Morning News Script

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Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr Virendra Kumar, along with Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, B.L. Verma, will launch SAMAVESH (Single Access Mechanism for All Verticals of Empowerment & Social Harmony) and the new e-Anudaan Portal in New Delhi today. Developed by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, SAMAVESH will serve as a unified digital gateway, bringing together the Department's schemes, services and organisational portals on a single integrated platform. The platform will also feature 'Samajik Sahayak', an AI-powered chatbot designed to provide information and assistance in more than 22 regional languages. The new e-Anudaan Portal will bring the grant-in-aid processes under four major schemes of the Department-National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction, SMILE, Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana and SHRESHTA -onto a unified digital platform.

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The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is being observed today, marking the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. The global theme this year is, "UNITE! To End Violence against Women and Girls: Ensure Justice, Protect Survivors, End Impunity." The day is observed to raise awareness about violence against women worldwide and strengthen efforts to prevent it while ensuring essential support for survivors.

V/C: *In Nagaland, a state-level observation is being jointly organised in Kohima by Mission Shakti, Department of Social Welfare, Nagaland State Commission for Women and Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission. The programme will mark the launch of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, NAYI Chetna 5.0 and three Gender Resource Centres. An awareness video and a special anniversary edition titled 10 Years of Impact, highlighting the achievements of Sakhi-One Stop Centres in Dimapur and Kohima, along with the 181-Women Helpline under Mission Shakti, will also be released. A pledge-taking ceremony and signature campaign will also form part of the observance.*

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Nagaland Legislative Assembly Speaker Sharingain Longkumer have expressed grief over the demise of former MLA L. Yanger, who passed away in Dimapur yesterday. In his condolence message, Chief Minister Rio described his demise as a great loss to his family, community and the people of Nagaland. He remembered Yanger as a respected member of society who dedicated many years to public service and conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. Speaker Sharingain Longkumer described Yanger as a respected legislator, experienced administrator and dedicated public servant whose contributions to the State and its people would be remembered with profound respect.On behalf of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly, the Speaker extended condolences to the bereaved family. Late Yanger had served as an Executive Engineer in the Public Works Department before entering politics and was elected to the 9th Nagaland Legislative Assembly.

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The sixth edition of the Creative Minds of Tomorrow (CMOT) concluded on a high note at 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa yesterday. A flagship initiative of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting this year's edition brought together 100 aspiring filmmakers for a 48-hour filmmaking challenge based on the theme "Roots and Wings: Honouring our Roots, Embracing our Future', highlighted the coming together of cultural

heritage, innovation and technology". The movie One Last Stop, directed by Mohak Gandhi, won the Best Film award with a cash prize of five lakh rupees. While, A Little Something, directed by Tamanna Thakur, secured the Runner-up award and received a cash prize of three lakh rupees.

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A stretch of National Highway-2 near Seven Sisters Hotel, Chiechama, will remain closed to all vehicular traffic for two days to facilitate ongoing road restoration work. According to a travel advisory issued by Deputy Commissioner Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, the closure will come into effect from 9 AM today and continue until 9 PM tomorrow. During the closure, alternative routes will be available for Light Motor Vehicles. Vehicles travelling from Kohima towards Tseminyu and Wokha can take a diversion at Chiechama via Botsa and rejoin NH-2 at Botsa. Meanwhile, vehicles travelling towards Kohima from Wokha and Tseminyu can take a diversion at Botsa via Teichuma and Zhadima, and rejoin NH-2. Heavy vehicles have been advised to avoid the affected stretch or defer their movement until the highway is reopened.

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