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Nagaland Government has announced a 20-day annual relaxation of the Protected Area Permit (PAP) requirement for foreign tourists visiting the State. The relaxation will be effective from 26th November to 15th December every year, following directions from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The Home Department informed that the relaxation also covers foreign nationals associated with designated ongoing development projects in Nagaland. They may be granted PAPs with extended validity, in line with the stipulated duration of their projects subject to validity of their visas. In a further move to facilitate project implementation, it said PAPs for such designated foreign nationals may also be issued before their arrival in India. However, the exemption does not extend to citizens of Afghanistan, China and Pakistan, or foreign nationals originating from these countries. They will continue to require prior approval from the MHA before visiting Nagaland.

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Lok Sabha MP S Supongemeren Jamir yesterday launched 'The History of Naga Club,' authored by Naga Club president Kuolachalie Seyie and published by PenThrill Publication. in Kohima. Mr. Jamir said the book will help preserve more than a century of Naga history and familiarise younger generations with struggles and contributions of Naga pioneers. He highlighted the significance of the 1929 memorandum submitted to the Simon Commission, adding that it reflected the distinct identity and political aspirations of the Nagas. Mr. Jamir also called for unity among Naga political groups and urged them to work towards an early resolution of the Naga political issue. The first copy of the book was handed over to Prasielie Pienyü, Convenor of the Descendants of the Signatories.

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Ministry of Culture yesterday launched an AI Powered Semantic search and knowledge discovery platform with a conversational assistant on the Ministry's primary digital platform. Speaking at the occasion, Culture Secretary Vivek Aggarwal said that it will help to bring together information available across more than 65 websites of the Ministry and its institutions. Mr Aggarwal said, the new AI tool will enable citizens, researchers and students to search for information related to Indian culture and heritage at one place and obtain authentic and authorised information directly from the Ministry's official websites. The facility will make information available in 22 Indian languages.

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District Child Protection Officer Noklak, Kito Ayemi has urged police personnel to strengthen coordination with child protection agencies while handling cases involving children in need of care and protection and children in conflict with the law. Mr. Ayemi was speaking at a sensitisation programme on the roles and responsibilities of the Special Juvenile Police Unit organised by DCPU, Noklak yesterday. He emphasised timely coordination with DCPU, Child Welfare Committee, Juvenile Justice Board and Child Helpline 1098 and stressed the need for a child-friendly approach. In Zunheboto, DCPO Ruzonuo Rita Rutsa urged public to approach the CWC whenever a child requires care and protection. Ms. Rutsa was speaking at a block-level child protection sensitisation programme at Ghathashi Town.

She reminded that unlawful disclosure of a child's identity attracts legal consequences under Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and also cautioned against sharing photographs, names or identifying details of children involved in child protection cases on social media and WhatsApp groups.

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Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, has called for moving the global just transition agenda from dialogue and exchange of experiences towards practical, country-driven implementation. Addressing the Fourth Annual High-Level Ministerial Roundtable on Just Transition at UNFCCC COP31 in Antalya (Türkiye) yesterday, the Minister reiterated India's commitment to an inclusive and equitable global transition that leaves no one behind. He cited India's sub-national heat action and disaster management plans, which address vulnerabilities of workers and communities, as well as country's renewable energy expansion that seeks to combine low-carbon development with affordable energy access. The Minister noted that these examples underline the need to integrate just transition considerations across adaptation, livelihoods and development planning.

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A three-day Nationwide Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign 5, along with a free health check-up and medical service programme for pensioners at Longleng district was launched by Deputy Commissioner W. Manpai Phom yesterday at DC Office. The initiative aims to facilitate pensioners in submitting DLCs and provide access to essential healthcare services.

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