

## Morning News Script

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Union Minister of State for petroleum & Natural Gas & Tourism, Suresh Gopi had an interaction with officials of District Administration, and various heads of the Department in Chumoukedima district yesterday as part of his visit to Nagaland. Mr Gopi assured that the Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is committed to the development of North East in general and Nagaland in particular. After the meeting, the Union Minister visited the Naga Heirloom Centre at Sovima. Later, the Union Minister called on Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio at his private residence.

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Nagaland's Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, KG Kenye, emphasized the importance of unity among the people and political entities to address lingering issues in the state. Mr. Kenye was speaking at the welcome programme of LJP (RV) leaders, organized by the Chizami Assembly Constituency Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party in Phek district. He also expressed concern over increasing fragmentation among the Naga Political Groups despite shared goals and aspirations. Reflecting on the political landscape, Mr. Kenye noted that political discussions have become more constructive with the active involvement of the younger, educated generation. The Minister stressed the need for a strong home-grown regional party to ensure political stability and continuity.

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The Central Board of Secondary Education will conduct board exams for Classes 10 and 12 from today. The Class 10 exams will conclude on 18th March, and the Class 12 exams will end on 4th April. Over 42 lakh students will appear in these exams from 7,842 examination centres in India and abroad. The exams will be conducted in a single session, from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

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Department of Land Resources Mokokchung District division, launched the District-Level Watershed Yatra at Yimchalu Village yesterday. The event aims to promote awareness and participation in watershed development and land conservation initiatives. Speaking at the program, District Project Officer, Sentinungla highlighted the importance of preventing migration due to

water scarcity and urged the community to implement trenches, tanks, and water conservation structures to recharge land and maintain soil fertility for future generations. Deputy Commissioner of Mokokchung, ThsüvisiePhojiacknowledging water scarcity issues in Mokokchung and other major headquarters in the state, stressed on the need for collective action to conserve and protect water resources. Later, the DC administered the Land and Water Conservation Pledge to the participants.

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The 12th edition of the Nagaland Veterans' Football tournament concluded last evening at Mhainamtsi football ground in Jalukie, under Peren district. The four-day Tournament was hosted by Peren District Veterans Football Association under the aegis of Nagaland Veterans' Football Association. Kohima defeated Dimapur by 2-0 goals, emerging as the Champion of the tournament walking away with the Championship Trophy and a cash prize of 50 thousand rupees, while Dimapur received the runners-up Trophy and a cash prize of 30 thousand rupees. Peren awarded with 15 thousand rupees as the lone qualified semi-finalist. Altogether six districts participated in the tournament. Earlier, speaking on the occasion as Guest of Honor, General Secretary of Tenyimi Union, Dr. Tumda Newme, stressed on the need to preserve our culture, tradition and distinct ways of life.

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