

Morning News Script

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The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, yesterday approved the Unified Pension Scheme, UPS. It will be effective from 1st April 2025. The salient features of the UPS includes assured pension with 50 per cent of the average basic pay drawn over the last 12 months prior to superannuation for a minimum qualifying service of 25 years. This pay is to be proportionate for lesser service period upto a minimum of 10 years of service. It assures family pension at the rate of 60 per cent of pension of the employee immediately after his or her demise. UPS assures minimum pension of Ten Thousand rupees per month on superannuation after minimum 10 years of service. It also includes Inflation indexation, Dearness Relief and lump sum payment at superannuation in addition to gratuity.

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Nagaland Baptist Church Council, NBCC has called for a collective day of prayer as, against it appeals, the Nagaland government hinted at partial lifting of the Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition, NLTP Act. NBCC in press release jointly signed with its affiliated bodies yesterday said that Nagaland is a Christian majority state and their prayers are with leaders who rule the state on their behalf. While acknowledging that Nagaland is a revenue starved state, NBCC asserted that NLTP Act should not be used as a scapegoat. It said that the majority's welfare should always be prioritized in any decision-making process, however, this time, the cabinet completely dismissed the church's appeal and leaders' voices. Stating that revisiting and re-enacting the Act at this time is not the answer, NBCC appealed to the government to increase transparency and accountability in its operation and governance. NBCC said it also heard sensible lectures and discussions about why NLTP Act should be abolished. The church body pointed out that the question of discussion should be on what is the correct thing to do rather than how much one will gain. NBCC reminded that foregoing ultimate principles in order to pursue and satisfy one's goals can result in anarchy.

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The National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme, NVBDCP conducted monitoring exercise for Mokokchung district. The inspection team was led by Senior Regional Director Imphal, Dr LA Singh along with Deputy Director NVBDCP Dr Tinurenla Anichari, state consultants, district consultant, Malaria Technical Staff, and Surveillance Workers. In the past two days, they inspected several locations including Primary Health Centre Longkhum village, Primary Health Centre Ungma village, Dr. Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital, Health Sub-Centre Mokokchung village, office of the Chief Medical Officer at Aliba village, and Lenjem Hospital. The purpose of the exercise was to assess the implementation of NVBDCP and the Non-Communicable Disease programme.



In Choumoukedima, a Walkathon was held yesterday from Choumoukedima 2nd gate to CT Square under the theme "Break Free: Choose Health, Not Harm". Addressing the event as special guest, Choumoukedima EAC Kevethito Rose said that Nagaland is facing severe drug issues. He called for a united effort involving government agencies, such as the district administration, police, education, and medical departments, as well as NGOs like AIDA, CHILDLINE and churches, to combat the drug menace. He reminded that the fight is not against the addict or the abuser, but against the drug itself. Rose urged the community to offer love and support to those struggling with addiction. Members of different child rights clubs participated in the event organized by Child Friendly Dimapur AIDA.



Kiphire district administration yesterday organized a mass social work in view of the Mungmung Festival Cum Mini-Hornbill celebration. Citizens from all walks of life from Kiphire town participated in the said social work. All Head of Departments also conducted social work at their respective office premises.



All India Sainik Schools National Games Group-E and Sports-2024 concluded yesterday at the Sainik School, Punglwa in Nagaland. Gracing the closing function as the Chief Guest, Nagaland DGP Rupin Sharma highlighted that sports teaches a person to disciplined which is the essence of life. Five Sainik Schools from North-Eastern region, Sainik School Goalpara, Sainik School Imphal, Sainik School Chhingchhip, Sainik School East-Siang, and the host, Sainik School

Punglwa, competed across various disciplines during the eventful five days. The Chief Guest also gave away prizes to the winners

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