

## Evening News Script

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:::THE HEADLINES:::

1. Deputy Chief Minister (Home) Y. Patton chairs meeting on illegal immigrants with civil society organization
2. Chief Secretary Dr J Alam inaugurates th Centre of Excellence for Foreign Languages under Department of Linguistics, Nagaland University
3. Centre asks States and Union territories for screening and testing of all suspect cases of Mpox
4. and, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities calls to action for greater inclusivity and representation in sports

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Deputy Chief Minister (Home) Y. Patton today chaired a meeting to discuss matters on illegal immigrants at Rhododendron Hall, Police Complex in Chumoukedima. The meeting was attended by the Home Commissioner, Director General of Police, Commissioner of Nagaland and representatives from various civil society organizations. During the meeting, Patton apprised the members on the action taken by the police and administration following the viral video of passengers suspected to be illegal immigrants disembarking from the Dimapur Railway station on September 2. He said, immediate actions were taken by the police and administration, including the establishment of three detection counters at Dimapur Railway Station to screen

travelers for illegal immigrants. Upon this, 360 travelers were screened and necessary documents were checked during 3rd and 5th September, he added. Patton said, enhanced monitoring have been set up at several check-gates in Dimapur and Niuland districts, and increased vigilance at eight other interstate check-gates throughout the state He also informed that Deputy Commissioners of the eight border districts are in constant touch with its Assamese counterparts for exchange of information. He said, Inner Line Permit enforcement have also been intensified by the district administration and the police . Director General of Police Rupin Sharma also reported that no significant increase in foot traffic from Bangladesh due to the recent political instability.

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Chief Secretary Dr J Alam today inaugurated the Centre of Excellence for Foreign Languages under the Department of Linguistics, Nagaland University. The Centre of Excellence for Foreign Languages is currently offering six month certificate course in Japanese with 33 students already undergoing the Course. Speaking at the program, Dr Alam said, this kind of initiative requires machineries, commitment and perseverance and emphasised on sustaining quality programme. Stating that resources being a major challenge in the implementation of the Centre , he said, the programme currently funded under the Innovation fund, need to have a proper funding and suggested that it should be funded in the regular budget of Higher Education department. The Chief Secretary also viewed a bright future for the centre, adding that the state government's ultimate mission is to have a department not only for Japanese language but other international languages. Dr Alam also added there has been a growing partnership between Nagaland and Japan especially in Human Resources. Head of Linguistics department Nagaland University, Prof. Pangersenla Walling informed that five students have already found

placement in Japan. Prof. Walling exuded hope that the Naga society will benefit from this initiative.

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The Centre has asked the States and the Union territories for the screening and testing of all suspect cases of Mpox previously known as Monkey pox in the country. Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra issued an advisory to the States in view of the WHO's declaration of Public Health Emergency of International Concern related to Mpox. In its advisory, the Ministry has stressed to create awareness about Mpox and timely reporting and adopting preventive measures to prevent undue panic among the masses. The Ministry also advised for the review of public health preparedness particularly at health facility level at the State and Districts by the senior officials.

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The State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities ( PwDs) said, Hokato Hotozhe Sema'a ground breaking victory in winning Bronze Medal at the Paris Paralympic 2024 underscores the immense talent and potential of young disabled athletes in Nagaland. Lauding Hokato's historic achievement, the State Commissioner for PwDs said, Hokato's accomplishment has set a new benchmark for athletes across the nation, particularly for young disabled sportspersons, who now see him as a shining role model. The State Commissioner also commended the state government's gesture in recognizing his outstanding achievement with a cash award of 1.5 Crore rupees. It said such support not only boosts the morale of individual athletes but also sends a powerful message about the value of inclusion in sports. As the State celebrates this historic win, the State Commissioner also asserted that it is vital to recognise the urgent need for more initiatives to promote and support disability sports. The State Commissioner for PwDs further reminded all that this moment will serve as a call to action for greater inclusivity and representation in

sports, as well as a celebration of Hokato's milestone achievement on the world stage.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today held talks with the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, in New Delhi. The two leaders discussed the multifaceted India-UAE relations and avenues to broaden the comprehensive strategic partnership to new and emerging areas. Five agreements were signed following the talks. These include a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the field of Barakah Nuclear Power Plant Operations and Maintenance between Emirates Nuclear Energy Company and Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited. An agreement for long-term LNG supply between Abu Dhabi National Oil Company and Indian Oil Corporation Limited was also signed. The Crown Prince also visited Rajghat to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

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Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra today released the annual publication Health Dynamics of India (Infrastructure and Human Resources) 2022-23 in New Delhi. The publication offers comprehensive data on health infrastructure and human resources as of March 31st of each year. This data is important for stakeholders in the health sector, as it supports effective planning, monitoring, and management of health infrastructure across the country. On the Occasion, Union Health Secretary Chandra said, the annual publication is a valuable document furnishing much needed information on manpower and infrastructure within National Health Mission. He said that the data is immensely helpful in understanding the requirements of the states, their priority areas and formulating policies and targeted campaigns.

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The Directorate of Art and Culture, Kohima has invited application from the Voluntary organisations, Research Scholars, Universities and colleges on Financial Assistance for the preservation and development of cultural heritage of Himalayas 2024-25 under North East Zone Cultural Centre. The Department said, the applicant should be an Indian citizen and indigenous inhabitant of the concern state. The Research Scholars, Universities and Colleges should forward their application through the U.G.C to NEZCC, Dimapur. It said, application complete in all respect will be placed for consideration of the Expert Committee in the meeting, which will be constituted by the Ministry of Culture. The Application Forms and other details can be collected from the Office of the Directorate of Art and Culture Affairs, Government of Concerned State or Shilpgram, Panjabari, Guwahati and Headquarter Office, Dimapur. The forms are also available in NEZCC Website [https:// nezccdimapur.org.in](https://nezccdimapur.org.in) and [https:// www.facebook.com/NEZCC](https://www.facebook.com/NEZCC). Last date for submission of the application is 31st of October.

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