

Morning News Script

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Nagaland advanced its proposed Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Kiwifruit at Pfutsero with a high-level meeting between Minister for Water Resources Development and Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse, and an 11-member delegation from New Zealand and New Delhi held in Kohima. The meeting held on Sunday was attended by Commissioner and Secretary of Horticulture, Akumla Chuba, along with officials from the department. The delegation included six technical experts and scientists from New Zealand's Bioeconomy Science Institute (BSI), representatives from the New Zealand Embassy in New Delhi and an official from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. A key focus of the visit is the installation of a weather station at the proposed CoE site in Pfutsero. The facility, the first of its kind under the Nagaland Horticulture Department, will collect real-time weather, water and soil data to support precision farming practices and enhance kiwifruit productivity in the state. Besides establishing the weather station, the BSI team will conduct preliminary surveys for the Centre of Excellence and interact with kiwifruit growers across Nagaland to assess existing cultivation practices and identify opportunities to improve yield and fruit quality. During the meeting, Minister Kruse expressed appreciation to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and the New Zealand delegation for their support and interest in the project. She also proposed the possibility of future exchange programmes that would enable farmers from Nagaland to visit New Zealand for hands-on training in advanced kiwifruit cultivation techniques.

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The Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, has notified the maximum speed limits for various categories of motor vehicles along key routes in Dimapur and Chümoukedima districts. The order has been issued under Section 112(2) of the Motor Vehicles Act, as amended by the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019, and as authorized by the State Government. According to the notification, the maximum speed limit has been fixed at 50 kilometres per hour on the stretch from Zion Hospital Junction to Chümoukedima along NH-29. Within the Dimapur city area, vehicles will be allowed to travel at a maximum speed of 30 kilometres per hour. On the new four-lane NH-29 bypass from Kushiabill towards Chathe Bridge via Patkai and Seithekema, the speed limit has been fixed at 80 kilometres per hour. The notification further stated that, in accordance with the guidelines

of the Supreme Court, no heavy vehicles, trucks or commercial vehicles shall be permitted to park or stop on national highways except at designated bays, lay-bys or wayside amenities. In cases of vehicle breakdowns or emergencies, motorists have been directed to use hazard lights and reflective warning triangles to alert other road users and prevent accidents. The Commissioner of Police has informed that the order came into force with effect from June 1.

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The Governor of Nagaland has appointed Members of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly (MLAs) as chairmen of the District Planning and Development Boards (DPDBs) for 2026–27 with immediate effect. According to a notification issued by the Planning and Transformation Department, the appointments have been made in supersession of all earlier notifications. Hekani Jakhalu has been appointed chairperson of the Dimapur DPDB, Namri Nchang for Peren, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome for Kohima, K.G. Kenye for Phek, Metsubo Jamir for Mokokchung, K.T. Sukhalu for Zunheboto, Mhathung Yanthan for Wokha; Ching Kang Konyak for Mon, A. Bangtick Phom for Longleng, and Imtichoba Chang for Tuensang. Further, C. Kipili Sangtam has been appointed chairperson of the Kiphire DPDB; Benei M. Lamthiu for Noklak; Jacob Zhimomi for Niuland, Keoshu Yimkhiung for Shamator; Zhaleo Rio for Chumoukedima; Jwenga Seb for Tseminyu, and Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe for Meluri.

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And, As part of the nationwide celebrations leading up to the 12th International Day of Yoga 2026, Assam Rifles conducted a Yoga Session for students at Little Flower Higher Secondary School, Kohima yesterday. The programme witnessed a total of three teachers, 70 girl students and the Assam Rifles personnel. During the session, participants were guided through various yoga postures and breathing exercises aimed at enhancing concentration, flexibility and overall well-being. The initiative was organised to encourage the younger generation to embrace yoga as a way of life while promoting the values of harmony, discipline and holistic health.

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