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Dimapur, civil society organisations, including tribal hohos, have resolved to submit a representation to the Government of Nagaland, urging an amicable resolution of land issues affecting the railway station construction project at the earliest. The decision was taken during a consultative meeting held yesterday to deliberate on the development of Dimapur Railway Station into a world-class facility under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Naga Council Dimapur President, GK Rengma, stated that the initial phase of the project began last year on a 5.73-acre site, but the land is currently occupied by 96 patta holders. He warned that unresolved land ownership issues could hinder progress, especially as 38 of the affected individuals have already filed court cases. Mr Rengma added that civil society groups plan to engage with the litigants and request withdrawal of cases in the larger interest of development. He also highlighted challenges in Phase Two, involving over 100 additional landholders and several encroachers. Reaffirming their stand, the organisations stated they would not accept any proposal to shift the railway station. He added, that committees have been formed to engage with landowners, railway authorities, and the state government to bring the matter to a resolution. Further, Civil society groups have assured full support to ensure the project is completed within the stipulated timeline.

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Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the guidelines for School Management Committees (SMCs) in New Delhi yesterday. Speaking at the event, Mr Pradhan said that School Management Committees will act as a vital bridge between students, teachers and society. He said that National Educational Policy 2020, Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and Right to Education Act 2009 place significant emphasis on the formation of SMCs as a vital element of decentralized governance. The Minister added that SMCs play a crucial role in strengthening school education at the grassroot level. Mr Pradhan noted that these committees will help introduce diverse practices tailored to local needs including mentorship programs, plantation drives, improving nutrition and basic infrastructure in schools. He informed that a comprehensive handbook on SMCs has been prepared in 22 languages to ensure wider accessibility across the country

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Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Jyotiraditya M. Scindia yesterday virtually inaugurated the 100th New Generation (N-Gen) Post Office at the North Eastern Hill University campus. Designed to resonate with Gen Z, the newly launched facility has been developed as a youth-centric and culturally vibrant

postal space reflecting the aspirations and creativity of the younger generation of Shillong. It has a trendy ambiance, vibrant interiors, and a modern setup. Addressing the occasion virtually, Mr Scindia highlighted the enduring role of post offices in connecting families across generations, while welcoming the transformation into more dynamic and engaging spaces.

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A sensitisation programme on the installation of Smart Meters and Grid-Connected Rooftop Solar Systems under the Nagaland Solar Mission was organised by the District Administration Akuluto in collaboration with the Power Department, Akuluto Sub-Division, at the ADC Office, Akuluto yesterday. The programme was attended by government officials, civil society organisations, and public leaders of Akuluto town. During the programme, the Power Department highlighted the benefits of smart meters, including real-time and accurate power usage data, transparent billing, and improved energy management to help reduce electricity costs. Addressing the gathering, Additional Deputy Commissioner Akuluto, Tiayanger Jamir, urged public leaders to disseminate correct information to eliminate public skepticism. He said that in a power-deficit state like Nagaland, such government initiatives should be appreciated and supported. Public leaders meanwhile appealed to the department to organise more awareness programmes for the general public.

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