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- President Droupadi Murmu calls for inclusive growth of tribal communities
- Nagaland signs Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 MoU with Centre; Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio hails pact as key to boosting drinking water supply
- Eastern Nagaland leaders back full implementation of FNTA agreement
- Dimapur Police constitute SIT in minor sexual assault case; arrest two accused

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President Droupadi Murmu today inaugurated the National Conclave on Strengthening of Integrated Tribal Development Agencies and Integrated Tribal Development Projects in New Delhi. Addressing the event, the President said that tribal society living across the country is culturally very rich, and efforts must be made to bring the tribal community forward. She said development must reach the last home and the last village, expressing concern that there are still some sections of tribals who are unaware of the various schemes of the government. The President called upon all agencies and stakeholders to ensure the development of every aspect of Tribal welfare including dignified job for youth and school for every tribal child.

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Centre yesterday signed Memoranda of Understanding, MoU, under the Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 with four states, including Nagaland, and one Union Territory. The others are Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry. The reform-linked MoU mandates a gram panchayat-led, service-based and community-centred model of rural water governance, aligned with the objectives of Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 and seeks to ensure that every rural household has access to quality drinking water supply in adequate quantity on a regular basis, through strengthened community participation. The MoUs were signed in the presence of Union Jal Shakti Minister, C.R. Paatil, Chief Ministers of the respective states and senior officials during separate meetings conducted via online video conferences.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio termed the MoU signed under the Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 as a key milestone in strengthening drinking water services in Nagaland. The Chief Minister said, the MoU is an extension of the existing scheme for rural water supply with Functional Household Tap Connection by December 2028. Mr Rio said the MoU reflects the government's shared commitment to ensuring sustainable, functional, and community-owned drinking water systems, while advancing the goal of Har Ghar Jal by 2028. Mr Rio joined the signing ceremony along with PHED Minister Jacob Zhimomi and other senior state officials.

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The Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organization (ENPO) held a consultative meeting yesterday with various political leaders hailing from the region, reviewing the February 5 Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signed with the governments of India and Nagaland. The meeting, held at Tuensang, was attended by office bearers of national, state, district and regional-level parties. In a statement, ENPO said the house unanimously resolved to uphold the MoA and remain fully committed to its implementation without any dilution, in line with the decision during the meeting with the Eastern Naga National Workers' Forum on April 16. Leaders also resolved to use their respective political party platforms to pursue implementation and materialization of the MoA without further delay. The house further resolved that, should the MoA fail to be implemented, political leaders from Eastern Nagaland will stand together under the ENPO's call to prioritize the interests of the public of Eastern Nagaland.

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Dimapur Police has constituted a Special Investigation Team to conduct a detailed probe into the alleged sexual assault case involving a minor. Following an FIR lodged the child's guardians, a case was registered under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the POCSO Act at the Dimapur Women Police Station. Based on the victim's statement, police have arrested two accused persons, identified as O. Watimeren Jamir, aged 43, and Tsuktimongba Ao, aged 37. Both have been remanded to police custody for further interrogation. Police have appealed the public and media to respect the privacy of the victim and refrain from sharing any information that could reveal the child's identity, noting that such disclosure is a punishable offense under the law. Dimapur Police have assured that all efforts are being made to complete the probe and file the chargesheet without delay.

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In a major boost to child healthcare services in Nagaland, the Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) has become the first district hospital in the state to receive the National MusQan Certification under the National Quality Assurance Standards. NHAK underwent the MusQan National Assessment on April 17 and 18 and was granted the certification on May 18. The hospital achieved an overall MusQan score of 93.11 percent. Among its key units, the Special Newborn Care Unit, the Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre and Paediatrics OPD all scored above 90 percent. MusQan is a Government of India initiative aimed at improving the quality of care for children up to 12 years of age in public health facilities.

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India has undergone a remarkable transformation, driven by the principles of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the last 12 years. During this period, the Modi government carried out many flagship initiatives for the welfare and empowerment of the poor, farmers, women and youth. Akashvani News brings you a special feature on the Government's efforts over the last 12 years across key sectors. Today, we focus on the measures taken by the government towards the welfare of the middle class. **A report:**

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And, The two-day Community First Responder Youth Training Programme in Zunheboto concluded today. Organized jointly by the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Nagaland, and the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, the training aimed to equip young people with essential first-aid skills, emergency response techniques, casualty handling, and disaster readiness. Speaking to the media, General Secretary IRCS Nagaland, Akhale V. Khamo, said the training was initiated in response to the growing number of crises and disasters both globally and locally.

A total of 25 youth representatives from various organizations in Zunheboto participated in the programme. Ms Khamo noted that similar trainings have already been conducted in 12 districts and will continue in the remaining districts.

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