

## Morning News Script

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Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav has called for strengthening higher education through quality faculty development, research and entrepreneurship. He said this while speaking after inaugurating the Academic Staff College and the Naturopathy, Physiotherapy and Medical Laboratory Science units at the International University, Nagaland, in Chümoukedima yesterday. He said the new Academic Staff College would promote lifelong learning and pedagogical excellence among teachers, noting that investing in faculty creates a multiplier effect by benefiting generations of students. Governor Yadav also said that the new health sciences facilities would integrate traditional wellness systems with modern medical sciences while serving as diagnostic centres for the surrounding communities. Encouraging students to become job creators rather than job seekers, he urged them to use innovation and entrepreneurship to address Nagaland's local challenges.

The Governor also called on faculty members to foster critical thinking, ethics and research focused on the state's unique socio-economic and geo-climatic needs.

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Union Minister Pralhad Joshi will be the new Education Minister following the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan. Mr Joshi has been assigned the charge of the Ministry of Education, in addition to his existing portfolios of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New and Renewable Energy. President Droupadi Murmu has accepted the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan from the Union Council of Ministers with immediate effect.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people in the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani today at 11 AM. It will be the 136th episode of the monthly radio programme. More from our correspondent...

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Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, in collaboration with Angetyongpang Development Board held the launching programme of the Livestock Insurance Scheme covering all villages under the 24 Angetyongpang Assembly Constituency in Mokokchung district. The scheme aims to provide affordable insurance coverage for livestock owners with beneficiaries having to pay only 15 percent of the premium, while the remaining 85 percent will be subsidised by the Central and State Governments. Speaking at the programme, Advisor for Water Resources Tongpang Ozukum said that he would sponsor the premium for the first phase of the scheme and encouraged wider participation. Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Kuokehebi Gwirie, said the scheme covers up to 10 cattle units per household and that African Swine Fever is not currently covered under the scheme.

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In view of the deteriorating road condition caused by incessant rainfall, Dimapur district administration 6, has imposed restrictions on the movement of 10-wheeler and other heavy motor vehicles carrying heavy loads beyond the permissible limit on National Highways-29 and 2 with immediate effect in an order yesterday .Deputy Commissioner and DDMA Chairman Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, said,the measure aims to ensure public safety, prevent traffic congestion and minimise damage to roads and other public infrastructure. Heavy vehicles will be all owners to ply on the road in unavoidable cases, with prior permission must be obtained from the competent all authority. The DDMA has directed the Traffic Police and other enforcement agencies to strictly enforce the order and warned that violators will face action under the relevant rules. The restrictions will remain in force until further orders.

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