

Evening News Script

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THE HEADLINES:-

- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio meets Union Minister Piyush Goyal to discuss trade and commerce avenues
- Regional Resource Centre Director Dr. Raj Prabha Moktan stresses on improving diagnostic services in Nagaland
- Advisor Sethrongkyu Sangtam calls for innovative solutions to build strong defence against cyber threats
- Horti department awarded Promotion of Best Horticulture Farming and Products at International Expo

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today called on Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal in New Delhi. In a social media post, Rio said the meeting discussed strategies to boost trade, foster innovation, attract more investments and accelerate business growth in the State. Goyal said the meeting had explored avenues in diverse areas to promote economic potential of the state and support more livelihoods. The meeting was also attended by Advisor for Industries and commerce, Hekani Jakhlu.

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Director of Regional Resource Centre (RRC), Northeast, Dr. Raj Prabha Moktan highlighted that Nagaland is among few states with commendable infant mortality rate of just four per thousand. In comparison, national rate stands at 28 per thousand. She was addressing one-day training session on Free Diagnostic Services for Laboratory Technicians in Nagaland organized by National Health Mission in collaboration with Regional Resource Centre for NE states in Kohima

today. Despite positive infant mortality rate, Dr. Moktan emphasized on improving other health indicators, such as increasing institutional deliveries. The Director stressed the need to improve diagnostic services in Primary Health Centers (PHCs), district hospitals, and community health centers. She noted that sub-centers in Nagaland currently handle about 10 diagnostic cases, which should be increased to 14, and PHCs handle 40 cases, which should be increased to 63. This expansion is vital for better health outcomes. She urged the state Department of Health and Family Welfare to leverage screening and expand lab facilities, mentioning the potential for increased diagnostic services with support from the 15th Finance Commission. Dr. Mereninla Senlem, State Programme Officer, NHM, presented overview of Biomedical Equipment Maintenance Program and Free Diagnostics Service Initiative, including status and availability of laboratory services.

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The two day National Conference on Cybercrime, Digital Forensics & Intelligence under the theme, 'Cyber Secure Bharat: Fortifying India's Digital Future' began today in Kohima. Advisor for Information Technology and Communication, Economics Statistic & Evaluation, Sethrongkyu Sangtam stressed on the need to collaborate, share knowledge and come out with innovative solutions to build strong defence against cyber threats. Sangtam said that ensuring cyber security requires team effort from all sections of society, and that public-private partnerships are essential to drive innovation and enhance our cyber defence capabilities. Virtually launching a new project titled 'empowering police personnel and government officials of NE states through IT and cybersecurity training', Secretary of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) S Krishnan called upon the police forces to keep observing and upgrading knowledge of technology in order to stay abreast with latest situation. Officials from Nagaland government including DGP Rupin Sharma, MeitY and NIELIT Kohima also addressed inaugural session. Around 20 speakers will speak on range of topics including emerging technologies in cybersecurity and forensics, advanced forensic techniques and tools, combating emerging cyber threat, digital law and policy.

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Department of Horticulture, Government of Nagaland was awarded 'Promotion of Best Horticulture Farming and Products' during the recently concluded International Agriculture and Horti Expo held in New Delhi from 20th to 22nd

July. The Department showcased products from home grown brands such as Perilla seed oil, Ginger powder, Dry Naga King Chilli, Sumac Powder, Candied Mango and Plum during the event. The three GI-tagged crops viz. Naga Tree Tomato, Naga Cucumber and Naga King Chilli were also promoted at the expo. The Department also promoted farm fresh produces such as Chayote, Yam, Pumpkin, Bird's Eye Chilli, Large Cardamom, Dragon Fruit, Pineapple and other fruits.

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Government has said that 755 fast-track Special Courts including 410 exclusive POCSO courts are functional in 30 States and Union Territories across the country. Union Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said this in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha today. He said, government has been implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme for setting up of Fast Track Special Courts for expeditious trial and disposal of pending cases pertaining to Rape and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Meghwal said, the Scheme has now been extended till 31st March 2026, at an outlay of over one thousand 952 crore rupees. The Minister said, these special courts have disposed of over two lakh 53 thousand cases till date.

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Nagaland Police have so far received information on 36 lost or stolen mobiles and 8 stolen vehicles. This comes after its recent initiative on online submission system of complaints with regard to Stolen Vehicles and Lost or Stolen mobiles phones. The Nagaland Police said it has received encouraging response from public. It further advised netizens not to purchase second hand Mobiles or Vehicles to avoid legal troubles and risk losing stolen goods if nabbed by police.

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On the 4th day of the Shiksha Saptah, Schools all over Nagaland celebrated Cultural Day. During an event held at Dr. Neilhouzhü Kire Government Higher Secondary School Seikhazou in Kohima, students performed folk songs, traditional dances, and narrated folk stories of different tribes of Nagaland. Mission Director of Samagra Shiksha, Temsunaro Aier opined that Nagas have a rich repository of stories, songs, folklore and attire. She called to preserve these

legacies. Deputy Mission Director Kelhikha Kenye emphasized on importance of honouring traditions passed down by elders and urged everyone to uphold these values.

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Department of Health & Family Welfare has cautioned against those Packaged Drinking Water, PDW manufacturers and suppliers functioning without BIS License which is a precondition to apply for FSSAI License or Registration. In this regard, it has asked all PDW manufacturers and suppliers to mandatorily register for BIS license irrespective of annual turnover. The department also said any import of PDW/Mineral Water from outside the state without BIS certification will be barred for sale within the state. It said failure to comply with the guidelines will attract penalty under section 58 and 63 of Food Safety & Standards Act' 2006.

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Tseminyu Deputy Commissioner Rohit Singh has notified on enforcement of provisions Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 1945. In this regard, all pharmacy retailers selling Schedule X or H/HI Drugs over the counter within Tseminyu District have been advised and directed to maintain necessary prescription registers and ensure installation of CCTV cameras inside and outside their respective shops at the earliest.

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