

Morning News Script

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The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, AFSPA, has been extended in eight districts of Nagaland and a few areas in five districts for six months, effective from 1st October. According to a notification from the Home Ministry, these districts are Dimapur, Niuland, Chumoukedima, Mon, Kiphire, Noklak, Phek, and Peren. AFSPA has also been extended in three districts of Arunachal Pradesh and a few areas in Namsai district for six months. The districts are Tirap, Changlang, and Longding.

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Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances seized by the Narcotics Cell were destroyed at Kohima Municipal Council dumping site Meriema in Kohima. The destruction was carried out by the Drug Disposal Committee, under the Inspector General of Police (CID), Police Headquarter Kohima. The total items seized during 2022- 2023 included 500 soap cases of Heroin, 44 packets of Opium and 25 packets of Yaba Tablet worth over 44 crore rupees. The seized items were destroyed in the presence of officials from the Police, District Court, Kohima Municipal Council and Kripa Foundation among others.

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The central government has announced an increase in minimum wage rates by revising the Variable Dearness Allowance. The new wage rates will take effect from the 1st of next month. The revised wages are intended to help workers, particularly those in the unorganized sector. The minimum wage rates are categorized based on skill levels, as well as by geographical areas A, B, and C. After the revision, minimum wage rates for workers in area 'A' in construction, sweeping, cleaning, and loading and unloading for unskilled work will be 783 rupees a day. For semi-skilled workers, the minimum wage will be 868 rupees a day, and for skilled, clerical, the minimum wage will be 954 rupees a day. For highly skilled workers, the revised wage will be 1,035 rupees a day.

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Nagaland State department of School Education and Sathya Sai Annapoorna Trust held the launching programme of SaiSure Multinutrient Health Mix to School Children under PM Poshan at Government Middle School in Peren district yesterday. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner of Peren, Hiazu highlighted on importance of the centrally sponsored scheme, PM POSHAN and stressed on the need to enhance healthy nutrition to school going children. He also said, the National Education Policy 2020, aims to transform the education system in India to make it more inclusive, equitable and aligned with the needs of the 21st century. National Manager, Sathya Sai Annapoorna Trust, Allath Santosh in his address spoke on the importance of nutrition in growing children and how daily morning nutrition can make a difference in the growth and development of the child. Santosh also emphasized on how SaiSure multinutrient supplement would aid in improving the health of the children.

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Director of Youth Resources and Sports, Kethosituo Sekhose has informed that the Department will launch the first-ever Hornbill Esports Championship during the 25th Hornbill Festival. The tournament will feature popular games like Battlegrounds Mobile India, Dota 2, and FC24, along with a Cosplay Competition. Addressing a press conference at Indira Gandhi Stadium in Kohima yesterday, Sekhose said the tournament marks a significant step for Nagaland, showcasing the state's commitment to youth, technology and global opportunities. He highlighted that esports is gaining mainstream recognition worldwide, with an esports Olympic event set for 2025 in Saudi Arabia. Sekhose said the tournament, is being organized in collaboration with Level Up Consultancy, is expecting 300 to 400 participants from across the Northeastern states. He said Prize allocations will include three lakh rupees for BGMI, two lakhs for Dota 2, and 50,000 each for FC24 and the Cosplay Competition. Registration, with a fee of INR 2000, will close by mid-October. The Director further informed that Preliminary rounds will be held online, while the finals will take place at Indira Gandhi Stadium in Kohima, on December 6 and 7. For registration and more information, participants can visit Instagram @hornbillesportschampionship or contact 8731830244 and 8837269793.

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