

## Evening News Script

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says water conservation is a matter of social commitment
- Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale lays foundation stone for Naga Mandi at Seithekema-A
- Governor La Ganesan terms education as cornerstone of progress in society
- Indian shot-putter from Nagaland Hokato Hotozhe Sema to be in action at Paris Paralympic Games tonight

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that water conservation is not just a policy but a matter of social commitment. He said it is also an effort and a virtuous act, and there is generosity as well as responsibility in the act. The Prime Minister was addressing the launch event of the Water Conservation Initiative, 'Jal sanchay Jan Bhagidari' in Surat, Gujarat, through video conferencing today. Modi stressed

people's participation in all water conservation efforts to ensure a sustainable future for our coming generations.

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Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale today laid the foundation stone for Naga Mandi at Seithekema-A. The agricultural marketplace will be developed by Rural Agro Farms Limited Liability Partnership in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture. The foundation stone was laid in the presence of Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Advisor Agriculture Mhathung Yanthung. The facility, covering 10 acres, will include designated areas for grain and vegetable markets, aimed at enhancing trade, providing modern amenities, and boosting the state's agrarian economy. Key features of Naga Mandi include a fair and transparent marketplace for farmers to sell produce at competitive prices, improved market access and reduced post-harvest loss through efficient procurement, storage, and distribution, and Infrastructure supporting economic growth. The Mandi will feature 110 retail outlets for traders, 10 warehouses with a total capacity of 4,000 metric tons, two auction yards, two cold storage units of 500 metric tons each, and Kisan Bhavan for visiting farmers.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said the newly inaugurated Naga Mandi will serve as a hub for wholesale purchase and sale of various agri commodities. In a social media post, he said the Mandi will bring opportunity for revenue generation, contribute to the agricultural and economic development of Nagaland, and foster a sustainable and inclusive environment for the local community. Rio also expressed gratefulness to Minister of State Ramdas Athawale for his commitment to advance the agri landscape in Nagaland.

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Governor La Ganesan today said education is the cornerstone of progress in a society. However, it is the inclusion of spiritual and moral values within that education which will truly shape the citizens of tomorrow, he said. The Governor was addressing the Graduation ceremony of St. Joseph's College Jakhama. He commended the graduating students, and urged them to look towards the future with a sense of responsibility and resolve. The Governor also encouraged the students to use their boundless potential and fresh perspectives, and lead the nation's movements towards Viksit Bharat.



Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, KG Kenye, called for tapping into the full potential of the state's engineers, acknowledging them as key architects of modern life. Speaking at the General Biennial Conference of Federation of Nagaland State Engineering Service Associations at Kohima today, Kenye highlighted the significant challenges faced by engineers, citing the lack of financial resources as a major hindrance to realizing their ideas and visions. The minister lamented Nagaland's lag in infrastructure, commerce, and resource utilization compared to its neighboring states. Despite being rich in natural resources, the state has struggled to harness its potential due to financial and political constraints, Kenye said. He pointed to the stalled development of waterways and roadways, and stressed the importance of power infrastructure, especially hydroelectricity, for boosting industrial growth. Kenye also highlighted the unresolved political situation as a major barrier to private investment and industry development, contributing to high unemployment rates, besides stalling youth from exploring their full potentials.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today stressed upon the significance of attaining education in one's mother tongue. Modi discussed the

impact of the National Education Policy at an interaction with awardees of the National Teachers Awards at his residence in New Delhi. He suggested that the teachers can teach local folklore to students in different languages, so that students can learn multiple languages and also get exposure to the vibrant culture of India.

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The 3rd edition of Organic King Chilli (Naga Mircha) Festival was held today at Seiyhama village, under Kohima district. Director of Horticulture Department Meyasashi inaugurated the festival as special guest. The festival which started in 2022 aims to promote Naga Mircha growers of Seiyhama village, which is recognised for its unique hotness and taste from other King chillies. The festival has become an annual celebration earning Seiyhama village the title "Land of King Chilli". General Secretary of the Organizing committee Savio Metha, said around 150 households from the village cultivate King chilli covering 150 hectares. He said the village grows four varieties of King chilli, differentiated by the colour. The festival witnessed people from nearby villages and Kohima rushing to purchase varieties of king chilli such as dry, fresh, pounded and pickled items. Organic vegetables, fruits and trinkets were also put up for sale. Other highlights of the festival included king chilli eating competition and traditional games. It may be mentioned that Naga Mircha also referred as King chilli or Raja Mircha from Nagaland received the GI certification in 2008.

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Efforts are ongoing to restore the damage and bring normality to the disaster-hit areas on National Highway 29. As an immediate emergency arrangement, a single lane of the highway was opened today and is operational with 20 heavy vehicles at one go. Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Chumoukedima has issued an advisory to ensure smooth movement of essential commodities and travelers

from Chumoukedima to Kohima and vice versa. The advisory said priority will be given to heavy vehicles carrying essential items to ply from Chathe Bridge at Patkai Junction to New Chumoukedima, on an hourly basis depending on the structural integrity of the road and weather conditions. Only light vehicles are allowed to ply from Chumoukedima Town, Old Check Gate, to New Chumoukedima via Old Village Road.

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The state government has declared tomorrow, the 7th September, as a holiday for government offices located in Kohima. A notification by from the home department said this has been in lieu of the declaration of working day on August 24 on account of the recently concluded 5th Session of the Fourteenth Nagaland Legislative Assembly.

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At Paris Paralympic Games, Indian para-athlete from Nagaland Hokato Hotozhe Sema will be eying a podium finish in the Men's Shot Put F57 Final tonight. The competition will begin at 10:34 PM. The event will also see Soman Rana in action for India.

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