

Evening News Script

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THE HEADLINES :-

- Governor La Ganesan stresses bonds between government, civil society, and citizens as key to development
- Health Minister P. Paiwang Konyak says department is on right track in providing medical services
- School Education Advisor Dr. Kekhrie Yhome emphasizes ongoing initiatives to strengthen state's sports ecosystem
- And, In a first, 10 tribes to compete in Nagaland Wrestling Association Open Championship 2025

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Governor La Ganesan has emphasized strengthening bonds between government, civil society organizations (CSO), and citizens as key to development. During his first official visit to Tamlu subdivision in Longleng district, he said progress thrives where there is synergy, and urged further cooperation between CSOs and the government. He highlighted the main objectives of his visit was to assess the developmental initiatives in various sectors to ensure that they meet the needs of the people, as well as understand their challenges, and incorporate their aspirations into policy-making. He commended efforts of the various government departments, despite facing challenges. The Governor also lauded CSOs for their role in advocating for justice, bridging gaps, and empowering communities, urging community leaders to foster peace through dialogue, mutual respect, and unity.

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Health Minister P. Paiwang Konyak today said, that the department is on the right track and should continue to make progress in providing healthcare facilities and services to better serve the people. He said this during the felicitation program

for the Kayakalp awardees for the years 2023-24 and 2024-25, held at the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare in Kohima. Congratulating the awardees, Mr. Konyak expressed his happiness for the health units receiving the awards and assured that, cash incentives will be enhanced in the next awards.

The Health Minister also reminded medical officers that no transformation occurs without human effort and emphasized the need to improve not only the outward appearance of district hospitals but also their clinical performance. Mr. Konyak also expressed his desire to visit all health units across the districts.

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Zunheboto District Hospital has received the Kayakalp Award for 2024-2025 as the best government district hospital in Nagaland, while Dr. Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital received the Kayakalp Award for 2023-2024. District Hospital Mon and CHC Changtongnya were awarded the Eco-Friendly Award for the year 2024-2025, while Kiphire District Hospital received the Eco-Friendly Award for 2023-2024. Under the Kayakalp Award 2024-2025, Bhandari in Wokha was awarded the best CHC, Kuhuboto PHC in Dimapur won the best PHC category, and Longmisa in Mokokchung received the award for the best Health & Wellness Centre (HWC). The awards -- which carry cash prizes and certificates -- were presented today during a felicitation programme held at the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare in Kohima. Meanwhile, three more health units—Kuhuboto PHC, CHO Rusomo HWC-Sub Centre Kohima, and Singrep HWC Kiphire, have received the national certification of public health facilities based on National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS). Altogether, there are now nine NQAS-certified health units in the state.

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Advisor for School Education & SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, has emphasized ongoing initiatives to strengthen the sports ecosystem in Nagaland. Addressing the inauguration of the Inter-District GHSS and GHS Tournament 2025 at Medziphema today, he highlighted ongoing efforts, including collaboration with

the Union Sports Ministry to improve Khelo India centers, map play areas, and set up new training facilities across the state.

The Advisor assuring the state government's support for promising athletes, with a focus to produce more Olympians. He also emphasized the significant role of sports in education, discipline, and character building. Highlighting its importance in physical and mental growth, Dr Yhome encouraged students to integrate sports as an essential part of their academic journey.

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In a first for the Nagaland Wrestling Association (NWA), 10 tribes will compete in the upcoming 15th edition of the NWA Open and the 1st Women's Open Naga Wrestling Championship 2025. The championship is scheduled to take place on March 28 at Khuochiezhie Local Ground, Kohima, NWA President Vivolie Kezo announced at a media briefing today. Mr Kezo said, a total of 129 wrestlers, including 100 men and 29 women, will participate in the open championship. The participating tribes are Angami, Chakhesang, Zeliang, Lotha, Sumi, Pochury, Rengma, Chang, Ao, and Phom. The NWA president also highlighted on the format for the upcoming championship.

Mr. Kezo appealed for the support and cooperation of all Naga communities to promote this traditional sport. Meanwhile, NWA General Secretary Kenlum Hemang announced the association's decision to hold two categories of wrestling, that is, Naga Traditional Wrestling and Naga Wrestling.

The 15th edition will feature three categories in the men's division- above 90 kg, below 90 kg, and 75 kg. In the women's open, two categories will be introduced- 60 kg and above, and below 60 kg.

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Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Jual Oram has assured release of the pending final installment of Central Share for the CSS Post Matric Scholarship 2023-24 to

ST student beneficiaries of Nagaland. He gave this assurance during a meeting with Nagaland's Higher Education Minister Temjen Imna Along in New Delhi yesterday. During the meeting, Mr Along briefed the Union Minister on the issue, and requested release of the pending final installment of about 12.74 crore rupees. He also suggested reviewing the current system of releasing funds in three to four installments by funding agencies to the State Government, calling for release of funds in a single installment. Mr Along expressed his gratitude to the Union Minister for the positive response.

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N William Koso, a trailblazing football coach and a professionally trained educator from Nagaland passed away early this morning in a tragic car accident at Chümoukedima. Mr Koso, widely recognized as the first coach from the state to earn the prestigious AFC A license, leaves behind an enduring legacy in Indian football and a huge gap to fill in for Nagaland football community. Throughout his illustrious career, Mr Koso served in several pivotal roles, including Technical Convenor of Nagaland Super League (NSL) Governing Body. Expressing condolences to the bereaved family, the NSL Governing Body said his contribution, dedication, and presence will be missed by the entire football fraternity of Nagaland. Advisor to Chief Minister and Secretary General of Nagaland Olympic Association, Abu Metha also expressed grief on the demise of Mr Koso and said his dedication and commitment to the sporting ecosystem were unmatched.

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