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1. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio hands over tractors and utility vehicles under CM's Corpus Fund.
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicates India's first Greenfield Refinery-cum-Petrochemical Complex.
3. Union Minister Rajnath Singh highlights India's significant progress in manufacturing and technology.
4. And, one Slow Loris rescued at Sukhalu Village in Zunheboto district.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today handed over 35 tractors and six utility vehicles under the CM's Corpus Fund at the Agri Expo, Chümoukedima. Addressing the beneficiaries, Mr. Rio said that nearly 70 percent of Nagaland's population is engaged in farming, making agriculture the backbone of the State's economy. Stating that the State is blessed with fertile land, he encouraged farmers to make full use of their fields by adopting modern agricultural practices to increase productivity and improve their livelihoods. Referring to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, Mr. Rio said while the government can facilitate development through various schemes, lasting economic growth depends on the contribution of entrepreneurs, businesses and individuals. The Chief minister stressed that prosperity among the people is essential for the overall development of the country.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today dedicated India's first Greenfield Refinery-cum-Petrochemical Complex to the nation from Rajasthan. Mr. Modi also laid the foundation stone for development projects worth over 1.05 lakh crore rupees at Pachpadra in Rajasthan. Addressing a public gathering, the Prime Minister said that although the conflict in West Asia triggered a global energy crisis, India successfully overcame the challenge through its resilience and strategic planning. He also highlighted that India has significantly expanded its refining capacity and has now become the world's fourth-largest refining nation. Referring to the LPG supply challenges in recent years, the Prime Minister said that the decisions taken with patience, hard work and diplomacy to address the crisis would be remembered in history.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today highlighted India's significant progress in manufacturing and technology, saying the country's defence exports have reached a record of over 38 thousand crore rupees. Addressing an event organized by a private media organization in New Delhi, Mr. Singh said, the sharp rise from 686 crore rupees in the financial year 2013-14 reflects an almost 57-fold increase and underlines growing global confidence in Make in India defence platforms.

Speaking on journalism, Mr. Singh said providing the most accurate news is more important than being the first to break the story. He said, the success of journalism in the future will depend on how effectively it strikes the right balance and synergy between the boundless capabilities of Artificial Intelligence and human sensitivities. Mr. Singh emphasized that the fusion of technology and empathy will be the greatest strength of journalism in the times to come.

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Monsoon Session of Parliament will commence from 20th July to 13th August. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju today informed that President

Droupadi Murmu has approved the proposal of the Government to convene the session. Mr. Rijju informed that the session will focus on meaningful debate, discussion and decisions on issues of national importance.

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One Slow Loris was rescued by Nihoto K Yephthomi of Sukhalu Village in Zunheboto district and later handed over to the Zunheboto District Tourism Association (ZTDA), for appropriate care and conservation. Following consultation and necessary assessment, the ZTDA released the rescued Slow Loris into its natural habitat at Sukhai Biodiversity Conservation Area. The Zunheboto District Tourism Association expressed its sincere appreciation to Nihoto K Yephthomi and the people of Sukhalu Village for their responsible action and commitment to protecting wildlife. The Association also emphasized the importance of community participation in conserving the region's rich biodiversity.

ZTDA encourages the public to report any sightings of injured, distressed, or displaced wildlife to the appropriate authorities or conservation organizations. It further appealed to the citizens not to keep wild animals as pets.

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Wokha district launched the first edition of Environment and Cleanliness Drive at Longsa Village today, under the theme “Think Clean & Live Green.” The programme is being organized by the Longsa Government Employees’ Union in coordination with the Longsa Village Council. Following the inaugural programme at the Cultural Hall, a mass cleanliness drive was carried out across the village and 92 saplings were planted. Addressing the program, Deputy Chairperson of Wokha Town Council, Nzano P. Kikon highlighted the importance of segregating dry and wet waste, promoting recycling, reducing the use of plastic bottles, and ensuring the proper disposal of sanitary and medical waste. She also urged villagers to protect the environment, and nurture the saplings planted during the drive so they can contribute to the village’s long-term

beautification and environmental conservation. The Employees' Union announced that the cleanliness drive will be held twice in a month and encouraged every household to plant at least one ornamental tree to help beautify the village.

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The Longsa Village Council in Wokha district today destroyed two cartons of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) seized within the village. The illegal times were destroyed in the presence of the public and the authorities. The council emphasized that anyone violating the village's standing resolution on the prohibition of alcohol and intoxicants would face strict action in accordance with the village's rules and regulations. It further appealed to all villagers to cooperate in maintaining a healthy, peaceful, and drug-free community by reporting any such illegal activities to the village authorities.

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And in FIFA World Cup, the Round of 16 will start from today with Canada taking on Morocco in Houston, Texas tonight. The match is scheduled to begin at 10:30 PM India Standard Time. Canada reached this historic knockout stage for the first time by defeating South Africa, while Morocco advanced by eliminating the Netherlands in a penalty shootout. In another round of 16 fixture, Paraguay will take on France at Philadelphia in United States. The match is scheduled to kick off at 02:30 AM.

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