

## Morning News Script

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The fifth session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly will commence today. The two-day sitting will witness discussion on various matters of Urgent Public Importance. These include the Nagaland Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 2024, which will be introduced in the upcoming session. The Disqualification on Ground of Defection in Urban Local Bodies Bill, 2024 is also slated to be taken up by the Assembly. The Nagaland Work-Charged & Casual Employees Regulation (First Amendment) Bill, 2024 is also expected to be passed by the 14th NLA in its Fifth Session. The Global Open University (Nagaland) (Second Amendment) Bill, 2024, and The Nagaland Goods and Services Tax (Ninth Amendment) Bill, 2024, will also be introduced for consideration and passing during the ensuing Fifth Session. The Nagaland Road Safety Authority (Second Amendment) Bill, 2024, will also be introduced and taken up for consideration on Governor's recommendation. The monsoon session is also expected to witness discussion on the 'Communitisation' policy vis-à-vis electricity.

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Centre has issued Comprehensive Guidelines for Handling Public Grievances to make grievance redressal time-bound, accessible and meaningful. The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions said the guidelines for effective redressal of public grievances seek to empower citizens, streamline the process, and bring greater clarity and focus to the redressal of public grievances. The citizens can register their grievances on [www.pgportal.gov](http://www.pgportal.gov), which will operate as a single window experience. Central Ministries and Departments have to appoint

Nodal Officers for Public Grievances, who will address grievances promptly, fairly and efficiently. They have been asked to set up Dedicated Grievance Cells with sufficient resources knowing schemes and activities. The feedback on disposed grievances shall be sent to the citizen by SMS and email.

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The first meeting of the National Task Force formed by the Supreme Court to make recommendations for the safety, security and working conditions of medical professionals is scheduled to be held today. Sources said the meeting will be held in New Delhi. The meeting will be chaired by Cabinet Secretary, Government of India. The members of the task force include the Union Home Secretary, Chairperson of the National Medical Commission, Surgeon Vice Admiral R. Sarin, Director AIIMS Dr M. Shreenivas and former Professor at the Department of Neurology, AIIMS Dr Padma Srivastava. Earlier, a bench led by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, while hearing the case regarding the rape and murder of a doctor at the RG Kar Hospital Kolkata had set up the national task force to ensure the safety of medical professionals. Supreme Court had directed the task force to submit its interim report within three weeks and the final report within two months.

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Union Science and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh asserted that the new Bio E3 policy rolled out by Prime Minister Narendra Modi will place India as a global leader in upcoming years. Addressing the new bio-economic policy in New Delhi, Dr Singh said, the country's bio-economy has experienced a remarkable growth from ten billion US dollars in 2014 to 130 billion US dollars in 2024. He said that the new Bio E3 Policy is designed to address global challenges such as climate change and depleting non-renewable resources. The Union Minister

added that the policy is also expected to encourage the development of bio-based products and expand job creation.

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The second India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable was held in Singapore yesterday. Both sides deliberated upon six pillars identified under ISMR, which include digitalisation, skill development, sustainability, healthcare and medicine, and advanced manufacturing and connectivity. Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Dr. S Jaishankar, Ashwini Vaishnaw and Piyush Goyal attended the meeting. The delegation from Singapore was led by Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore Gan Kim Yong. During the meeting, the leaders emphasized on ways of further enhancing co-operation between India and Singapore in emerging and futuristic areas. The leaders also discussed plans for commemorating the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries, alongside regional and global cooperation, including ASEAN and G20 developments. They noted that the discussions during the first round of ISMR have resulted in the successful conclusion of MoUs on healthcare, education, skill development, digital cooperation and semiconductor ecosystem cooperation. Earlier, the Indian Ministers called on President of Singapore Tharman Shanmugaratnam and Prime Minister of Singapore Lawrence Wong in Singapore.

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