

Morning News Script

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The Parliament has passed the Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill 2024 with Rajya Sabha approving it yesterday . The Lok Sabha had passed it in December last year. It aims to enhance disaster preparedness, response and recovery across the country. The Bill amends the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and intends to strengthen the efficient working of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the State Disaster Management Authorities (SDMA). The bill empowers the NDMA and SDMA to prepare the disaster plan at national level and state level instead of the National Executive Committee and the State Executive Committee. Replying to a discussion on the Bill, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said, the size and scale of disasters have changed and the responses must change accordingly.

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Nagaland is set to strengthen its disaster preparedness through the installation of an Early Warning System (EWS) aimed at providing timely alerts for natural calamities. This initiative follows a request by Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha, Phangnon Konyak, which was met with immediate support from Union Minister of State, Dr. Jitendra Singh. The MP expressed gratitude for Union Minister's prompt response, highlighting the significance of the EWS for the people of Nagaland. The EWS will focus on earthquake monitoring and early warnings, alerts for extreme weather events, including heatwaves, cold waves, heavy rainfall, and floods, lightning and thunderstorm alerts , landslide early warnings and other critical alerts for disaster preparedness and mitigation.

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Nagaland was honored in Category B for its "TB Mukht Panchayat" initiative, recognizing the percentage of Gram Panchayats achieving TB-free status in 2024. The award was presented by Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, JP Nadda to Commissioner and Secretary to the Govt of Nagaland, Health & Family Welfare, Anoop Khinchi during the World TB Day 2025 Summit held at

Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on Monday. In Nagaland, 166 villages were awarded with TB free status for 2024.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has expressed sadness and shock at the sudden demise of Mr. William Koso on 25th March. In a condolence message, the Chief Minister said his passing is an immense loss to the sporting fraternity, particularly the football community. He mentioned that William's invaluable contributions to football in Nagaland have left an indelible mark. Mr. Rio added that his tireless efforts and selfless sacrifices will be remembered and honored for generations to come.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invited inputs from citizens for the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani, which will take place on the 30th of this month. It will be the 120th episode of the monthly radio programme. In a social media post, Mr Modi expressed his happiness at getting a wide range of inputs for this month's Mann Ki Baat. He said these inputs highlight the power of collective efforts for social good. People can submit their ideas and suggestions for the programme through the toll-free number 1800-11-7800. They can also share their input online via the Narendra Modi App or the MyGov Open Forum. Suggestions for the upcoming episode will be accepted until the 28th of this month. More from our Correspondent.

MKB BYTE: *The programme will be broadcast on the entire network of Akashvani and Doordarshan's, the AIR News website, and the NewsOnAir mobile app. It will also be live-streamed on the YouTube channels of AIR News, DD News, PMO, and the Information and Broadcasting Ministry. Akashvani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast.*

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The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) Kohima Urban Division has said, that the water supply in Kohima town has been severely impacted due to depletion of water sources. Executive Engineer of the Kohima Urban Division, Neilhoukholie Chielie, informed the public that the absence of rainfall, coupled with the onset of dry weather, is expected to further strain the water supply in

the coming days. In light of this challenging situation, the Division has appealed to the consumers and the general public to extend their cooperation. Despite the challenges, the Kohima Urban Division assured the public that it remains committed to mitigating the situation in the greater interest of all stakeholders.

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