

Morning News Script

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for sensitising Urban Local Bodies to the challenges arising from urbanisation, including population growth and future water requirements, and suggested organising similar Chintan Shivirs for Urban Local Bodies. chairing the valedictory session of the two-day National Departmental Summit on Water yesterday, organised by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, he called for greater adoption of water-saving technologies. Mr. Modi also suggested dedicated exhibitions and workshops, including exposure to global best practices, to enable Indian manufacturers and stakeholders to develop and scale efficient solutions. Emphasising Jan Bhagidari, Mr Modi suggested promoting “Jal Utsav” to create greater awareness among people. He called for making de-silting a regular programme and developing clear criteria and SOPs for de-silting. On dam safety, Prime Minister stressed rigorous preparedness before every monsoon, adherence to prescribed precautions and creating awareness among school students, including through suitable incorporation in educational curricula. The prime minister further called for strengthening knowledge and capacity on water management and governance in universities and higher educational institutions.

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The ninth session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly will resume today, with a wide ranging legislative agenda and business. The revised Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) Bill, 2026 is scheduled to be taken up for consideration and passing today. The original FNTA Bill, introduced in the Assembly on March 26, was withdrawn through a voice vote after Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton moved the motion.

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The Anti-Narcotics Task Force of the Mon Police has disrupted another drug supply chain with suspected links to Myanmar. Two persons were arrested and 14 soap cases containing suspected narcotic drugs were recovered following a

three-day long coordinated operation involving the Naginimora Police Station, Mon Quick Response Team and Mon Police Station. The two accused were arrested from Naginimora on August 31. Their arrest led to the recovery of the suspected drug cache from Wakching village the same day, according to police official. A press release from the Mon police said that the accused persons concealed the drugs underground before proceeding to a different location to evade arrest. The police were however able to close in on them through intelligence-based inputs and field efforts. The release added that the Mon police is also coordinating with the Assam Rifles, Assam Police, Police Headquarters Nagaland, and other concerned agencies for strengthening vigilance along vulnerable international border areas for preventing the movement of narcotic drugs and other contraband.

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Department of Hindi, Nagaland University is organizing a six-day Hindi New Writing Camp for Non-Hindi Speaking Participants. The camp is being jointly organized by the Central Hindi Directorate, Ministry of Education and the Department of Hindi, Nagaland University. The camp is aimed at encouraging participants interested in the language to engage in creative and innovative writing in Hindi.

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Union Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh will chair a high-level meeting with Banks and State Rural Livelihoods Missions (SRLMs) in Mumbai today. The meeting will focus on doubling the individual enterprise credit portfolio to enhance the average quantum of disbursement to Self Help Groups.

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The District Level Youth Festival 2026 for Kohima District is scheduled to be held on 11th of this month. The festival will provide a platform for young people to showcase their talents and creativity, while promoting youth participation and self-reliance. The events will include Declamation as a solo event on the theme “Youth, Skills and a Self-Reliant Nagaland”, along with group events in Folk Song and Folk Dance. All schools, colleges, youth clubs and interested youth in Kohima

District have been invited to participate. Participants must be between 15 and 29 years of age. The festival aims to identify and nurture young talent and select the best individuals and teams to represent Kohima District at the State Level Youth Festival, scheduled to be held on September 29 at IG Stadium. Interested participants can contact the District Youth Resources and Sports Office, Kohima, on or before September 7th.

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