

Morning News Script

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Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav said that India's strength lies in its rich diversity of cultures, languages and traditions. He was speaking at the West Bengal State Foundation Day celebration held yesterday at Lok Bhavan in Kohima. The Governor described West Bengal as a cradle of intellectual thought, cultural renaissance, literature, art, science and social reform, and highlighted its significant contribution to India's freedom movement and nation-building. He paid tribute to luminaries including Rabindranath Tagore, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, and Swami Vivekananda. Mr Yadav said that State Foundation Day celebrations promote the spirit of national unity, mutual respect and stronger ties among different communities. Stating that the people of Nagaland and West Bengal share a common commitment to peace, progress and development, the Governor expressed confidence that such events would help contribute towards building a stronger and more united India.

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Higher Education Minister, Temjen Imna Along, has called for transformative education, technological adaptation and community engagement to prepare youth for future challenges. Addressing the Institutional Excellence Award-2026 programme organised in Dimapur by the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya, Mr Along said the National Education Policy 2020 seeks to equip students with the knowledge, skills and values required for nation-building. The Minister urged educational institutions to promote innovation, practical learning and community development. Highlighting the artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies are reshaping the global workforce, he called on students and educators to continuously upgrade their skills, embrace new technologies and apply their knowledge to address real-world challenges, particularly in rural areas. The Minister added that achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 and a

developed Nagaland would require collective responsibility, innovation and active participation from educational institutions, teachers and students.

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The Ministry of Labour and Employment organised a programme under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana at CIHSR Hospital Campus, Chumoukedima, on Friday as part of a nationwide event. Speaking at the event, Commissioner and Secretary for Labour & Employment and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Robert Longchari, urged educated youth to explore opportunities beyond government jobs, noting that public sector employment has reached a saturation point. He encouraged young people to consider careers in the private sector, entrepreneurship and other emerging fields. He stressed the importance of acquiring skills and adapting to changing workforce demands driven by technological and economic changes. He added that employment generation and workforce expansion remain key government priorities and called on youth to take advantage of opportunities under the scheme. A total of nine employment letters were distributed to newly recruited workers at the programme.

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Today is Fathers' Day. The day is celebrated to recognize the contribution that fathers and father figures make to the lives of their children. On the occasion, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said, the role of a father extends beyond responsibility, and is rooted in love, sacrifice, and commitment. Mr Rio said, the day celebrates fathers and father figures for their guidance, care, and selfless support, which positively impact the lives of those around them.

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International Yoga Day 2026 is also being celebrated across the globe today. This year marks the 12th International Day of Yoga with the theme 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing' which highlights the importance of adopting Yoga as a lifelong practice for healthy, active and dignified ageing. The main event is being held at the historic

Red Road in Kolkata with Prime Minister Narendra Modi leading the nation in the practice of the Common Yoga Protocol. The Ministry of Culture is organising special Yoga celebrations across 100 iconic locations in the country. In Nagaland, official celebrations will be held tomorrow.

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National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET) UG 2026 re-examination will be conducted today. The re-examination will be held across 551 cities in India and 14 cities abroad for over 22.79 lakh candidates. Ahead of the examination, National Testing Agency (NTA) conducted nationwide mock drill yesterday to verify all systems jammers, CCTV, frisking staff and biometrics. The examination will be held from 02:00 PM to 05:00 PM. The NTA said that it is fully prepared for the smooth, fair and transparent conduct of the examination.

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