

Evening News Script

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- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio reaffirms state government's commitment to revive Tuli Paper Mill
- President Droupadi Murmu stresses upon uplifting deprived and backward sections of society for country's sustainable development
- India, Mauritius sign various pacts to enhance strategic partnership
- Women Resource Development Minister Salhoutuonuo Kruse highlights education's role for progress in life

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today reaffirmed the state government's commitment to restore operations of the Tuli Paper Mill. As part of these efforts, he highlighted ongoing coordination with 3ACSL Company to facilitate the mill's revival, which will ensure employment opportunities and industrial growth. The Chief Minister was on an official visit to Tuli sub-division, under Mokokchung district to assess developmental projects and interacting with local communities. He highlighted government policies, ongoing projects, and future plans for the region. The Chief Minister acknowledged the people's cooperation in the construction of the Foothill Road, and assured the government's commitment to improving connectivity and infrastructure in the region. Regarding railway connectivity, he noted discussion with the Railways Ministry to upgrade services in the area, and assured efforts to extend the facility beyond goods transport to include passenger services. Meanwhile, stressing the need to align Nagaland's growth with the national vision for a developed India by 2047, Mr Rio called for collective efforts from the people to accelerate progress in all sectors.

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President Droupadi Murmu today stressed the upliftment of the deprived and backward sections of society for the inclusive and sustainable development of the country. Presiding over the 72nd Convocation of Panjab University, Chandigarh President Draupadi Murmu said the students should have sensitivity and the spirit of love for the Nation.

Congratulating the students, she said that they should keep a positive mindset and be familiar with emergent technologies to remain ready to face future challenges. During the convocation ceremony, around 812 PhD students and 70 medal winner students received their degrees and medals.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi held delegation level talks with his Mauritian counterpart Navin Chandra Ramgoolam as part of his two-day official visit. During the meeting, they exchanged 8 MoUs in areas including financial crime prevention, SMEs, public service capacity building, maritime security, and local currency trade. During the day, Mr. Modi and Mr. Ramgoolam inaugurated various initiatives, including 20 High-Impact Community Development Projects and an India-assisted Area Health Centre. Prime Minister Modi reaffirmed India's commitment to Mauritius' development by announcing support for Phase II of the High-Impact Community Development Projects and the construction of a new Parliament Building for Mauritius. Later, Mr Modi attended the Mauritius' National Day today as the Chief Guest, where he received the Highest National Award of Mauritius. He dedicated this award to the people of India and the centuries-old friendship between both nations.

The Prime Minister has since left for home after successfully concluding his two-day state visit to Mauritius.

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Minister for Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse said that education is the foundation of civilization, and essential for progress and success in life. She said this during the inauguration of the newly upgraded Government High School Midland Kohima today. Highlighting the importance of government schools in providing quality education and various facilities to students, she urged the community to take advantage of the resources and make the most of these institutions.

Ms Kruse also encouraged teachers to help students realize their full potential and talents, stating that their influence would have a lasting impact. She urged teachers to remain dedicated in shaping the younger generation into responsible citizens, ensuring peace and progress in the society.

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Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NSCPCR) organized an awareness programme on child rights at Medziphema. Addressing the event, NSCPCR Chairman, Alun Hangsing said, children are the backbone of the society and hold the key to the future. He discussed the commission's policies, laws, and activities, emphasizing on efforts to ensure the safety of children. The programme also covered topics such as rights of education for children, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act. An interactive session was also held as part of the programme, which attended by heads of offices, town councilors, village leaders, representatives from schools, churches and civil societies.

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Over 100 farmers from Kezoma Village under Kohima district participated in millet sowing today as part of a mass millet cultivation demonstration under National Food Security Mission (NFSM), 2024-2025. Speaking at the event, District Agriculture Officer (DAO), Kekhrieletuo Yhome highlighted that the department is prioritizing millet cultivation under NFSM, noting its dying practice among farmers in Kohima District. He stressed the importance of collaborative efforts between farmers and government for the success of the mission, and highlighted the department's support to farmers.

While acknowledging challenges of millet cultivation as labor-intensive and time-consuming, Mr Yhome emphasized the crop's nutritional and health benefits, and potential as a source of income. He noted that villages like Kezoma, Chiechama and Mima increasingly adopting millet cultivation, with Kezoma leading the way. During the daylong demonstration, three varieties of millet seeds were sown on a 2 hectare field at Chieza, Kezoma.

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Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) of Suruhuto, Trongdiba Tongpi T Sangtam, has issued a travel advisory after a culvert was damaged at Hexuli Ghoki (Medical Colony, Suruhuto Town), causing the road to be closed for repairs until further notice. Travelers from Tuensang, Noklak, and Longkhim are advised to take the Church route from Mokokchung Junction, while those coming from Dimapur, Kohima, and Zunheboto should use the Surumi Village route. Heavy vehicle movement along the affected stretch has been restricted as a precautionary measure.

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