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THE HEADLINES :-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi terms UPI as major turning point in India's digital payments journey
- Nagaland Police to introduce online complaint portal
- Nagaland records 311 cases at One Stop Centres in 2025-26
- And, Kohima-Jessami road set to see major works from September 12

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the decade long success of service of Unified Payment Interface (UPI). In a social media post, Mr. Modi marked UPI as a major turning point in India's digital payments journey. Calling countrymen to share their UPI experience, he stated that the sheer scale and reach of UPI is something every Indian must be proud of. The Unified Payments Interface which was launched on this day in 2016, has completed ten years, emerging as the backbone of India's digital payments ecosystem. Finance Ministry said, since its launch, UPI has surged almost 13 thousand fold in transaction volume to over 24 thousand 162 crore transactions in 2025-26. The transaction value also rose sharply from seven thousand crore to nearly 314 lakh crore during the same time period. UPI is now operational across eleven countries, including France, Singapore, UAE, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Mauritius.

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Director General of Police (DGP) Rupin Sharma today said Nagaland Police is testing an online system that will allow the public to submit complaints and

grievances through a single portal and track their status electronically. He was speaking at the State-Level Convergence Meeting to Address Violence Against Women and Children, organised by Mission Vatsalya and Mission Shakti under the Department of Social Welfare, in collaboration with Nagaland Police and the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority.

Mr Sharma said, the system is expected to be launched within the next 10 to 12 days. He said the initiative is aimed at making it easier for people, particularly women and children, to approach the police and ensure complaints are not left unanswered. Mr Sharma also called for stronger coordination among government agencies, police, legal services, civil society and the public in addressing violence against women and children. He stressed the importance of reporting incidents, including smaller and recurring cases, saying timely reporting could help authorities identify behavioural patterns and prevent them from escalating. He stressed that effective response depends not only on institutions and systems, but on committed personnel working together. The DGP also cautioned NGOs, civil society and the public against taking the law into their own hands.

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Nagaland recorded hundreds of cases involving violence and protection concerns among women and children during the 2025-26 financial year. Director of Social Welfare Tosheli Zhimomi said Sakhi One Stop Centres handled 311 cases, while Women Helpline 181 received 144 cases involving gender-based violence and requests for information on women-oriented schemes and services.

Ms Zhimomi further said Child Welfare Committees received 640 cases involving children in need of care and protection, while Juvenile Justice Boards dealt with 56 cases involving children in conflict with the law. She said 639 children were also in child care institutions. Meanwhile, Child Helpline 1098 received 2,632 cases between September 2023 and March 2026. Ms Zhimomi said the figures highlight the complexity of cases involving women and children, and the need

for different departments and agencies to work together to address the issue. Further, the Social Welfare department plans to provide sanitary vending machines and grievance redressal boxes to registered schools across Nagaland under Mission Shakti and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, in coordination with the police.

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The Kohima District Administration today held a meeting with the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited and contractor officials, to review the progress of ongoing works along the National Highway 29, Kohima-Jessami Road, connecting Kohima to Phek. The contractor committed to commencing major GSB, WMM and DBM works from September 12 and completing the identified works by the first week of October under Kohima section of the highway. Deputy Commissioner, B. Henok Buchem, stressed the need for visible improvement in the pace of work and directed the contractor to ensure timely deployment of machinery and manpower. The district administration said it will closely monitor progress against the agreed timeline and provide necessary support in resolving issues within its jurisdiction.

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Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has said, Booth Level Officers are the foundation of India's democracy. Mr Kumar said this during an interaction programme with around 500 Booth Level Officers in Lucknow today.

The event focused on making the electoral process more effective, transparent, and citizen-centric.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extended greetings on the occasion of Onam and Milad-un-Nabi. In his Onam message, Mr Rio wished that the festival of harvest and togetherness would bring peace and prosperity, and expressed hope Onam's spirit of harmony, generosity, and collective well-being would continue to inspire everyone. Greeting people on Milad-un-Nabi, Mr Rio said he hoped the occasion would inspire peace, compassion, service, and bring blessings to all.

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The Kohima District Task Force on Child Labour has launched the Pan-India Rescue and Rehabilitation Campaign 4.0, aimed at preventing child labour and strengthening awareness of child right. The campaign, being conducted from August 24 to 28, has so far covered four Government Middle Schools in L. Khel, P. Khel, Merhülietsa and New Minister's Hill. The programme highlighted the legal provisions prohibiting employment of children below 14 years, and adolescents aged 14 to 18 in hazardous occupations and processes. Participants were also sensitised on the penalties, including imprisonment and fines, for violations. Teachers were encouraged to closely monitor attendance, and report cases where a child remains absent from school for 15 consecutively days. Following the campaign, the task force will undertake inspections and rescue operations, and facilitate appropriate rehabilitation. The Task Force has appealed to schools, parents and communities to report suspected cases of child labour, with the goal of making Kohima a child-labour-free district.

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Vehicle movement has been restricted on the Jharmapani and Molvom/Peren Road after a temporary bridge over the Dzümha River was washed away by incessant rain and flooding. In an advisory issued today, Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, said the restriction will apply to all types of vehicles with immediate effect. The advisory will remain in force until further notice in the interest of public safety amid the prevailing weather conditions.

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