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- President Droupadi Murmu presents Gallantry Awards at Defence Investiture Ceremony
- Press Information Bureau, Kohima conducts Varta highlighting progress in urban livelihood schemes
- Tetso College ranks among India's top 200 Bachelor of Arts Colleges
- CBSE exempts current Class 10 batch from three-language policy

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President Droupadi Murmu presented the Gallantry Awards at second Defence Investiture Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan this evening. Air Marshall Tarun Chaudhary, Lieutenant General Neeraj Varshney, Lieutenant General Vikas Rohella, Lieutenant General Harbinder Singh Vandra and Lieutenant General Mohinder Pal Singh were awarded Ati Vishisht Seva Medal. Vice President CP Radhakrishnan, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh along with other Union Ministers and senior officials of armed forces were also present on the occasion.

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Press Information Bureau, Kohima today organized Varta, a media interaction on the theme '12 Years of Government - From Empowerment to Prosperity: Urban Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship'. Addressing the programme, State Mission Director DAY-NULM, Directorate of Urban Development, Petevilie Khatsü, highlighted the impact of the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme. He said, the scheme, extended till March 2030, empowers street vendors by providing collateral-free loans, interest subsidies and social security benefits. Mr Khatsü informed that in Nagaland, 6,511 loans worth over 10.75 crore rupees have been approved under PM SVANidhi, achieving 50 percent of its 2030 target. Of these, 3,861 beneficiaries have successfully repaid their loans. He highlighted the need to address challenges such as incomplete paperworks, digital literacy among communities and internet connectivity.

State Mission Manager, DAY-NULM, Abaü Suokhrie, noted that the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission has been implemented to reduce urban poverty by promoting self-help groups, skill development and self-employment. She said, 884 SHGs are currently functional across all 11 districts, helping women build sustainable livelihoods.

Ms Suokhrie also informed that DAY-NULM has been succeeded by Deendayal Jan Aajeevika Yojana-Shehari in 2024, and Kohima has been selected as one of 25 pilot cities in the country. She said the new mission focuses on vulnerable occupational

groups, in response to changing needs of urban workforce while continuing to promote women's empowerment, sustainability, livelihoods, and social protection.

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Tetso College, Chümoukedima has achieved a remarkable milestone by securing All India Rank 198 among the Top Bachelor of Arts Colleges in the India Today-MDRA Best Colleges Ranking Survey 2026, out of over 45,000 institutions across the country. Following the announcement, Nagaland's Higher Education Minister, Temjen Imna Along appreciated and congratulated Tetso College on its achievement. Advisor to the Chief Minister Abu Metha also congratulated the college, describing it as a milestone not only for the institution but for Nagaland as well, reaffirming that the state is steadily emerging as a destination for quality education and academic excellence. Mr. Metha emphasized the college's globally minded leadership, dedicated faculty and vibrant student community, creating a culture that encourages innovation, creativity and excellence beyond the conventional classroom. Noting that the recognition reflects years of vision, commitment and hard work, he wished the college continued success in taking Nagaland to even greater heights. The ranking is a testament to the collective efforts of the college's faculty, staff, students, alumni and supporters.

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Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) today issued guidelines on the three language policy. In a statement the board said that the current batch of class 10th will not have to follow the new language policy. It also said that for the current batches studying in class 7th, 8th and 9th will also not be required to give board examination in the third language when they reach Class 10th. CBSE has further stated that students in 7th, 8th and 9th classes who have already opted for two foreign languages will be allowed to continue with the same, while studying one additional native Indian language. The board said that the grade appropriate resource material will be made available in a time bound manner.

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Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda today launched a series of digital initiatives for the health sector in New Delhi. The launch includes Arogya Setu 2.0, Ayushman Sarathi Chatbot, Ayushman App, e-Sushrut Clinic, National Health Claims Exchange and health standards to strengthen India's Digital Public Infrastructure for Health. Addressing the gathering, Mr Nadda described the initiatives as an important milestone achieved by the government which will play a crucial role in the nation's journey towards building a healthier India and a more digitally empowered nation.

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The Kohima District Implementation Committee for PM Vishwakarma today reviewed the progress of the scheme during a meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Office. The focused on progress in credit linkage, skill training, toolkit distribution, and marketing support for traditional artisans. A key issue discussed was the discrepancy

between district and bank data on loan applications. Officials highlighted the formation of the district's first artisan cluster, which has been invited to conduct training programmes in Delhi. The meeting called for more emphasis on training programmes and stronger coordination among all stakeholders to ensure the effective implementation of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme in the district.

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The Yimkhiung Women Organisation (YWO) today organised a protest rally at the Public Ground in Shamator, demanding speedy investigation and disposal of pending sexual harassment cases. In her keynote address by YWO President Ester, called for timely justice for survivors and stronger action against perpetrators. Representatives from other civil organizations also spoke at the event and expressed solidarity with the cause. Participants later took out a peaceful procession to the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Shamator, where they submitted an appeal letter demanding immediate action and justice in sexual harassment cases.

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The online Self-Enumeration facility for Census 2027 in Nagaland will close tomorrow, ahead of the commencement of House Listing Operation from July 1. For self-enumeration, residents can visit the official portal se.census.gov.in and submit information on their housing conditions, household amenities and assets. From July 1, Census enumerators will begin House-to-House visits across the state. They will verify the data submitted through self-enumeration, and collect fresh information from households that have not completed the process. The Government has appealed to the public to extend full cooperation to enumerators and provide accurate information for the successful conduct of the Census exercise.

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