

## Morning News Script

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Government has convened an all-party meeting on Sunday ahead of the Budget Session of Parliament. During the meeting, the government will seek cooperation from all political parties to ensure the smooth functioning of both the Houses of Parliament. The Budget Session will be held from 22nd of July to 12th of August. The Union Budget will be presented on 23rd of July. It will be the first Budget of the Narendra Modi Government in its third term.

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Nagaland has been ranked 25th, along with Meghalaya, among all states in the SDG India Index 2023-24 and comes under 'Performer' status. The state also ranks first in SDG 5 (Gender Equality) in the index, and is categorised as Frontrunner in 6 goals, Performer in 7 goals and Aspirant in 2 goals. This was highlighted in the 4th edition of SDG India Index for 2023-24, released by the Niti Aayog on 9th July. According to DIPR, Nagaland's overall composite score has improved from 61 in 2020-21 to 63 in 2023-24. The index uses 113 indicators mapped across 16 SDG Goals to measure the progress of SDGs among 36 states and Union Territories of India. Further, it said, that the State has consistently been working on improving monitoring process and tracking of SDG indicators, capacity building in data systems and strengthening internal review mechanisms within the State. This endeavour is made challenging by Niti Aayog's heavy reliance on secondary data in the report with no consultation mechanism with the State Government. Further, the State Government is taking these matters with Niti Aayog emphasising the need for more rigour in this important process of SDG Monitoring.

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Chief Secretary Dr. J Alam has asked the NCS officers to set a good example at their workplace as people look up to them for leadership, respect and integrity and also take pride in their work. He said civil service is not to earn money but to serve the people which are the fundamental objective. Dr Alam said this during the inaugural function of

Mid-Career Training for Nagaland Civil Service Officers at Training Block ATI, Kohima yesterday. He said the training being the first of its kind after the entry level training, would help them develop new perspectives to look at things in a new systematic way and gain insights to solution. Being the backbone of the governance system, the Chief Secretary said the government has a lot of hope in the NCS officers and called upon them to give their best in whatever capacity they work. Deputy Secretary & Course Co-ordinator, Asalie Lese said 28 NCS Officers in the rank of ADCs, Deputy Secretaries, ADCs, SDO (civil) and EACs will be undergoing the 7-day training while 16 resource persons will cover topics relevant to Administrations.

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The Nagaland Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board (NBOCWFB) began a two day special registration camp for interstate migrant workers and health screening camp at the Smart City Hotel construction site from yesterday. The camp provides labour card registration, eShram registration, bank account opening , and medical check up. Unveiling the camp, Deputy Commissioner, Kumar Ramnikant urged the migrant workers to stay informed and register to avail the various schemes. He emphasized the importance of self-care and encouraged the workers to utilize the free facilities provided at the camp. Deputy CEO NBOCWFB, Vikehieto Naki informed that Nagaland has 6.3 lakh workers engaged in the unorganised sector, as reported by the National Statistical Office during the year 2017-18. While as on March 31, 2024, 2887 migrant workers were registered under e-Shram portal from Nagaland, constituting only 1.08 percent of migrant workers in the State. Naki urged all migrant workers in the State to get register under the portal and come under the fold of the Labour Department. During the camp, the migrant workers were oriented with vector borne diseases by the health department, besides, mosquito nets and medicines were also distributed to all migrant workers.

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Additional Deputy Commissioner, Satakha, Zunheboto, M.S. Thangpong has informed that the portion of the road from Zhekiye village to Sukhai village will be closed for all vehicular movement, from 6:00 am to 6:00 PM with immediate effect, till further orders. A travel advisory issued by the DC yesterday, stated that the closure of vehicle movement is initiated in view of the on-going work for widening and up-gradation of the Zhekiye - Satoi road and for facilitating the smooth implementation of

work without interruptions. Therefore, travellers are advised to take the alternate Satakha-Xuivi-Sukhai route and vice versa.

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