

Evening News Script

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- Union Minister of State for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal assures financial support for completion of New High Court Complex in Meriema
- 379 Crore rupees required to complete ongoing construction of New High Court Complex
- Urban Development Department says Nagaki City in Chumoukedima proposed under centre's initiative to incubate new cities
- And, NSDMA to conduct annual Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise tomorrow

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Union Minister of State for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal has assured financial assistance for completion of the long pending New High Court Complex in Meriema. The Union Minister visited and inspected the New High Court complex this morning. Speaking to media persons from the Complex, Mr Meghwal informed that during his meeting with Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio this morning, they discussed all pending issues concerning the creation of a separate high court for Nagaland, and financial assistance for completion of the High Court Complex Meriema.

ARJUN BYTE- *(The Union Minister said, the meeting with the Chief Minister was positive and gave his assurance to call for a meeting before the winter session of Parliament)*

During his visit to Tseminyu district yesterday, Mr. Meghwal highlighted key initiatives such as opening new banks and road construction. He noted that funding for roads could be sourced from the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund under NABARD. The Minister emphasized the potential benefits of establishing

nationalized and regional rural banks for financial inclusion, which would directly aid the locals through both central and state funding. He also addressed the PM Awas Yojana, promising to increase housing targets for those without homes. Additionally, Mr. Meghwal assured the construction of a new district court in Tseminyu. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Rio during his meeting with the Union Minister reiterated the need for release of funds for completion of the long-pending New High Court Complex. Mr Rio expressed optimism for a favourable response from the Ministry to establish an efficient justice delivery system in the State.

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An estimated amount of 379 Crore rupees is required to complete the ongoing construction of the New High Court Complex in Meriema. According to the Executive Engineer, PWD Housing, Central division Kohima, the complex has a total projected value of 541.80 Crore rupees. It said, the state government has provided an amount of 162.78 Crore rupees till date. However, it informed that the project cost may increase if the remaining amount is not made available at an early date. As per pre-requisites of a High Court Complex, the project includes various components such as main high court building, residences for Chief Justice, other judges and staff quarters, Bar Association and Council Building, Public Space Building, among others.

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The Urban Development Department has said that the Nagaki City at Chathe Valley in Chumoukedima District is a proposal placed under the centre's Incubation City initiative. Issuing a clarification on the matter, the department said the Incubation City is a competition-based scheme under the 15th Finance Commission grant from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The project is to be funded by the central government, the State Government and willing private investors with preference to local investors. The department said, there is no proposal to avail loan from any lending institution. As per the Master Plan, out of the 330 Hectares Incubation area, about 40-50 percent of the total area will be required for provision of public amenities and common services. It is proposed that the Government will compensate and acquire the required area as per the existing law in the State through the Deputy

Commissioner. It added, the remaining land will be retained by the respective land owners. The Department also clarified that the selection of site has been done keeping in view of the strategic location, existing connectivity, topography of the land and scope for future expansion.

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Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority will conduct the annual Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEX) across the districts tomorrow to test the state's capability to respond to any event of disaster. The 7th edition of NEPEX this year will be conducted by simulating Earthquake Scenario. In the state capital Kohima, the exercise will begin at 09:00 AM with sounding of sirens from PHQ. The exercise will be carried out at five locations, namely, Government Middle School, Bayavü; Directorate of Industries & Commerce office; Miachie-o Lhithochü High School; Naga Hospital Authority Kohima; and Sanuorü Bridge. During the exercise, various search and rescue operations will be undertaken during which sirens, ambulance, and fire brigades will be operational. The public have been advised to refrain from panic and facilitate the success of the exercise.

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The Regional Transport Authority of Kohima met today to address various traffic-related issues impacting the district, with special focus on preparations for the Hornbill Festival. During the meeting, MLA and Chairman of the Kohima District Planning & Development Board, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso, expressed concern over the growing traffic congestion in Kohima. He emphasized the need for a comprehensive study to explore alternate routes and traffic management solutions, particularly in light of the anticipated increase in traffic during the Hornbill Festival. He stressed upon collective effort and cooperation to come up with a lasting solution. Other key issues discussed included identifying a designated junkyard for non-running vehicles to ease parking problems, timing of truck movements within the city, and sensitization of traffic discipline among commuters. The meeting recommended carrying out a study to identify new routes to ease congestion.

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Nagaland Board of School Education, NBSE, will commence the Phase two Class 8 and 9 final examination 2024 from November 26. The exams of class eight will conclude on 7th December, while for class nine, the exam will conclude on December 9. NBSE directed schools to internally conduct examination for the Nagaland Heritage studies (English and Local dialect), Life Skill Education and General Knowledge. NBSE said, the exam routine will not be altered in the event of any unexpected holiday. The board said it will notify the candidates through media in case of any cancellation or postponement of the dates of examination.

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NITI Academy in Dimapur has announced a scholarship programme for students of Nagaland, Karbi Anglong, Assam, and Manipur studying in Class 8 to 12 and below 21 years of age. Under the programme, students preparing for CBSE, NBSE, NEET, and JEE Exams can avail scholarships up to 100 percent, that is 1.80 Lakh rupees, and cash rewards of up to 10,000 rupees for top-performing students through the Morung Scholarship Test. The scholarship test will be conducted on November 10 at NITI Dimapur Center. Schools can also conduct the Morung Scholarship Test for their students on their respective campuses on first four Saturdays in November.

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The State home department has invited recommendations for award of Governor's Gold Medals and Commendation certificates on the occasion of Republic Day 2025. Recommendations or citations of deserving cases can be submitted to the Special Secretary, Home Department by the 30th of next month.

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