

## Morning News Script

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MP Rajya Sabha S Phangnon Konyak has highlighted the urgent need to enhance sports infrastructure in Nagaland. In a special mention made in the Rajya Sabha yesterday, the MP while acknowledging the initiatives under the Khelo India programme and state-funded projects, emphasized that the sports infrastructure in the state remains below national standards. She noted that despite the approval of various Khelo India projects in Nagaland, many remain incomplete, and infrastructure development is concentrated in urban areas, leaving rural districts without facilities. The MP stressed that without equitable access to training centres and professional coaching, Nagaland's athletes cannot compete at national or international levels. Pointing to the state's immense potential in sports, Ms Konyak urged the government to take immediate corrective action and recommended various measures for the development of Sports in the state.

### **KONYAK BYTE:**

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Ministry of Tribal Affairs has released 37 Crore rupees for payment of the Post Matric Scholarship to ST students of Nagaland. Directorate of Higher Education informed that the Scheme Implementing Agency will soon begin disbursing the funds to the beneficiaries, following the completion of all necessary formalities. The Agency expressed gratitude to Temjen Imna Along, Minister for Tourism & Higher Education, for his proactive role and continuous efforts in coordinating with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the timely release of the scholarship funds. The Agency also extended its appreciation to the Union Minister and officials from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for their commitment to honoring their assurance and releasing the sanction order within the stipulated time frame.

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The government has approved the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme to boost the manufacturing of electronic goods in the country and strengthen the electronics supply chain. Briefing media in New Delhi yesterday, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, the electronics sector has witnessed tremendous growth in the last ten years. He said, electronics production has grown five times with the rate of 17 percent compound annual growth rate while electronic exports witnessed growth of 20 percent compound annual growth rate in these years.

### **ASWHINI BYTE:**

The Minister said, funding worth over 22 thousand crore rupees will be provided for the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme. Mr. Vaishnaw said, the government has also approved Nutrient Based Subsidy rates for Kharif 2025 on Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers to ensure affordable, subsidized, and reasonable fertilizers to the farmers.

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The District-Level Co-ordination Committee of the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) in Dimapur has reaffirmed the district administration's commitment to strengthening tobacco control measures and ensuring stricter enforcement of regulations. This decision was made during a review

meeting held yesterday at the Deputy Commissioner’s office in Dimapur. The meeting focused on key issues related to tobacco control initiatives in the district, including challenges in implementing the NTCP, public awareness, and policy execution. During the meeting, 10 schools and colleges were awarded Tobacco-Free Educational Institution certificates for successfully implementing tobacco-free policies.

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And, in the world of Sports, 28-year-old Venuzo Dawhuo from Thenyizu village in Phek district successfully defended his title and emerged as the champion of the 15th Naga Wrestling Association (NWA) Open Naga Wrestling Championship 2025. Mr. Dawhuo defeated 29-year-old Kezhaseluo-o Pienyü of Kohima Village in the championship's final match, securing victory at the local ground in Kohima last evening. In the Men’s below 75 kg final, 21-year-old Muleciyi Vadeo from Runguzu village defeated 30-year-old Seyiejalie Gwirie from Mezoma village. In the below 90 kg category, 23-year-old Sasüyi Nyiekha from Suthozo Nawe village emerged as the champion, defeating 30-year-old Kevizhakho Soukhrie from Jotsoma Village.

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