

## Morning News Script

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said, that the Nagaland Super League (NSL) is not just a tournament, but the beginning of a larger movement aimed at igniting a passion for sports and transforming football in the state. Speaking at the grand opening of the first season of the NSL at the Chümoukedima Football Stadium yesterday, Mr. Rio thanked the people of the state and all participants for coming together to make the NSL a reality, adding that the event marks the creation of history for the state. He expressed hope that the league would bring glory to the people, the state, and individuals alike.

### **CM BYTE1:**

Mr. Rio also extended his gratitude to the All India Football Federation (AIFF), under the leadership of Kalyan Chaubey, for their unwavering support and guidance.

### **CM BYTE2:**

The Chief Minister congratulated the Nagaland Football Association, the Nagaland Olympic Association, and the Youth Resources & Sports Department for their meticulous planning and initiative in making the NSL possible. He also praised the seven franchises for their efforts and investments in sports development, highlighting their role in inspiring youth and fostering talent in Nagaland. Sharing his vision for the future of sports infrastructure in the state, the Chief Minister announced that within the next two to three years, all districts in Nagaland would have AstroTurf grounds.

### **CM BYTE 3:**

Mr. Rio encouraged young athletes to remain focused, disciplined, determined, and wholly dedicated to achieving excellence in football and ensure that Nagas are recognized on the national and international football map . On the occasion, the Chief Minister also handed over a cheque of 1.5 crore rupees to Arjuna Awardee H. Hokato Sema. All India Football Federation President Kalyan Chaubey lauded the Nagaland Football Association and the Nagaland government for launching such a significant league which will definitely change

the future of Nagaland in the field of sports. In the inaugural match Barak Football Club defeated Nagaland United Sports Club 3-2.

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In a significant step towards prison reform and inmate rehabilitation, the M/S Ummeed Prison Welfare Service Station was officially inaugurated at the District Jail, Dimapur yesterday. This first-of-its-kind petrol pump, operated by trained inmates under the supervision of prison staff, is a collaboration between the Prison Department of Nagaland and the Indian Oil Corporation Limited as parts of its corporate social responsibility program. Unveiling the inaugural plaque, Advisor for Prisons and Printing & Stationery, Kropol Vitsu commended the innovative project, emphasising , that this service station is not just a business venture but a symbol of hope, skill development, and empowering inmates to reintegrate into society.

#### **KROPOL BYTE:**

Nagaland DGP, Rupin Sharma reflecting on the project's journey, explained that it was born out with a desire to establish self-sustaining, reform-driven programs within the prison system.

#### **SHARMA BYTE.**

Operational since December 23, 2024, the station, equipped with 8 nozzles and a fuel capacity of 12,000 liters, has already served over 17,900 liters of fuel. Managed by nine trained inmates, it aims to generate revenue for prison welfare activities and provide fair wages to the inmates for their contributions.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 38th National Games in a dazzling ceremony at Dehradun in Uttarakhand last evening . The opening ceremony showcased a unique blend of Uttarakhand's folk culture and modern technology. Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Modi termed the mega event a great platform to showcase spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat.' The Prime Minister highlighted that India is making a strong push to host the 2036 Olympics. The National Games are being held in 11 cities of 8 districts of Uttarakhand till 14th of next month. A total of 47 events of 35 sports disciplines will be organized during the event.

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Ahead of the Budget Session of the Parliament, the Government has called an all-party meeting tomorrow . The Budget session of Parliament will begin on Friday. On Saturday, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Union Budget 2025-26 in the Parliament.

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