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- Advisor Kudecho Khamo calls for building just, peaceful and progressive society.
- Naga People's Front Central Farmers' Wing to undertake State-wide Appreciative Inquiry Tour from 11 of this month.
- Suwendu Adhikari becomes first BJP Chief Minister of West Bengal; Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio congratulates Adhikari.
- National Legal Services Authority organizes second National Lok Adalat of 2026 across country.

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Advisor for Civil Administration Works Division and Taxes, Nagaland, Kudecho Khamo, today called upon students and youths to contribute towards building a society that is just, peaceful and progressive. Mr. Khamo was speaking at the 25th anniversary celebration of the Chakhesang Students Union, Guwahati at Panjabari, Guwahati. Highlighting the growing competitive nature of the modern world, he said every field — including education, employment, farming and entrepreneurship — now demands dedication, perseverance and hard work. Mr. Khamo said that entertainment and excessive dependence on the internet and social media are replacing serious learning and deep thinking, while phone-based childhoods were affecting emotional, psychological and mental stability. Stating that Guwahati remains one of the major centers of the Northeast, The Advisor encouraged students to take advantage of available opportunities, prepare for competition and explore entrepreneurship.

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The Naga People's Front (NPF) Central Farmers' Wing today announced that it will undertake a State-wide Appreciative Inquiry Tour from 11 to 25 of this

month. The announcement was made during a press conference held at the NPF Central Headquarters in Kohima. Addressing the media, President of the NPF Central Farmers' Wing, Y. Vikheho Swu, said the tour aims to directly engage with agricultural communities across Nagaland and understand the ground realities faced by farmers.

Mr. Swu informed that the tour seeks to identify and acknowledge Naga farmers who are performing exceptionally well and to recognize their efforts. The Farmers' Wing also plans to visit Krishi Vigyan Kendras and Agri & Allied departments to interact with officers to understand their roles and contributions.

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BJP legislature party leader Suwendu Adhikari took oath as Chief Minister of West Bengal today, heading the first BJP government in the state. Governor RN Ravi administered the oath of office and secrecy to Mr. Adhikari at a grand ceremony held at the Brigade Parade Grounds, Kolkata. Five Cabinet Ministers also took the oath along with the Chief Minister. Meanwhile, Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio has congratulated Suwendu Adhikari on taking oath as the Chief Minister of West Bengal. In a social media post, Mr. Rio has wished him and his Council of Ministers a successful tenure.

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National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) organized the second National Lok Adalat of 2026 across the country today. Talking to Akashvani News, Member Secretary, NALSA Sanjeev Pandey said that the initiative aims to provide amicable settlement of disputes and reduce the burden on courts through participatory and people-centric mechanisms.

He said that a wide range of disputes are taken up during the Lok Adalat, including criminal compoundable cases, cheque dishonour matters, and bank recovery disputes. Mr. Pandey added that between 2023 to 2025, 12 National Lok Adalats were organized, in which 26 crore cases were disposed of.

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Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Atal Pension Yojana have completed 11 years of providing social security cover to citizens across the country. Ministry of Finance said these schemes were envisioned to extend affordable financial protection to all, particularly the under-

served and vulnerable sections of society. These flagship schemes aim to broaden the insurance and pension landscape by shielding citizens against life's uncertainties and fostering long-term financial resilience. Speaking about the schemes, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said over 27 crore enrolments have been done under PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, 58 crore in PM Suraksha Bima Yojana and nine crore enrolments under Atal Pension Yojana. Ms Sitharaman added that claims worth more than 21 thousand five hundred crore rupees for over 10.7 lakh families have been settled under the PMJJBY scheme.

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Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Kiren Rijiju, today asserted that all citizens in India are equal under the Constitution, regardless of their population size or religious affiliation. The Union Minister dismissed fake narratives suggesting that minorities are unsafe in the country. Mr. Rijiju was speaking at a seminar organized by the National Commission for Minorities in collaboration with knowledge partners TISS and the Parzor Foundation. Addressing the media on the sidelines of the event, he emphasized that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas ensures that no community is viewed through the lens of religion or caste. The Union Minister said that there are some elements that repeatedly try to scare Muslims and Christians by saying that they are in danger in the country. Asserting that the Constitution has given everyone equal status, he said that this is far from the truth. The Union Minister also touched upon India's changing demographics, noting that the Muslim population in India is expected to be among the largest globally. Stating that while the 2021 Census was delayed due to the Covid pandemic, Mr. Rijiju said the next official count will provide a clearer picture

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External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar today lauded the traditional relationship between India and Trinidad and Tobago. On his visit, Dr Jaishankar addressed the flag-raising ceremony at the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago. He highlighted the deep cultural ties and historical bonds shared by the two countries.

Dr Jaishankar also met Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago Kamla Persad-Bissessar and explored new ideas and initiatives to further strengthen the bilateral cooperation.

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The winners of the National Panchayat Awards 2025 have been announced by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, with a total of 42 Panchayats from across the

country being selected. The award distribution ceremony is scheduled to take place on 3rd June in New Delhi. The awards are conferred under two distinct categories. The Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar recognizes outstanding Gram Panchayats for their performance across nine Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals. While, the Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar is conferred to the best-performing Panchayats at the District, Block, and Gram Panchayat levels on an overall basis.

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