

## Morning News Script

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1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio yesterday launched two financial floriculture scheme for flower growers in Nagaland during the formal inauguration of Bloom Bazaar in Kohima. During the programme, Rio gave cheaques amount of around 52 lakh rupees to 12 beneficiaries from the flower growers. Ten of the beneficiaries received the loans from North East Small Finance Bank and one each from Bank of Baroda and Nagaland Rural Bank respectively. Joint Secretary, IDAN, Reny Wilfred, said under the initiative, two types of loan have been offered to the flower growers by three financial institutions. He said, a collateral free loan upto 10 lakh rupees is extended to flower growers having three year standing in flower industry and to the new comers in the industry, a collateral free loans upto two lakh rupees. Wilfred further expressed hope that this initiative will bring changes.

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Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister TR Zeliang held a meeting with the Managing Director of NHIDCL and Executive Director RO Kohima at his official residence. Zeliang said the meeting deliberated and shared concerns on a wide range of subjects concerning road development in the State. He said that with better coordination and support between the National Highway (NPWD) and NHIDCL, works will progress in the right direction. The Deputy CM exuded confidence that many works which have been under progress for years will be completed soon with quality.

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Phek district administration has restricted the movement of light and medium vehicles carrying a load below 11.5 Metric Tons on Kohima-Jessami road, package-2, on NH-29 from 5 PM to 8 PM till October 2, 2023. Phek Deputy Commissioner Kuko Mero informed that landslide and Rock falls have damaged the

stretch of road from existing Kilometer 30 point 474 to Kilometer 53 point 220 on Kohima-Jessami road for which restoration work is being executed. The DC advised travellers to take the alternative route via Zuketsa. Further the DC informed that the bridge at Kilometer 36.950, Kohima-Jessami road, Package-2, on NH-29 has been severely damaged. In this regard, the DC has imposed complete restriction on movement of Heavy and Medium Vehicles carrying a load of 11.5 Metric Tons and above.

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Nagaland Police felicitated HSLC and HSSLC toppers and DGP Commendation Disc awardees in the presence of DGP Rupin Sharma yesterday. Speaking at the award ceremony held at Police Head Quarters Lobby in Kohima, DGP Sharma emphasized on the importance of recognizing and encouraging excellence within the force. The DGP also acknowledged the exceptional academic achievements of HSLC and HSSLC toppers. 20 exemplary officers, staff and personnel of the Nagaland Police were awarded the coveted DGP Commendation Disc. Eight talented students who excelled in the HSLC and HSSLC examination 2023 were felicitated.

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Monsoon season in the country has ended with 94.4 percent rainfall from June to September this year. The India Meteorological Department, IMD said that the southwest monsoon seasonal rainfall over the monsoon core zone, which consists of most of the rain fed agriculture regions in the country, received 101 percent of the long-period average. However, seventy-three percent of the total area and Seven subdivisions received deficient season rainfall. The IMD further said that normal to above-normal maximum temperatures are likely over most parts of the country in October this year.

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On Day 7 of the ongoing Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China, India added 2 Gold, 2 Silver, and a Bronze to take its overall medals tally to 38, with 10 Gold, 14

Silver, and 14 Bronze. Kartik Kumar and Gulveer Singh won silver and bronze medals respectively in the men's 10 Thousand metre final, while Rohan Bopanna and Rutuja Bhosale won gold in the mixed doubles tennis final. The Indian trio of Saurav Ghosal, Abhay Singh, and Mahesh Mangaonkar won gold in the men's team squash event, while Sarabjot Singh and Divya TS won silver in the 10 meter air pistol mixed team final. In badminton, India won the men's team semifinal against Korea by 3-2 and will face China in the finals today.

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