

## Evening News Script

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- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio declares Meluri District as "Land of Fortunes" highlighting its immense untapped potential.
- Nagaland celebrates International Mother Tongue Day; Commissioner & Secretary Kevilenuo Angami stresses on nurturing and speaking in mother tongue.
- Principal Director Thavaseelan K says Languages are essential for both education and sustainable development.
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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi stresses that country requires energetic leaders in every sector.



Nagaland's Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today officially inaugurated Meluri district marking it as the 17th district of the state. This event marks the official carving out of Meluri from Phek, where it was previously a sub-division. The youngest district of Nagaland is inhabited by the Pochury tribe. Congratulating the people of Pochury tribe, Chief Minister Rio said the day marks the beginning of a new chapter of growth, development, and progress of the region. He asserted that formation of Meluri District reflects his Government's commitment to bringing governance closer to the people, ensuring better administration, and accelerating development in every corner of the State. Mr. Rio declared Meluri District as the "Land of Fortunes,"

highlighting its immense untapped potential in terms of mineral resources, natural beauty, and overall development opportunities.

Earlier, the Chief Minister unveiled a monolith near NST Complex Meluri as a mark of official inauguration, followed by inauguration of the Multi discipline sports stadium Meluri.



Nagaland joined in celebrating the International Mother Tongue Day today. In a programme organized by the School Education Department in Kohima, Commissioner & Secretary of School Education Department, Kevilenuo Angami stressed the importance of nurturing and speaking in mother tongue, starting at home, to ensure that children take pride in their linguistic heritage. She expressed her gratitude to Nagaland University, particularly the Department of Tenyidie and the Linguistics Department, for their support in developing Modern Indian Languages textbooks for students across the state. Ms. Angami also acknowledged the contributions of various tribal literature boards, which play a crucial role in preserving the cultural heritage of Nagaland through language and literature.

(we have to start retrospecting, introspecting ourselves and start taking action..... Let us also remember that every language is a treasure trove of history, culture, and every language, whether it's a dialect, because in our tribes also we have various variation, but every language is worth preserving, because it is through language that we pass the stories that make us who we are.)

She also addressed the challenges of implementing the National Education Policy's three-language policy in the state. Ms Angami informed that the introduction of MIL textbooks will be phased, based on the availability of materials and the progress of each tribe's language development.



Principal Director of School Education Department, Thavaseelan K today said that Languages are essential for both education and sustainable development. Addressing the International Mother Tongue Day program in Kohima, Mr. Thavaseelan emphasized that languages especially those of minority and indigenous are disappearing due to societal changes and globalization. Stating that there are over 8000 languages globally, he underscored the importance of preserving these languages particularly in education context.

(Research has, over an extended period of time, always shown that if a kid is taught in her own mother tongue, the learning outcomes are far better. The kid is able to comprehend it much more comprehensively and their engagement is better, their critical thinking skills get better. So that is why ensuring that education systems support learning in one's own mother tongue is extremely critical..... So in our state, our department has made a lot of efforts in order to promote the modern Indian languages, the environment, heritage, studies, textbooks.)



International Mother Tongue Day is being celebrated today. The theme for this year is "Silver Jubilee Celebration of International Mother Language Day". The day promotes awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. On the occasion, Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio emphasized the importance of celebrating the diverse languages and unique cultural heritage that they represent. In a social media post, the Chief Minister noted that preserving our mother tongue is key to maintaining one's identity, diversity, and fostering respect across communities.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stressed that the country requires energetic leaders in every sector as India is emerging as a global power house. Speaking after inaugurating the first edition of the School of Ultimate Leadership (SOUL) Conclave at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi today, Mr. Modi said, the country needs such world class leaders who can set trends and find solutions to global complexities.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister highlighted the importance of SOUL in creating world class leadership.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhutan's Prime Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay said, it is yet another testament to Prime Minister Modi's unwavering commitment to nurturing authentic leaders. The two-day SOUL Conclave will serve as a premier platform where leaders from diverse domains like politics, sports, arts and media, the spiritual world, public policy, business, and social sector will share their inspiring life journeys.



Director (Dental) of Health & Family Welfare Department, Nagaland, Dr. Meribeni Odyuo has called on Dental surgeons to deliver quality oral health care in aligned with the National Health goals. She was speaking at the State-Level Training for Dental Surgeons serving in the State under different National programs in Kohima today. Dr. Meribeni emphasizing on maximizing the impact of oral health and convergence with other National Health programmes such as Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram, Non-Communicable Diseases, National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme and Quality Assurance initiatives.



Nagaland State Department of Health & Family Welfare has informed that persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities should register with the National Trust to avail Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme. The Niramaya scheme ensures comprehensive coverage, offering up to one lakh rupees annually to eligible beneficiaries for hospitalization, therapy, corrective surgeries and alternative medicines. Beneficiaries should register with relevant documents such as disability certificate having UDID card or UDID enrollment number with PWD certificate, Address proof and Income certificate and facilitated through any Registered Organization registered with the National Trust.

