

## Evening News Script

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### :: THE HEADLINES ::

- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio inaugurates Sammogooting Stadium in Chumoukedima
- National Girl Child Day being observed across nation today; Nagaland joins celebration
- District Drug Disposal Committee Dimapur destroys drugs worth over 34 crore rupees
- And, Central Administrative Works Department affirms commitment to support state's infrastructure development

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today officially inaugurated the newly constructed Sammogooting Stadium in Chumoukedima. Mr Rio said, the Stadium is not just a structure, but is a symbol of peace, development and progress. Appreciating the efforts of the engineering team and district administration for completing the stadium ahead of schedule, the Chief Minister highlighted the government's ongoing efforts to provide such facilities in all districts across the state. In his address, he also emphasized on the historical background of the name Sammogooting.

The Chief Minister urged the citizens to respect the significance of the event, and work towards unity and development in the district. He expressed confidence that the stadium will inspire excellence, foster unity, and strengthen community bonds. The Sammogooting Stadium

boasts a standard-size football ground and track field, with a range of modern facilities, including a 1,000-seating capacity gallery, and a disability-friendly design.

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National Girl Child Day is being celebrated across the nation today, with a focus on raising awareness about the rights, education, health, and safety of girls in society. This day serves as a reminder of the importance of treating every girl with respect and ensuring they have equal opportunities to grow, learn, and thrive. The theme for National Girl Child Day 2025 is “Empowering Girls for a Bright Future.”

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On the occasion of National Girl Child Day today, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio urged all citizens to celebrate the strength and limitless potential of every girl. In a social media post, Mr Rio said we must empower, uplift, and create a future, where every girl has access to her rights and opportunities to thrive, lead, and achieve her dreams.

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Nagaland today joined the nation in observing National Girl Child Day. As part of the celebrations in Wokha, the Social Welfare Department visited Anganwadi centers across the district and took pledges to safeguard and promote the well-being of girls. The celebrations were marked by events such as sweet races and molding competitions.

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The District Drug Disposal Committee Dimapur destroyed drugs worth more than 34 crore rupees. The narcotics included brown sugar, shanflower, heroin, Crystal Meth, and Opium straw. among several others. They were destroyed at DMC dumping ground Burma Camp in the presence of Commissioner of Police district administration from three districts of Dimapur, Chumoukedima and Niuland.

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The Central Administrative Works Department (CAWD) has affirmed its commitment to support the state's infrastructure development. In a press conference today, Assistant Chief Engineer Sungtiba Amer, said the state now has 17 Deputy Commissioner (DC) Headquarters, with Meluri District being the latest addition, which is expected to be inaugurated on February 21. Mr Amer expressed gratitude to the state Government for prioritizing General Administration and providing the necessary funding.

The CAWD said projects on the line include District Courts in Mon and Noklak, DC office complexes in Zunheboto, Tuensang, Noklak, Shamator, Niuland, and Tseminyu, among others.

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Former State Chaplain, Rev. K. Luroo, breath his last this morning at Christian Institute of Health Sciences and Research in Chümoukedima. Rev Luroo had served as the State Chaplain from 2009 to 2015. He also served as the Executive Secretary of the Chakhesang Baptist Church Council, and Education Secretary of the Nagaland Baptist Church Council, besides various educational roles. The funeral service will be held tomorrow at Chakhesang Baptist Church, Ministers' Hill, Kohima, at 9:00 AM, after which the mortal remains will be taken to Chozuba Town, and then to his native Rünguzu Nagwü Village.

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has expressed grief on the passing of former State Chaplain Rev. K. Luroo. Remembering Rev. Luroo as a loyal servant of God who was passionate and committed to his calling, Mr Rio said the reverend was an untiring advocate of unity and brotherhood among the Naga communities. His demise is a huge loss for the Naga society, in general, and the Chakhesang community in

particular, the Chief Minister said. Mr Rio prayed that the good works of Rev. Luruo's may inspire all those who knew him. The Chief Minister, on behalf of the State Government, conveyed deepest condolences to the bereaved family, and eternal peace for the departed soul.

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On account of the 76th Republic day, Nagaland government has decided to remit the sentences of certain categories of prisoners having criminal jurisdiction in the state and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment. To this, Governor of Nagaland has granted remission to 34 convicted prisoners lodged in the jails of the state.

**In celebration of the 76th Republic day, Prisoners sentenced to 10 years and above have been given remission of 30 days, while, 20 days remission to prisoners sentenced to 5 years to 10 years, 10 days to prisoners sentenced to 1 year to 5 years, and 5 days remission for prisoners sentenced up to 1 year. The remission order will take effect from January 26.)**

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As many as 135 drugs, manufactured by different pharmaceutical companies, were found to be not of standard quality by the Central Drugs Laboratories and State Drugs Testing Laboratories in November 2024. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said that the identification of drug samples as not of standard quality was done based on failure of the drug sample in one or the other specified quality parameters. It added that the failure is specific to the drug products of the batch tested by the government laboratory and it does not warrant any concerns on the other drug products available in the market. The identification of non-standard and spurious medicines is

being carried out on a regular basis in collaboration with state regulators to ensure that these drugs are identified and removed from the market.

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President Droupadi Murmu will address to the nation tomorrow on the eve of the 76th Republic Day. The address will be broadcast from 7 PM on the entire national network of Akashvani and telecast over all channels of Doordarshan in Hindi and English. Akashvani will broadcast regional language versions of the address at 9.30 PM. Meanwhile, Nagaland Governor La Ganesan's address on the occasion will be broadcast right after the President's address. In view of the live broadcast of the addresses, the Regional News Bulletin in Nagamese and English will be broadcast after the messages.

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