

Morning News Script

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The Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Nagaland, has released the Wholesale Price Index, (WPI) for the quarter January to March 2026, with the base year 2012 as 100. The State recorded a year-on-year wholesale inflation of 3.94 percent during the quarter. Primary Articles registered the highest inflation at 4.20 percent, followed by Fuel and Power at 3.20 percent, and Manufactured Products at 1.16 percent. The WPI also showed a steady upward movement during the quarter. The All Commodities Index rose by 0.55 percent in February and 0.56 percent in March on a month-on-month basis. Among the major groups, Fuel and Power recorded the highest monthly increase of 1.27 percent in February, while Manufactured Products accelerated by 0.76 percent in March. The General WPI stood at 173.26 for the January-March quarter, indicating continued wholesale price pressure in the State, led mainly by Primary Articles.

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The second edition of the Village Fair was held at Chozuba yesterday , bringing together farmers, entrepreneurs, government departments, financial institutions and community organisations to promote rural enterprise. Held under the Local Area Development Fund 2026, the fair was organised by The Green Village Link in collaboration with agriculture and allied departments, NABARD, banks, ICAR-KVK Porba and NSRLM. It featured over 90 stalls, medical camps and cooking and baking competitions. Agriculture Advisor Mhathung Yanthan called for a shift from subsistence farming to enterprise, with greater focus on science, technology, value addition and market access. He said Chozuba has the potential to emerge as a model for farmer-led rural enterprise, citing its kiwi, persimmon, honey and beekeeping potential.

Advisor Kudecho Khamo urged youth to explore entrepreneurship and strengthen links between local producers, buyers and financial institutions.

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The Naga Council Dimapur (NCD) along with its NLTP Committee, has re-submitted a representation to the Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, seeking the lifting of the Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition Act in Dimapur. The NCD said the Act, enacted in 1989, has failed to prevent the widespread availability of liquor, with its Vigilance Committee claiming to have identified over 2,000 liquor outlets in and around Dimapur stretching from Chümoukedima Gate 2, New Field Gate and Manja Gate to Purana Bazar, the Dhansiri River, Super Market, Nagarjan, Burma Camp, New Market and Industrial Estate. The CSOs have proposed lifting the prohibition on a one-year trial basis, with government-regulated sale, fixed timings, designated dry days and Aadhaar-based verification. They also proposed restricting sales to persons aged 23 and above, with a maximum of two bottles per person. Deputy Commissioner Dr Tinojungshi Chang confirmed receipt of the representation and said it would be forwarded to the higher authorities and said the government would take a decision based on its policy considerations.

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A seven-member Central Post Disaster Needs Assessment team from the Ministry of Home Affairs and the National Disaster Management Authority visited Mon District yesterday in connection with the ongoing Post Disaster Needs Assessment, (PDNA) being undertaken in Nagaland. The team is assisting the concerned line departments in compiling and assessing the damages caused by the Monsoon 2026 in the district. During a briefing at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Mon, Deputy Commissioner Wennyei Konyak highlighted the extent of damage caused by the monsoon. Representatives of various line departments also briefed the Central team on the damages in their respective sectors and submitted detailed reports. The Central team encouraged the departments to ensure that all actual damages and losses are properly documented to facilitate accurate assessment and effective post-disaster planning.

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