

Morning News Script

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Parliament has passed the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin): Viksit Bharat - G RAM G Bill, 2025, with the Rajya Sabha approving it last night. The Lok Sabha passed the Bill earlier yesterday. The Bill seeks to establish a rural development framework aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. Under the legislation, a statutory guarantee of 125 days of wage employment will be provided in every financial year to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to undertake unskilled manual work. Replying to the discussion in the Rajya Sabha, Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the government is working with the motto of Nation First.

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The Government of Nagaland has officially notified 19 local languages and dialects spoken in the state for engaging Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication. In a notification, the Home Department said the identification of local languages is in line with the Department of Posts' requirement for certifying language proficiency of GDS applicants. We have a report-

V/C:- The notified languages include Angami, Ao, Chang, Chakhesang, Konyak, Khiamniungan, Lotha, Phom, Pochury, Rengma, Sumi, Sangtam, Tikhir, Yimkhiung, Zeliang, Garo, Mikir, Kuki and Kachari. Deputy Commissioners of the respective districts have been designated as the certifying authorities for language proficiency within their jurisdictions. The notification will come into force from the date of its publication in the Nagaland Gazette.

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The Nagaland Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Mission (NSEDMD), under IDAN, has initiated a Heavy Vehicle Operation and Machinery Training Programme in collaboration with the Modern Mechanical and Workshop Training Centre, PWD, at Shokuvi, Chümoukedima. The first phase of the training courses, spanning one to two months, combined classroom instruction with hands-on practical training, covered 45 candidates from various districts of Nagaland. Speaking at the certification programme held yesterday at the training Centre, Shokuvi, Project Lead, NSEDMD-IDAN, Meripeni, said the initiative is the first of its kind in Nagaland and aims to build a strong pool of local manpower in the heavy vehicle and machinery sector. In line with its vision to strengthen employment linkages, NSEDMD-IDAN appealed to the Nagaland Contractors' Union and other associations, consortiums, agencies, and companies in the construction sector to engage the services of the trained Naga youth. Stakeholders interested in utilising the trained manpower or seeking further information may contact NSEDMD through its official portal at nsedmd.gon@gmail.com.

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The second phase of the Civil Defence Wardens and Volunteers training under the Office of the District Commandant, Home Guards, Civil Defence & SDRF, Kohima, concluded yesterday in Kohima. Conducted from December 12 to 18, the training involved wardens and volunteers from Ward No. 8 to Ward No. 19 colonies and focused on strengthening disaster preparedness and response mechanisms at the community level. Addressing the event, District Commandant Wopenthung Kikon urged the wardens and volunteers to act as responsible first responders in their respective wards, share the knowledge gained with community members, and actively participate in future drills to ensure sustained preparedness. Mr Kikon expressed confidence that the successful completion of the second phase would significantly strengthen Kohima district's resilience to disasters.

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Assistant Professor, Department of Law, Nagaland University, Dr. Rumi Dhar has been awarded the Best Paper Presentation at the 1st Asia Pacific Conference on Engineering, Education, Social Science and Humanities held in Bangkok, Thailand, from December 15 to 16. Among international participants, Dr. Dhar's research paper titled "Regulation of Transborder Data Flows under Data Protection and Privacy Law: Past, Present and Future", co-authored with Miss Sonia Nath, was selected for the recognition.

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And, on to sports, At the Nagaland Cross Country Championships 2025 held in Chümoukedima yesterday, Nahtei N. Wangnao and Tsuchoi T emerged champions in the Senior Men's and Women's 10 km races respectively. In the Under-20 category, Takasanen Longkumer won the men's 8 km event, while Jemie Y topped the women's 6 km race. Temsumoa Jamir and Chongsop P claimed titles in the Under-18 men's and women's events respectively. In the Under-16 category, Ramton Aranghom secured first place in the boys' 2 km race, while Supei S won the girls' 2 km event. Meanwhile, Assam (Golaghat) retained the 3rd Assam–Nagaland Friendship Trophy by defeating the hosts by 12 runs.

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