

## Morning News Script

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Nagaland's Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K.G. Kenye said, the successful implementation of Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme in the State will significantly reduce the between the Average Cost of Supply and Average Revenue Realized gap of the Department. He said, this in turn, will lead to improvements in Aggregate Technical & Commercial losses, as well as enhance the reliability and quality of the power supply across the state. Mr Kenye said this yesterday while participating in the Conference of Power Ministers of States and Union Territories in New Delhi, chaired by the Union Minister for Power Housing & Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal Khattar. He also thanked the Union Minister for incorporating a funding Generation Plan of 24 percent of the equity for projects to be implemented as Joint Ventures and also funding for the road and bridges in the plan. The Minister highlighted that the current peak demand for electricity in the state stands at 180 MW, with projections indicating to rise to 360 MW by 2030. He said, despite having a total installed capacity of 228 MW, only 26 MW is generated within the state, leaving it heavily reliant on central sector allocations and expensive energy markets to meet the demand. Hence, Mr Kenye said developing local generation projects has become a top priority for the state. The Minister also requested the Union Minister to take favourable action to address the demand gap and ensure that the projected power needs of the State are met by 2030.

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The Naga Students' Federation (NSF) has urged the Nagaland government to establish an independent Inner Line Permit (ILP) Commission to combat the rising issue of illegal immigration. In a representation to the Chief Secretary, the NSF expressed concern that the influx of illegal immigrants threatens the cultural identity and security of the state. While commending the inclusion of Dimapur, Chumoukedima, and Niuland under ILP, the NSF argued that a dedicated ILP Commission is needed for stricter enforcement and coordination with local authorities. They recommended empowering village councils to withhold legal documents from illegal immigrants and promoting community vigilance to support monitoring efforts. The federation emphasized that decisive action is essential to safeguard Nagaland's demographic balance and cultural heritage.

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The NIRDPR- NERC off-campus Write Shop on Development Strategy for the North Eastern states was held with representatives from 15 departments yesterday at State institute of Rural development, Kohima. Assistant professor NIRDPR- NERC, Dr. M. K Shrivastava noted that despite the Northeast's abundant natural resources and rich cultural identity, the region faces significant challenges such as weak infrastructure, limited access to markets, social inequalities among others. He emphasized that addressing these issues is crucial for the region's overall development and integration into the broader national economy. Dr. Shrivastava also advocated that sustainable development is key to fostering long-term growth. Director, NIRDPR-NERC, Dr. R. Murugesan said, the write shop covers the boarder indices of development core sectors of the rural economy, connectivity, infrastructure and services, health and nutrition, skills development and employment, rural industries, banking and Tourism sector.

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Head Hunters FC emerged victorious in the 8th edition of Capt. N Kenguruse MVC Memorial Football Tournament, defeating Mez & Co FC 3-0 in extra time during the final match held at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima yesterday. Halcyon United claimed third place with a commanding 7-0 win over Dynamo FC. Head Hunters FC received a trophy, certificates, medals, and 3 lakh rupees in prize money, while Mez & Co FC, as runners-up, took home 1.5 lakh rupees. Halcyon United earned 75 thousand rupees for third place, and Dynamo FC received 50 thousand rupees. Individual honors include the Golden Boot, Player of the Tournament, Golden Glove, Best Defender and Best Midfielder. The closing ceremony featured Advisor Imkong L Imchen as chief guest and performances from Fifth Note, winners of the “Ticket to Hornbill” band battle.

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