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:: THE HEADLINES ::

1. One Assam Rifles personnel dead, four injured in suspected IED blast in Chümoukedima
2. SASCI meeting reviews implementation of Livestock Sector Reforms in Nagaland
3. Nagaland makes foundation training mandatory for Directorate ministerial staff
4. Supreme Court says citizenship determination must follow due process

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In a tragic incident, one Assam Rifles personnel was killed and four others were injured in a suspected improvised explosive device, IED, blast at Khopanala, near Shukhovi in Chümoukedima district today. Director General of Police Rupin Sharma confirmed this to Akashvani News Kohima. Mr Sharma said, the blast is suspected to have originated from an auto-rickshaw. However, he added that authorities have launched an investigation into the incident and further details are awaited. No civilian injuries have been reported. According to sources, the Assam Rifles convoy was on its way to Dimapur when the explosion occurred around 2:00 PM this afternoon. The injured personnel have been admitted to the Christian Institute of Health Sciences and Research for medical treatment.



A review meeting on the implementation of the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) 2026-27 under Livestock Sector Reforms in Nagaland was held in Chümoukedima on Saturday. The programme was organised by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, in collaboration with Nagaland's Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services. Addressing the meeting, Adviser to the Government of India, Jagat Hazarika, said the Centre had allocated 3,000 crore rupees under SASCI 2026-27 for livestock sector reforms for all states. He highlighted that the scheme provides financial incentives linked to performance and capital investment. Meanwhile, Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Angelina Tajen, said the livestock sector remains vital to Nagaland's economy. She highlighted challenges such as difficult terrain, poor connectivity and livestock insurance issues, which make it difficult to complete the programme within the stipulated timeline. Urging greater Ministry support for the state's piggery sector, she advocated promotion of indigenous pig breeds, and review of the support for biosecurity, restocking and compensation under the African Swine Fever Control Programme in view of the recurring outbreaks of African Swine Fever. The programme featured technical presentations on SASCI, the National Digital Livestock Mission and Smart Livestock Farming Vision 2047. Following the meeting, the officers visited two dairy farms in Chümoukedima.



The second Inter-Media Publicity Coordination Committee (IMPCC) meeting was held today at Akashvani Kohima. Chairing the meeting, Additional Director General, PIB Regional Office Imphal, Dr. Engam Pame stressed the need for greater coordination among government media and communication agencies to support the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. Calling for wider public outreach of government and developmental activities, he highlighted the IMPCC's role in fostering cooperation and better communication.

The committee reviewed publicity activities carried out during June, discussed communication plans for the coming month, and resolved to hold IMPPC meetings on the first Friday of every month to strengthen coordination and ensure timely submission of reports to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The meeting brought together representatives from Press Information Bureau, Akashvani, Doordarshan, Information and Public Relations Department, Central Bureau of Communication, and the Defence PRO.

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Nagaland government has made it mandatory for all Directorate Ministerial Staff to undergo a Foundation Course at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI) as a prerequisite for promotion. According to an Office Memorandum issued by the Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department, all existing ministerial staff who have not completed the Foundation Course must take the training. Newly appointed employees are also required to complete the course and attend periodic refresher courses. The one-month course comprises three weeks of classroom instruction followed by an examination. Trainees must pass the examination to be eligible for promotion and will be allowed up to three attempts to qualify. There will be no provision for re-evaluation of answer scripts. All departments have been directed to facilitate the training, giving priority to officials in the promotion zone, while ATI will prepare the training calendar and conduct the course.

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The Supreme Court today ruled that the process of determining citizenship or declaring an individual a foreigner must be carried out through a fair, lawful and reasonable process. The Apex court was hearing a batch of petitions filed by 27 people who had been declared "foreigners" by the Foreigners Tribunals in Assam. The Supreme Court set aside the judgments of the Gauhati High Court that had upheld declarations of the 27 appellants as foreigners. The top court acknowledged that the State has a legitimate and compelling interest in ensuring that those not legally entitled to Indian citizenship do not obtain it through false claims, misuse of legal process, or delay, but stressed that due process must prevail.

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Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Mokokchung, conducted an awareness creation program on vermiculture in Ungma village to equip beneficiaries with proper management techniques. The Department has developed 35 vermicompost units in Ungma under CSLDP 2025-26, funded by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development. During the program, experts highlighted the benefits of the vermicompost in improving soil health, enhancing crop yield, and retaining moisture more effectively. Farmers were encouraged to actively adopt vermiculture to promote eco-friendly farming and boost sustainable crop productivity. High-quality vermi worms were also distributed to beneficiaries to kick start their organic production.

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And in weather... India Meteorological Department has forecast isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall to continue over the northeastern states during the next three to four days.

Nagaland is likely to experience thunderstorm and lightning with heavy rain at most places tomorrow. Heavy rainfall is likely in isolated areas across the state till the 16th of this month.

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