

Morning News Script

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Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang has called on the people to work towards building a Nagaland where every young person can dream freely, play proudly, and live peacefully. Speaking at the closing ceremony of the 25th NSF Martyrs' Memorial Trophy yesterday, He urged citizens to turn differences into strength, challenges into opportunities, and individual dreams into shared goals. Paying tribute to Late Kekuojalie Sachü and Late Vikhozo Yhoshü, in whose memory the trophy was instituted, he highlighted that the tournament embodies the spirit of unity, sacrifice, and hope. The Deputy Chief Minister also commended the Naga Students' Federation and Angami Students' Union for sustaining the tournament for over 25 years, noting its role as a powerful force for peace, harmony and unity.

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The first-ever Naga Influencers Summit 2025 began yesterday at The Heritage, Kohima. The three-day event aims to promote ethical influence, purposeful creativity, and professional growth, and will feature various panel discussions, workshops, and concerts. During the opening session, educator Theyiesinuo Kreditsu, emphasized that true influencers do not just set trends, but they explore possibilities and demonstrate that progress should benefit all of society, not just a select few.

Head of Programme, Akashvani Kohima, Ella Kayina, raised concerns about fake news and digital footprint in the age of Artificial Intelligence. Noting that even deleted content can be traced, she urged caution in what one shares online. She also highlighted the station's diverse activities. The summit will conclude on October 20 with an award ceremony.

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Ahead of the festive season, Commissioner of Police, Dimapur has issued an advisory, urging eco-friendly celebrations and adherence to restrictions on bursting firecrackers in the district. The advisory said, firecrackers will be allowed only between 8:00 PM and 10:00 PM on Diwali and similar festivals, and from 11:55 PM to 12:30 AM on Christmas and New Year's Eves. It stated that only Reduced Emission or Green Crackers will be used and sold through licensed traders. Bursting of firecrackers in silence zones, that is within 100 meters of hospitals, schools, courts, and religious places, is strictly prohibited. Firecrackers exceeding the permissible noise limit will also be banned. The Advisory added that violators will be penalized as per law.

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Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the Finance Ministry is closely monitoring the prices of 54 products to ensure that the benefits of the revised GST are reaching the end consumers. She was addressing the joint press conference on GST Bachat Utsav in New Delhi yesterday, along with Union Ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw and Piyush Goyal.

She added that rate reduction, simplifying the process, bringing down number of slabs from four to two, and resolving classification-related issues have all been completed well before time. She asserted that GST 2.0 have given a major boost to the country's economy, leading to record sales across key sectors such as electronics, automobiles, and consumer goods.

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And in sports... Nagaland United Sports Club won 3-1 against Chedema Village Youth Organization to claim the 25th Anniversary Edition of the NSF Martyrs' Memorial Trophy 2025. In the finals played at IG Stadium, Kohima, yesterday, Arap Konyak, Joel Haokip, and Manton Konyak scored a goal each for the champions. Besides the trophy, the champions won a cash prize of 5 lakh rupees. The runners-up were awarded 3 lakh rupees. Among the individual Awards, Sanathoi Metei of Nagaland United SC was named Player of the Tournament, while his teammate Sanaton Singh won Golden Glove. Thokchom

Adison Singh of Mez & Co won the Golden Boot as the Top Scorer of 10 goals.

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