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Nagaland Chief Minister TR Zeliang along with Minister for National Highways, G Kaito Aye called on Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari at New Delhi yesterday. Zeliang highlighted the urgency for resuming the 2-laning of 4 roads viz Longleng-Changtongya Road, Mon-Tamlu-Merangkong road, Phek-Pfutsero road and Zunheboto-Chakhabama road. The Chief Minister in the presence of Chief Engineer National Highways NE and Managing Director NHIDCL, said the DPR for the projects under phase 'A' of SARDP-NE are on the verge of completion. CMO Medial Cell in a release said, the Union Minister while extending his full cooperation has assured for early sanction so that the firms selected can take off during this working season. Also giving credence to the appeal of the Chief Minister for the 4-laning project of Daboka-Dimapur and Kohima-Imphal road, the Union Minister committed that he would expedite the process for early commencement of work. The release said 4-laning of Dimapur-Kohima road is in full swing. It said the DPR for Daboka-Dimapur and Kohima-Imphal inter-state connectivity road projects are nearing completion and works will be executed at the earliest.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, Ayurveda experts need to find medicines that give immediate relief to patients and keep side effects at bay. Inaugurating the first All India Institute of Ayurveda in New Delhi on the occasion of the 2nd Ayurveda Day, he urged private players to use corporate social responsibility funds to strengthen Ayurveda. He said the government has allowed 100 per cent FDI in health care. Mr Modi said, investors should also come forward to promote Yoga and Ayurveda. The Prime Minister said, preventive health care, as well as affordability and accessibility are the government's main focus in the health sector. Mr Modi said, like the IT revolution a few years ago, time has come for a health revolution under the aegis of Ayurveda. The Prime Minister said there should be an Ayurveda hospital in every district of the country.

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The inaugural programme of the Financial Inclusion Camp-Mudra Promotion Campaign, organized by State Finance Department and State Level Banking Committee (SLBC) was held in Kohima yesterday. Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Imkong L. Imchen speaking on the occasion said Mudra loan of Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana is a Government of India undertaking to meet the financing needs of non-corporate small business units. Imkong called upon the banks to bring the poor people in the rural areas under the coverage of the various Financial Inclusion schemes by expediting the process of setting up branches in the unbanked blocks. Nagaland Chief Secretary Pankaj Kumar also spoke on the occasion.

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The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has launched the Harid Diwali-Swasth Diwali campaign aimed at mitigating levels of pollution seen during the festive season. The Centre has prohibited the manufacture, sale and use of certain fire crackers. In this regard, Commissioner of Police Dimapur in a release has informed that loud fire crackers are prohibited. It said bursting of fire cracker is limited till 10:30 PM. The Police urged citizens of Dimapur to adhere to directive in order to maintain peace and tranquility in the district.

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The Department of Geology and Mining yesterday organized a Public Awareness Programme on 'Artificial Recharge of Groundwater in Dimapur valley' at DGM conference hall, Dimapur. Speaking as Chief Guest, Minister for Geology and Mining & Border Affairs, Mmhonlumo Kikon said such awareness programme is very much needed, as ground water is an important issue and need to dwell with proper focus. Stating that conflicts over water between countries and states is common in today's world, the Minister said a proper strategy should be adopted so that such conflicts is avoided in future. Emphasizing on the importance of rainwater harvesting, Kikon urged the gathering to start from their own houses which would be the best strategy to create public awareness.

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