

## Morning News Script

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The ninth session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly will commence today, with a wide ranging legislative agenda that include the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority(FNTA) Bill, 2026, government bills and discussions on the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act. On the first day of the session, Speaker Sharingain Longkumer will make an obituary reference to the passing away of former Assembly member G. Kughavi, followed by Question Hour. The Secretary of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat will report the assent of several bills, including the Nagaland Town and Country Planning (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2025, the Nagaland Shops and Establishment (First Amendment) Bill, 2025, the Nagaland Appropriation Bills Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of 2026, and the Nagaland Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026. Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton will move a motion for withdrawal of the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority Bill, 2026, which was introduced in the Assembly on March 26 this year. He will subsequently introduce the revised FNTA Bill, 2026. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio will introduce four government bills — the Nagaland Goods and Services Tax (Eleventh Amendment) Bill, 2026; the Nagaland Goods and Services Tax (Twelfth Amendment) Bill, 2026, the Nagaland Town and Country Planning (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2026, and the Nagaland Right to Public Services Bill, 2026. Health Minister P. Paiwang Konyak will introduce the Nagaland Paramedical Council (Repeal) Bill, 2026. The House will also take up various Assembly Committee Reports, Comptroller and Auditor General reports for 2021-22 and 2022-23, besides annual administrative reports. Meanwhile, the Assembly is scheduled to discuss the issue pertaining to the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday attended the opening ceremony of the World Nomad Games in the Kyrgyz capital, Bishkek, alongside a host of visiting SCO leaders, including Russian President Vladimir Putin and Iranian President

Masoud Pezeshkian. The biennial event celebrates the rich sporting traditions, culture and heritage of nomadic civilisations, bringing together countries in a vibrant celebration of their shared culture. Athletes from more than 100 countries are taking part in the games, while the Indian contingent comprises 87 members, including 73 sportspersons and 10 members showcasing Indian heritage.

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Two Food Business Operators (FBOs) in Nagaland have been convicted under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, with both cases resulting in simple imprisonment and a fine of one lakh rupees each. The Directorate of Health and Family Welfare, Food Safety, said the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Court, Dimapur, on August 4, 2026, convicted a defaulting Food Business Operator under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act and sentenced the accused to simple imprisonment along with a fine of one lakh rupees. A similar conviction was also recorded earlier this year, on March 16, in the Court of the CJM, Mokokchung. The department stated that the two judgments mark another landmark step towards strengthening the enforcement mechanism for food safety regulations across Nagaland. It said multiple food safety cases are presently undergoing trial before CJM Courts and Adjudicating Officers in various districts of the state. The Directorate of Health and Family Welfare said it remains committed to monitoring the quality, hygiene and safety of food products sold across the districts and will continue to take stringent legal action against violations of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

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A Sikkim delegation is on a two-day visit to Nagaland to study the implementation of the Nagaland Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme, CMHIS. The delegation, led by Secretary to the Sikkim Chief Minister, Karma N. Bhutia, paid a courtesy call on Nagaland Development Commissioner Y. Kikheto Sema at the Civil Secretariat in Kohima yesterday. Interacting with the visiting team, Mr Sema highlighted the evolution of CMHIS, including improvements in reimbursement rates and expansion of the empanelled hospital network. He said over 70 hospitals across the country are currently empanelled under the scheme, with around 64-thousand beneficiaries registered and approximately

252 crore rupees spent on treatment over nearly four years. Mr Bhutia said Sikkim intends to adopt Nagaland's model and sought technical guidance and continued cooperation from the State Government. The delegation will also hold discussions with the Planning and Health Departments and other concerned departments and visit selected institutions to study CMHIS and other development initiatives.

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