

Morning News Script

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Government of Nagaland has entered into a landmark Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Tata Motors Limited for the procurement of 43 buses to strengthen and expand public transport services under the Nagaland State Transport department. The tripartite agreement was signed in Kohima yesterday by Additional Chief Engineer representing NST, Merangkaba Imchen, OSD from the Finance Department Ketoulhou Metha, and Deputy General Manager (Sales & Marketing) at Tata Motors, Ajay Gupta, in the presence of Chief Secretary Sentianger Imchen. The 13 crore rupees project will be implemented through a deferred payment model, with Nagaland paying in three instalments over a period of three years, beginning with a 5 crore rupees mobilisation advance, followed by two instalments of 4 crore rupees each. The payments will be serviced through State Plan allocations, minimizing additional financial burden and avoiding conventional borrowing. NST is expected to receive the new fleet of buses within three months, significantly boosting capacity and improving passenger safety, comfort, and connectivity across urban and rural areas. The initiative is also expected to enhance inter-district and interstate transport services. The agreement is a first-of-its-kind structured procurement model between Tata Motors and a government entity, and one of the largest fleet expansions for NST.

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The Union Cabinet yesterday approved a proposal to introduce the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 in Parliament. Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, the Bill seeks to amend the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956 to increase the sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court by four, from the present 33 to 37, excluding the Chief Justice of India.



The Union Cabinet has approved the Mission for Cotton Productivity, Kapas Kanti, with an outlay of over 5 thousand 6 hundred crore rupees to address bottlenecks, declining growth, and quality concerns in India's cotton sector. Addressing a press briefing in New Delhi yesterday, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the mission aligns with the Government's 5F vision, Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign, and focuses on enhancing cotton productivity.

The Union Cabinet has also approved the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0. The Minister shared that the scheme aims to provide credit guarantee support to help businesses manage short-term liquidity mismatches arising from the West Asia crisis. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has also approved a Fair and Remunerative Price of

365 rupees per quintal for sugarcane for the 2026-27 sugar season, based on a basic recovery rate of 10.25 percent. The Union Cabinet has also approved two more semiconductor projects under the India Semiconductor Mission.



Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav said that music is not only an art but also a responsibility to inspire, uplift, and bring positivity into society. Speaking at the 10th anniversary celebration of Musik-A in Dimapur, he encouraged students to continue pursuing music with discipline and perseverance. Congratulating the institution, Mr. Yadav said the event marked a significant milestone for Musik-A, celebrating a decade of nurturing musical talent and promoting the rich cultural landscape of Nagaland. The Governor lauded the organisation for its consistent efforts in encouraging creativity and providing a platform for young artists to showcase their talent. The Governor also launched the official website of Musik-A. Founder of Musik-A, Aloba Naga, said they are equally committed to promoting culture and traditions through music events and education.

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