

Morning News Script

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asserted that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is committed to advancing national progress and empowering the poor and downtrodden. In a social media post after chairing a meeting of NDA Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Ministers in Chandigarh yesterday, Mr. Modi stated that they had extensive discussions on good governance and ways to improve people's lives. BJP President JP Nadda, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, and Home Minister Amit Shah also attended the meeting, which focused on national development issues. Discussions included the observance of the Samvidhan Ka Amrut Mahotsav. Around 17 chief ministers and 18 deputy chief ministers of the NDA alliance participated in the meeting. BJP National President Nadda noted that this is the first meeting of a non-Congress government attended by all parties, and a total of six resolutions were passed.

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Deputy Chief Minister, Minister In charge of Planning & Transformation and National Highway, T R Zeliang chaired a high level meeting on October 16 to discuss on issues relating to National Highway in the State. During the meeting at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, officials discussed on the observations given by the Ministry of Road Transport & National Highway on various Highway projects in the State, for which a review meeting has been called by the Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on 21st and 22nd of this month at New Delhi. In the meeting, Mr Zeliang emphasized the urgent need to restore and maintain smooth traffic flow on National Highway 29 during the peak season of festival especially with an influx of tourists expected by mid-November. On NHIDCL and National Highway (NPWD) raising reservations to complete the road within the timeframe as committed, citing incessant rainfall, the Deputy Chief Minister said the extending the deadline is beyond question and unacceptable. He directed both NHIDCL and National Highway (NPWD) to put in extra effort and ensure that the works on ground are expedited and completed by end of October. On the sideline of the meeting, matters of Land Act was also discussed as the sanction for NH-202 has been pending in the Ministry due to unresolved Land Compensation issues.

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The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), under the Home Department, is set to conduct its annual Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEX) 2024 on 24th of this month. The exercise aims to enhance disaster preparedness and response capabilities across the state and ensure all stakeholders are ready to manage and respond to potential disasters effectively. Joint Chief Executive Officer, NSDMA, Johnny Ruangmei informed that an earthquake scenario will be stimulated during the exercise to evaluate the state's readiness to respond to disaster situations effectively. Mr Ruangmei said, the mock drill will take place on October 24 from 9:00 AM onwards across all major locations, including the State capital and district headquarters with a sounding of emergency siren bell. In Kohima, the sounding of siren will take place from PHQ. He also informed that local churches have been requested to ring church bell in their respective districts. Mr Ruangmei asked the public not to panic during this mock drill and urged all citizens and stakeholders to actively participate and cooperate in this important exercise and work together towards building a disaster-resilient Nagaland. Meanwhile, a Tabletop Exercises, a prelude to NEPEX aimed at sensitizing stakeholders. In the State

capital this will be conducted on the 22nd October at Capital Convention Hall, Kohima.

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The Nagaland Super League (NSL) is set to begin its inaugural season in 2024. The first edition will feature eight franchise teams compete over the course of the season. The Governing Body of the NSL chaired by President of the Nagaland Football Association and Executive Member of the All India Football Federation, Neibu Sekhose held a meeting on October 17 to discuss the framework and launch of the league. During the meeting, some major key decisions adopted includes- the Governing Body will be issuing 'Letters of Interest' and releasing advertisements inviting potential franchise owners to participate. The criteria for franchise ownership will be clearly outlined and will soon be released for public consumption. With nine members present at the meeting, it reaffirmed their dedication to promoting football excellence in Nagaland. The NSL aims to create a competitive platform for local footballers, fostering growth in the sport while also drawing attention to the rich football culture within the state. The Nagaland Football Association also appealed to all sports lovers, football enthusiasts, and capable patrons to explore the possibilities of owning franchises.

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