

Morning News Script

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Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K.G. Kenye, has said that talks on the Frontier Nagaland Territory Authority demand by the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO) are progressing smoothly. Addressing a press conference after the State Cabinet meeting in Kohima yesterday, Mr Kenye expressed hope that the Central Government will approach the matter with sincerity and avoid unnecessary delays in scheduling the process. He said, the State has already submitted its recommendations to the Centre, which held discussions with the ENPO in August and September. He informed that while most issues have been agreed upon, some areas still need review. To examine these matters in detail, Mr Kenye said, a sub-committee has been constituted by the Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department, with representatives from the ENPO.

The Minister further explained that the core issues revolve around the dissolution of the FNTA's executive council, the administrative arrangement in the event of a constitutional breakdown, as well as matters concerning funding patterns and the appointment of officials in the region.

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In Kohima, Excise personnel manning the Khuzama inter-state check gate seized 500 cases of assorted Indian Made Foreign Liquor on Wednesday morning. According to Deputy Commissioner of Excise, Kohima, Venezolu Dawhuo, the liquor was found hidden under bags of essential commodities in a truck. The driver, Rashidul Islam, aged 20 from Goalpara District, Assam, was arrested for violating the Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition Act, 1989. Preliminary investigation revealed that the consignment was loaded from Dimapur and meant for delivery in Imphal.

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Local entrepreneurs and farmers in Nagaland have welcomed the new Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms, highlighting their positive impact on small businesses, consumer transparency, and affordability. Arhoni Murry, who runs a small car parts workshop with her husband in Wokha District, says, the revised GST structure has made auto spare parts more affordable and improved profit margins for small traders. She said, it has helped them save on costs and earn a little better profit. Ms Murry further noted that the new billing system has made transactions more transparent.

A local farmer from Wokha, Aben Kikon shared that he recently purchased agricultural machines and tools at subsidised rates through the newly introduced GST initiative.

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The Sansad Khel Mahotsav 2025 will be held across Nagaland from October 29. Aligned with the vision of the Fit India Movement, the Mahotsav is organised under the initiative of the Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Nagaland, in collaboration with all district administrations. It aims to identify grassroots sporting talents and encourage participation in both indigenous and mainstream sports. In a statement, the MP's Press Secretary, Tenyebinlo Himb, said the event reflects S. Phangnon Konyak's commitment to promoting youth empowerment and a vibrant sports culture. Further, the MP has appealed to athletes and sports enthusiasts across Nagaland to take part with dedication, discipline, and determination, and to use this opportunity to showcase the State's sporting spirit and youthful energy. Participants can register at sansadkhelmahotsav.in or contact the MP's office at 70055 22129 / 96125 23278, to join this celebration of sportsmanship and a Fit, Viksit Bharat.

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