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Government has launched the indigenous, AI Foundational Models Eka- 1 by Soket Labs and Dhir 2B and Dhir 5B by ZenteiQ. Speaking on the occasion, Secretary of Electronics and IT Ministry S Krishnan said, the public release of these foundational AI models marks an important step towards building a strong and strategic AI ecosystem in the country. Built as an open, sparse hybrid language model, EKA-1 is designed for math, code, reasoning, and agentic use.

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The Election Commission has issued a clarification regarding the submission of Form 6 by previously enrolled voters whose names are missing from the draft electoral rolls during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision SIR. In a letter to all chief electoral officers of States and UTs, the poll body said submitting Form 6 in such cases would not amount to a false declaration and would not invite action under Section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950. .The Commission has also directed Chief Electoral Officers of all States and UTs to publicise the clarification widely in local languages through available media.

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A two-day orientation programme on Skill Education for heads of private schools registered with NBSE yesterday concluded in Kohima and Dimapur respectively. Organised by the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE), in collaboration with Lend A Hand India, the programme saw participation from 82 private schools, including 34 from Kohima and 48 from Dimapur. NBSE Chairperson Rangumbuing Nsarangbe stressed that academic learning and skill education must go hand in hand to address educated unemployment and equip students with practical competencies. He said skill education is essential towards achieving the vision of Viksit Nagaland 2047, adding that vocational education should be an integral part of every student's learning journey. Mr Nsarangbe also highlighted that vocational education has expanded to over 180 government schools and around 160 private schools in the state. The sessions covered the skill education framework under National Education Policy 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education 2023, including practical activities in maker skills, tie-and-dye and healthcare.

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The indefinite agitation launched by students and community organisations of Sungro Range over the shortage of teaching and non-teaching staff at Government Higher Secondary School, Sungro, entered its second day yesterday The agitation was joined by student bodies from Pangti, Okotso, Sungro, Aree Old and Aree New, along with village councils from seven villages. The protesters have sealed the institution, demanding immediate intervention from the department of School Education. Their demands include appointment of two post graduate teachers, two graduate teachers, two primary teachers, retention of a graduate mathematics teacher post, one lower division assistant-cum-upper division assistant and one science laboratory attendant. The agitation follows repeated representations to the department.

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Civil society organisations in Mokokchung have resolved to continue their ongoing agitation over the closure of the Chief Medical Officer's Office, Mokokchung, and warned of further escalation if their demands are not met. The decision was taken during a joint meeting of the All Ward Union Mokokchung Town, Watsü Mungdang, Ao Kaketshir Mungdang, Ao Lanur Telungjem and Ao Senden. The meeting resolved to allow a three-day relaxation of the ongoing agitation, from November 5 to 7, on humanitarian grounds, to facilitate child immunisation and the distribution of medication. The Organisations demanded that all detachment and joining reports related to the handing and taking over process be completed by November 13. Further, they announced that the agitation would be intensified following a public rally in Mokokchung town on November 16.

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The Deputy Commissioner of Mokokchung has announced traffic restrictions along the Asetkong-Tsusangra road in view of repair and restoration works at Longpong Bridge, located at the 27-kilometre chainage. According to the DC, heavy vehicles weighing above eight metric tonnes will be completely restricted from plying along the stretch with immediate effect, from today to 2nd of next month. Meanwhile, the movement of light vehicles will also remain restricted from today till 17th of this month. The DC therefore appealed to the public to cooperate with the administration and strictly adhere to the traffic regulations until completion of the repair and restoration works.

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