2026 was held in Kohima yesterday to review Aadhaar implementation in the state. Chaired by Principal Secretary, Home Department Abhijit Sinha, the meeting was attended by senior officials from the state government and the Unique Identification Authority of India. DDG, UIDAI RO Guwahati, Ngachan Zimik and Director RO Guwahati highlighted key initiatives, including expanding Aadhaar enrolment for children, improving coverage in low-saturation districts, and conducting mandatory biometric update camps in schools. The committee also discussed digitisation of birth registration, Aadhaar seeding for Direct Benefit Transfer schemes, and better data sharing mechanisms. Officials informed that a new Aadhaar Seva Kendra will soon be operational in Dimapur. Principal Secretary Abhijit Sinha urged departments to accelerate enrolment and ensure full coverage of all residents, especially children.

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The new office building of the Superintendent of Police, Tseminyu was formally inaugurated yesterday by MLA and Chairman DPDB Tseminyu, Jwenga Seb. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Seb expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Deputy Chief Minister (Home) Yanthungo Patton for the timely completion of the project. He also commended their leadership in ensuring a fair and transparent police constable recruitment process, stressing the need to uphold merit-based systems in the state. Director General of Police Rupin Sharma highlighted the limitations of customary laws in certain cases and urged citizens to rely on the State Police for effective problem-solving. He appealed to the public to build

trust in the police and take responsibility by reporting crimes promptly.

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Smart prepaid electricity meters will soon be installed for all domestic consumers in Zunheboto district. According to a notification issued by the Department of Power, the installation in households will begin after completing the rollout in government offices, industries, and commercial establishments. The initiative is being implemented in line with Government of India Gazette notifications and directives. The department has appealed to the public to cooperate with officials during the installation process and warned that any obstruction or disturbance during the exercise may attract penalties under relevant provisions of the law.

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A consultative meeting on the Nagaland State Urbanization Strategy 2025–2050 was held yesterday at the DC's Conference Hall in Chumoukedima. The meeting was organised by the District Urban Development Office under the department of Urban development with participation from district administrations of Dimapur, Niuland and various line departments. Additional Director of Urban Development, Petevilie Khatsu said the department is formulating a comprehensive strategy for 2025 to 2050, with North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. as the nodal agency. He further added that 12 towns have been identified as potential urban centres for the study which includes Kohima, Dimapur, Chumoukedima, Zunheboto, Niuland, Tuensang, Mon, Meluri, Mokokchung, Tuli, Jalukie and Bhandari. He emphasized the importance of planned and sustainable urban development and called for active participation and inputs from all stakeholders.

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