

Morning News Script

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Chief Minister of Nagaland Neiphiu Rio yesterday inaugurated the Games Fest and the Games Village for the much-anticipated 3rd North East Games 2024. Rio who was accompanied by his Council of Ministers and Advisors conducted a thorough inspection to the Games Headquarters of the North East Games, meticulously overseeing preparations and ensuring the standards. The Chief Minister expressed appreciation to all participating athletes, officials, volunteers, and organizers for their tireless dedication and unwavering support in ensuring the success of the 3rd North East Games. The inauguration of the Games Fest and the Games Village stands as a testament to Nagaland's unwavering commitment to excellence in hosting major sporting events. With state-of-the-art facilities and meticulous attention to detail, the Games Village exemplifies Nagaland's dedication to providing a world-class experience for athletes and visitors alike.

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As the countdown to the 3rd Edition of North East Games 2024 in Nagaland ticks away, the state is making hectic preparations and in final stage to organise one of the biggest event ever organised in the state. The games will start on 18th March and continue till 23rd of this month. In an exclusive interview with to Akashvani News Kohima, Secretary General of the Nagaland Olympic Association Abu Metha said the state is ready to welcome around 3000 athletes, delegates and officials from all the eight Northeast states including technical team, observers from across the country. He said remarkable upgradation of infrastructures have taken place such as equipping with all the common facilities to accommodate more than 2000 people and provision to conduct more than eight disciplines in one dedicated space. While expressing confidence that the state will pull off the event in an appreciable manner, Metha said this will open ways for Nagaland to host big ticket events in future. To listen to the full interview, listeners can tune in to Akashvani Kohima 103 Mhz on Sunday at 5:30 PM.

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Major General Manish Kumar, Sena Medal (Bar) assumed the command of the Inspector General Assam Rifles (North) yesterday. He took over the charge from Major General Vikas Lakhera, AVSM, SM. Major General Kumar was commissioned into the Jammu & Kashmir Rifles in December 1992. He has commanded an Infantry Battalion in Rajasthan & Assam and subsequently, an Assam Rifles Sector in Nagaland. Kumar has immense operational experience having served extensively in Jammu & Kashmir and the North East. A highly decorated Officer, he has been awarded with two Sena Medals, one Chief of Army Staff Commendation and four GOC-in-C Commendation Cards for his distinguished service to the nation. Major General Kumar extended greetings to the people of Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh and commits to their continued progress and wellbeing in complete synergy with all the other Central and State stakeholders .

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CAA-2019' Mobile App for making application under Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 has become operational. Home Ministry said that applicants can download the app from Google play store. It can also be downloaded from website – indiancitizenshiponline.nic.in.

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Home Ministry has said it is committed to ensure timely redressal of public grievances on Centralized Public Grievance Redressal and Monitoring System. Ministry said in a statement that it has consistently ranked amongst top 10 Ministries during 2023-24 in Grievance redressal Assessment Index, GRAI performing well in all 15 indicators of GRAI. During 2023-24, the Ministry has performed exceptionally well by redressing 48 thousand 837 public grievances cases with average redressal time of 8 days against standard of 30 days. Only 10 percent of grievances resulted in appeals which is one of the lowest among Ministries. Citizen satisfaction also stands at 40 percent.

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Government has notified the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 2024 to comprehensively improve the film certification process. Information and Broadcasting Ministry said the Rules have been comprehensively overhauled in order to improve and contemporize the entire process of certification of films for public exhibition. These new rules aim to streamline and modernize the film certification process for the digital

age, keeping pace with the emerging technologies and advancement in film sector. Movies and feature films will have accessibility features for certification to make it inclusive for differently-abled persons, as stipulated in the guidelines issued in this regard from time to time.

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