

## Evening News Script

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### THE HEADLINES :-

- Chumukedima hosts regional workshop on Public Health, and Water Sanitation and Hygiene for Northeast states
- Rural Development Minister Metsubo Jamir calls for tailored strategies for Northeast's growth
- Director General of Police, Rupin Sharma stresses on significance of unity and professionalism within Nagaland Police Service
- And, State Health Department launches Mobile Medical Unit for Kiphire district

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A regional workshop on Public Health and Water Sanitation and Hygiene for the Northeast states was held at Chumukedima today by NITI Aayog. Addressing the event, PHED Minister, Jacob Zhimomi, highlighted the success of the Jal Jeevan Mission in Nagaland, noting that 3 lakh 37 thousand 498 rural households, or more than 90 percent, have received Functional Household Tap Connections so far.

Noting that Kiphire, which is an Aspirational district, has achieved 100 percent household coverage with tap water connections for all 14 thousand 991 households, Mr Zhimomi announced plans to certify it as a "Har Ghar Jal"

district. He highlighted growing concerns about depletion of water sources, exacerbated by both natural and human factors. On Swachh Bharat Mission, Zhimomi said Nagaland has achieved Open Defecation Free status in 922 out of 1,425 villages. He further outlined plans for 2025-26, including providing management systems for solid waste in 549 villages, grey water in 518 villages, plastic waste in 16 blocks, and faecal sludge in six blocks. Meanwhile, Minister of Rural Development Metsubo Jamir, urged the Central Government and NITI Aayog to consider a tailored approach for the Northeast region, given the region's unique social structure and topography.

Mr Jamir also proposed merging of tied and untied Finance Commission grants to provide more flexible financial support for grassroot-level projects in the region.

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The Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) for Kiphire district was launched today during a program at Directorate of Health & Family Welfare in Kohima. Speaking at the event, Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. E. Motsuthung Patton said MMUs aim to reach populations living in remote and difficult areas as well as communities cut off from the main health services. He said, there are 11 functional MMUs across the state, and each MMU are required to conduct at least 12 camps in a month. Mr Patton expressed hope that the launch of MMU and social protection intervention will play a vital role in addressing the health challenges and upliftment of the community.

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Nagaland Director General of Police, Rupin Sharma, today stressed on the significance of unity and professionalism within the Nagaland Police Service (NPS). Terming NPS as the backbone of the state's governance, he warned that any weakness in its structure would lead to instability and hinder effective administration. He was speaking at the 52nd General Conference of Nagaland Police Service Association in Chümoukedima.

Mr Sharma called for improved coordination among officers to enhance the system's functionality. He urged officers to actively engage with senior officials at the Police Headquarters in Kohima, to enable collective feedback for better decision-making. He also urged unit commanders and officers to take full responsibility for their roles, stressing the need for better utilization of manpower to strengthen the police force.

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30 students have been selected to compete in the State Rounds of Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament. The event will take place tomorrow at the State Assembly Secretariat in Kohima. Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat has announced that the students will compete on two themes: "75 Years of The Indian Constitution: A Journey of Rights, Duties, and Progress" and "The 11 Sankalp of Samvidhan Divas: A Pledge to Strengthen India's Constitutional Values."

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Diphupar Police Station has registered a case in connection with the fatal road accident that occurred in the wee hours yesterday on National Highway 29, near 5th Mile. The accident, which resulted in the death of senior football coach N. William Koso, and injuries to several others, followed a series of collisions, when a Mahindra Bolero driven by an unidentified person rear-ended a stationary Thar. It also involved an Omni Van, a Scooty and a motorbike. Police said, all involved vehicles have been seized and held at the Traffic Control in Chumoukedima. An investigation is ongoing.

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Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has warned on the improper use of the State Emblem of India, emphasizing that its design, as outlined in the State Emblem of India (Prohibition of Improper Use) Act, 2005, must be adhered to. The emblem, derived from the Sarnath Lion Capital of Asoka, includes three lions, a Dharma Chakra, a bull, a galloping horse, and the motto "Satyameva Jayate" in Devanagari script below the Lion Capital's profile. The MHA noted that several government agencies have been incorrectly using the emblem, omitting the

motto or displaying an incomplete version that violates the Act. The Ministry highlighted that unauthorized use of the emblem by individuals or agencies on stationery, vehicles, or other materials is prohibited. It urged all authorized government bodies to ensure that the complete State Emblem, including the motto “Satyameva Jayate,” is used in compliance with the 2005 Act. The Ministry also called for strict action against officials and organizations violating these regulations.

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A team of 11 media persons from Nagaland are on an exposure tour to Shillong and Guwahati. Sponsored by the Department of Information & Public Relations, the team is led by Deputy Director DIPR, S Hongpi Konyak, and includes representations from Kohima, Dimapur and Mokokchung Press Clubs, and DIPR officials. During an interaction with members of Shillong Press Club today, the two sides shared views on the mode of Journalist Pension Scheme and other welfare packages. The members agreed to maintain good relations and strengthen each other in media related activities.

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India Meteorological Department (IMD) recently commemorated World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Day at Dimapur Government College. Addressing the event, Head of Meteorological Center (MC) Kohima, Nalnish Kumar Chaudhary, highlighted the role of WMO and IMD towards global and national efforts to enhance accuracy of weather forecasting. Highlighting services currently provided by MC Kohima including three hours nowcasting, and district-wise rain and severe weather forecasts, he shared future plans of block-level rain forecasting and weather warning, increasing observational network to various districts, and installing X-band Doppler Weather Radar at the college. Mr Chaudhary said, these increased facilities will enhance forecasting and nowcasting capabilities. The program included demonstration of various instruments.

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