

Morning News Script

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The Nagaland State Cooperative Bank Ltd. opened its 23rd Branch at Longleng town yesterday. Deputy Commissioner Longleng, Dharam Raj said, Nagaland State Cooperative Bank is the people's bank as its main objective is to help the people financially and not for profit motive. He said that it is only when there is financial inclusion, development will happen. The Deputy Commissioner said while, the bank will follow all the guidelines, it should have some flexibility, unlike other banks. Raj also expressed optimism that the State Cooperative Bank will provide better services and loans with good interest and called upon the citizens to make best use of the opportunity. General Manager Nagaland State Cooperative Bank, Jonah Sema, said the bank located at the heart of Longleng town, represents not just the structure but hope for financial empowerment and progress of the community. Sema also highlighted various schemes and initiatives launched by the Bank.

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The Southern Angami Youth Organization (SAYO) has served 15 days ultimatum to National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, NHIDCL and the concerned authorities demanding immediate action to repair and maintain the road and bridge along the Kohima-Mao road, ensuring safety for the commuters. The SAYO warned that failing to do so will result in a total prohibition of any vehicle movement within the National Highway, adding that NHIDCL, concerned authorities, and contractors will be held responsibility for any eventuality that may occur. The Organisation while expressing its deep concern and frustration over the ongoing road construction and resurfacing work on the NH-29/ NH -2 Kohima-Mao road , stated that despite repeated requests and appeals, the NHIDCL and various authorities have failed to address the deteriorating condition of the road, which has become a

serious safety hazard. Expressing concerned on the lack of accountability and transparency in the ongoing work, the SAYO alleged that works has been carried out randomly by the NHIDCL without following the DPR norms thus leading to the dilapidation of the road again before completion it. The SAYO also said despite being aware that the highway is not only a lifeline for the Southern Angami area but serve as a catalyst for trade and commerce between Manipur and South East Asian countries, the road has been neglected, and its condition is deplorable. Also highlighting that the bridge between Viswema-Jakhama on NH-2 is in critical condition and on verge of collapsing, the SAYO said , this is posing a serious threat to human life, security, and vehicle movement and demanded immediate action from the authorities to address the issue on top priority. Further, the SAYO requested the Governor, the Chief Minister and State Government authorities to exercise their authorities and take appropriate measures to issue necessary directives against the NHIDCL and contractor.

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Due to damage in the abutment of Minor Bridge at Kohima Mao Road NH-02 near E-service station Jakhama, caused by heavy rains, restrictions have be imposed on vehicular movement over the Bridge with immediate effect till further notice. Deputy Commissioner Kohima in an order stated that vehicular traffic over the bridge for Heavy Motor Vehicle beyond 12 tonnes will remain suspended. While heavy Motor Vehicle below 12 tonnes would be restricted to one vehicle at a time with speed limit of 5 kilometre per hour. In addition, vehicular traffic over the bridge for all types of vehicles will be closed from 7PM to 7AM. Further, during the traffic closure period, alternate route via Keyake (BSF camp) - Chakhabama Military Station - Kezoma - prayer park (kidima) - Kidima is suggested for Light Motor Vehicle.

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The death toll in multiple landslides in Mizoram's Aizawl district climbed to 29 after two more bodies were recovered from two locations yesterday. Aizawl Superintendent of Police Rahool Alwal said of the 29 victims, 23 are Mizoram residents while five people are from Jharkhand and one from Assam's Silchar

town. The Mizoram government has ordered the closure of all offices and PSU units in view of the inclement weather warning issued by the IMD on Cyclone Remal, except those departments involved with disaster management and essential services. Meanwhile, the low lying dwelling areas in different districts in Manipur have submerged in the water overflowing from the nearby rivers affecting normal life in the State.

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