

## Evening News Script

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### :: THE HEADLINES ::

- First conference of North East State Commissioners for Persons with Disabilities held in Chümoukedima.
- Campaigning ends for the sixth phase of Lok Sabha elections.
- Agricultural Technology Management Agency Peren district conducts Kisan Mela in Jalukie.
- And, two-day skill upgradation training begins at Directorate of Information & Public Relations Kohima.

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The first conference of North East State Commissioners for Persons with Disabilities was held at Nouné Resort in Chümoukedima district of Nagaland where officials from four northeastern states attended the programme. The objective of the conference was to take stock of the implementation status of the - Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 Act in the NE region, exchange of information, addressing regional challenges and policy development and advocacy. Nagaland Advisor for Department of Social Welfare, Nagaland Wangpang Konyak said the state government is fully committed to implementing all the provisions of the RPwD Act and ensuring equal opportunities for all citizens with disabilities. He said that though there is still a lot of work to be done, we are making steady progress and this has been largely due

to the strong role played by the Disability Commissioner's office. State Commissioner for Persons with Disability Diethono Nakhro said that through this conference, Commissioners from the region can collectively identify policy gaps, areas of improvement, and needed amendments in the implementation of the Act. She said that by consolidating their knowledge and experiences, they can advocate for necessary changes at the regional and national levels, strengthening the overall framework for disability rights. She called on officials in the disability sector to advocate for systemic change and inspire a more inclusive society. The one-day conference was attended by officials from Assam, Sikkim, Meghalaya, and Tripura.

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Campaigning for the sixth phase of Lok Sabha elections ended today. Altogether 58 constituencies spread over eight states and union territories will go to polls in this phase on May 25. These include 8 seats in Bihar, all 10 seats in Haryana, one seat in Jammu and Kashmir, 4 in Jharkhand, all 7 seats in Delhi, 6 in Odisha, 14 in Uttar Pradesh and 8 in West Bengal. As many as 889 candidates are in the fray from these 58 Lok Sabha constituencies. The voting will begin at 7 am and end at 6 pm.

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The Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Peren district Nagaland conducted Kisan Mela at ATMA Project Director & District Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Office in Jalukie, Peren today. ATMA Peren organized the farmers fair with an objective to reach out the farming community and to transfer recent technological knowledge, disseminate information and also to open an opportunity to link with the

Agri & allied departmental experts and scientist from KVK. Deputy Commissioner Peren & Chairman, Governing Board, Vineet Kumar said that everyone is rooted through agriculture even though they may be in different status in the society. Kumar stated that to enhance production, there is the need for a well-planned farming system, relying on the advice of the technical expert. Other highlights of the programme included release of ATMA Peren district magazine entitled “ATMA Activities at a Glimpse” by the Deputy Commissioner, distribution of seed money 10 thousand rupees each to four Self Help Groups and four Food Security Groups. Technical session included visual demonstration on soil testing with the aid of Mobile Van by the Department of Soil Conservation Office.

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A two-day skill upgradation training organised by the Directorate of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) for the District Public Relations Officers (DPROs), Assistant Public Relations Officers (APROs), and Information Assistants (IAs) commenced at the DIPR Kohima today. Director IPR, Dzüvinuo Theünuo, encouraged the officers and staff to know their foundation and reinvent themselves to meet the changing demands of the times. She stressed that as government officials, they are responsible for being the spokespersons of the government, a role that should be kept in mind. Additional Director, IPR Kevizayano, in her opening remarks, acknowledged the need for improvement among the officers of the Department. She emphasized the importance of commitment, dedication, and maintaining good interpersonal relationships within the department. News Editor and Regional News Unit, Akashvani Kohima, Asonuo spoke on 'Media Relations and Work Ethics for public sector officers' during the first session. She stressed on

the ethical conducts which as a government official one should adhere to. She also asked the trainees to keep the deadline of reports in mind and be committed to their job. The training is aimed to upgrade the skills and knowledge of the participants, enabling them to better serve the public and effectively communicate the government's initiatives and policies. The training covered various aspects of public relations, communication strategies, and the evolving role of the DIPR in the digital age.

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Nagaland Pollution Control Board, NPCB in collaboration with Kiphire Town Council (KTC) organised a workshop cum awareness programme with colony leaders, chairman, gaonburas, sanitation committee members, students' and women organisations and Chamber of Commerce at DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire yesterday. During the programme, Senior Scientific Assistant, NPCB, Olivia G Chophy shared on Ambient Air Quality while Junior Scientific Assistant, NPCB Rongsenben Longkumer shared on Plastic Waste Management.

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A one-day seminar on New Subsidy Policy and GST Compliance organized by the Department of Industries and Commerce was held in Dimapur today. Delivering the keynote address Director of Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema shared about the Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme (UNNATI 2024) launched on 9th March last. He stated that this scheme is a central sector scheme under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry aimed to bolster industrial growth and create employment opportunities in the North Eastern states of India. He underscored the importance of identifying genuine

entrepreneurs who are proactive to avail the different benefits provided by the government. He requested everyone present to disseminate the message of availing the opportunities provided to the genuine entrepreneurs and to work collaboratively so that the UNNATI scheme is successfully implemented thereby leading to the overall socio economic development of the region.

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Commissioner of Taxes, Nagaland, Sachin Jaiswal has informed that the Department of State Taxes has authorized the Commercial State Tax Officers (CSTOs) in the State to conduct a Survey on GST Compliance Assessment by all the businesses in the State and collect queries & feedbacks from them. Therefore, all the esteemed businesses have been requested to extent cooperation and provide the necessary information and feedbacks to the CSTO to enable them to complete the exercise by 30th of next month.

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The Additional Deputy Commissioner cum Administrator of Chozuba Town Council, CTC has informed all the household, institutions, offices and commercial establishment under Chozuba Town to store all plastic waste separately with immediate effect till 1st June. Informing that this is as per the directive from the Department of Urban Development, Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban), he Administrator asked all concerned to strictly comply with the order as the plastic waste would be collected by the CTC on June 1.

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