

Morning News Script

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said, there is an urgent need to revisit the communitisation of Electricity Management. He said the power sector is one of the major defaulting department in revenue generation, incurring an annual revenue loss of about 300 crore rupees. The Chief Minister made this remark in the Assembly yesterday during a discussion on issue pertaining to “Power Sector Reforms”. He said, the reasons attributed by the department for the revenue loss are shortage of manpower, meter readers and O&M staff, power theft among others. Rio pointed out that due to faster urbanisation, there is not much difference in life style and usage of energy intensive appliances between urban and rural people. He said, that if the present trend of increased power demand or consumption continues, the communitised villages will be one of the major contributors for huge accumulated losses to the State in terms of revenue. Rio said, the proposed reforms measures are much needed in supplying quality and uninterrupted power supply to the domestic and industrial consumers. He informed, that the installation of prepaid meter is now mandatory as per the Central government’s notification. Informing that the State Cabinet has approved smart metering coverage under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme Action Plan in totality, the Chief Minister said , implementing 100 percent smart metering is becoming a challenge to the department due to resistance by the CSOs, GBs and ward Chairmen. Rio also felt the need to use the church platform in disseminating the responsibilities of the citizen that they have to pay for the electricity that they consume.

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The fifth session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly, NLA was adjourned sine die yesterday. The two day session began on 27th of this month. NLA Speaker Sharingain Longkumer said the house had a fruitful and meaningful deliberations on topics of vital interest to the State. He said, besides other important businesses, the house passed six Bills. He said seven subjects of paramount importance for

discussion under Rule-48, Rule-50 and Rule-54 respectively were taken up, wherein a total 10 hours 40 minutes were allotted to the participating members. Longkumer also appreciated the members for utilising the medium of zero hour to highlight pertinent and emergent issues concerning the welfare of the people of the state. The Speaker thanked the members for adhering to the rules of procedures, and urged more participation and contributions in future.

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Governor of Nagaland La Ganesan called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi at his residence in New Delhi yesterday. During the meeting, both discussed relevant matters concerning the state of Nagaland. Governor Ganesan also met Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari.

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Nagaland Lok Sabha MP,S Supongmeren Jamir yesterday visited the landslide-affected area near Dzüdza village on National Highway-29. During his visit, the MP met with the Dzüdza Village Council as well as Western Angami People's Organisation leaders and welcomed their opinions and inputs while acknowledging their ongoing efforts in addressing the challenges posed by the landslide. He further assured the villagers and local organizations that he would pressurise the higher authorities to expedite the necessary repairs and ensure that the road is restored urgently. In his interaction with the Contractors, Jamir was assured all necessary interventions to ensure prompt repair and restoration of the affected area. Expressing concern over the disruption caused by the landslide, the MP underscored the need for swift action to restore normalcy and ensure the safety of the residents and commuters who rely on this critical roadway. In addition, the Nagaland Pradesh Youth Congress team, also visited the site and provide support to those affected. Meanwhile, Bharat Benz Chumoukedima also distributed essential supplies to drivers stranded on National Highway-29 due to the recent landslides. Nearly 100 trucks have been stuck along the affected stretch, leaving drivers in need of basic necessities.

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One minor was found dead in Kohima town area on Thursday. PRO Kohima police informed that a report was received on Thursday evening about the death of a minor in Kohima town area . Subsequently, the police team conducted all the mandatory legal formalities - inquest and post-mortem. Officers of DEF Kohima and Forensic Team, Dimapur supervised by Additional Superintendent of Police, Kohima visited the place of occurrence and examined in detail. In this connection, a case was registered and an investigation has been initiated.

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