

Morning News Script

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Special Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav arrived in Nagaland yesterday on a two-day official visit to inspect projects implemented under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme. On his arrival at Dimapur Airport, Dr. Yadav was received by Additional Secretary, Finance & IDAN, Vineet Kumar, along with other officials. He inspected projects at the Police Complex in Chumoukedima, including the Officers' Mess and Football Stadium constructed under various phases of the SASCI scheme. He also visited the Unity Mall project and the Chumoukedima Police Station, where he reviewed the barracks and Type-III quarters constructed under SASCI 2023–24. During the inspection, Dr. Yadav was accompanied by Finance Commissioner and Commissioner & Secretary to the Chief Minister, Nagaland, Kesonyu Yhome, along with other senior officials. He interacted with officials at the project sites and reviewed the status of ongoing works. The visit aims to assess the implementation of projects and review the utilisation of funds under centrally supported schemes in the state.

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The National Health Authority under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has introduced modifications in hemodialysis packages under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. The changes include limiting dialysis cycles per pre-authorization to six, mandating two bio-authentications at entry and exit for each cycle, and capping the maximum duration between entry and exit at four hours. The measures aim to bring uniformity across States and curb misuse or malpractices. While supporting these objectives, the Nagaland Health Protection Society has expressed concern over possible operational challenges for hospitals and inconvenience to patients. The Society has requested the National Health Authority to review the modifications to ensure a balance between accountability and patient convenience. A response from the Authority is awaited. Meanwhile, it has been clarified that insurance companies cannot introduce any systemic or policy changes in this matter.

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The Department of Art and Culture, Government of Nagaland, has launched a state-wide manuscript survey under the Gyan Bharatam Mission, a national initiative of the Ministry of Culture. The Mission aims to identify and document manuscripts and historically significant records to create a comprehensive national database and preserve India's documentary heritage. We have a report-

In Nagaland, documentary heritage holds a unique character, as much of the State's historical knowledge has traditionally been preserved outside formal archival systems. Such materials are often found in church archives, missionary records, village institution, early translation, customary records and private family collections. The ongoing survey will systematically identify and document these materials through a national digital platform. The Department therefore appealed the institutions, organisations and individuals to cooperate by sharing information on any manuscripts or old records in their possession. The exercise is limited to documentation and recording of information, and does not involve the removal or transfer of materials from their custodians.

Further, the department emphasized that public participation is crucial for the successful implementation of the Mission and for safeguarding Nagaland's rich documentary heritage.

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Equestrian athlete Kekhriesilie Rio from Nagaland, riding Presley OL, won the Grand Prix at Haras de Liverdy in France in a showjumping competition. Vice-President of the Athletics Federation of India, Abu Metha, described it as a remarkable achievement in international showjumping. Sharing a visual of the ride, he said it is a powerful reminder that, with the right opportunities, the youth can scale the very highest levels. Mr. Metha congratulated him and urged him to keep jumping higher and continue making the state proud.

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And, India Meteorological Department has forecast fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning is expected in the Northeast region including Nagaland over the next five days. Gusty winds with speeds reaching 30 to 50 kilometres per hour are likely during this period. The weather office has also forecast thundersquall activity today in Nagaland, with wind speeds reaching 50 to 60 kilometres per hour and gusting up to 70 kilometres per hour. Isolated heavy rainfall is likely across Nagaland till 1st of May.

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