

0730 hrs of

6th March, 2025.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio will present the State Budget 2025-26 on the State Legislative Assembly today. Mr Rio, who also holds the Finance Portfolio, will present supplementary demand for grants for 2024-25. Today, beside the Question hour, the house is schedule to take up Matters of Urgent Public Importance to discuss the issue pertaining to Mushrooming of Union & Associations in Nagaland. Meanwhile, two bills -The Nagaland Town and Country Planning (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2025 and the Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (Validation) Bill, 2025 introduced on March 4 will also be passed. The day's business also include laying of Annual Administrative Reports of 14 departments, laying of Reports/Rules and introduction of government bills, among others .

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A review meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang, Minister Incharge of Planning & Transformation and National Highway to assess the progress of ongoing National Highway projects and address critical issues hindering their smooth implementation. During the review meeting, unresolved issues pertains to the land acquisition for the Peren-Dimapur (Package-V) and Kohima- Jessami (Package-II) were discussed. On the Kohima-Jessami (Package-II), Deputy Chief Minister directed the Contractor to commence work immediately, warning of termination for undue delays. Mr Zeliang reaffirmed the government's commitment to prioritizing the development of National Highways. While acknowledging the role of civil society as a watchdog, Mr Zeliang urged stakeholders to address grievances through proper channels rather than halting work. He emphasized that complaints regarding quality should be lodged with the District Administration or NHIDCL for verification. He assured that If claims are validated, appropriate action will be taken against the defaulting contractor. The Deputy Chief Minister also informed that he will conduct an onsite inspection of the Kohima Bypass on 11th of March to address minor issues faced by the contractor and NHIDCL, to ensure timely resolution of challenges and smooth progress of the project.

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Niti Aayog yesterday released a strategic paper on the rapid evolution of quantum computing and its implications on national security in New Delhi. NITI Frontier Tech Hub in partnership with the Data Security Council of India, released the paper with the aim of accelerating the country's transition into a Frontier Tech Nation. Releasing the paper, the CEO of Niti Aayog, B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, said strategic investments in research, innovation, and global partnerships will be key to positioning India at the forefront of technological advancements.

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President Droupadi Murmu yesterday inaugurated the annual cultural festival, 'Vividhta ka Amrit Mahotsav' at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi. Addressing the gathering, the President said, the festival celebrates the diverse heritage of different parts of the nation and showcases unique traditions of various regions. The President said, in this edition, more than five hundred artisans and weavers will be

showcasing traditional handicrafts and handlooms, as well as intricate brass and wooden crafts. President Murmu urged citizens to participate in the event and boost the confidence of the artisans.

This year, the festival is focusing on South India along with Lakshadweep and Puducherry. The festival will be open to the public from today until the 9th of this month.

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Along with the rest of the nation, the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) will be organising the 1st Quarterly National Lok Adalat (People's Courts) for the year 2025 in all the district headquarters on 8th of this month. 11 Lok Adalat Benches will be set up by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSAs). For more information, persons can approach Front Offices of DLSAs at District Court premises or Office of the NSLSA, DC office compound in Kohima or dial toll free NSLSA Helpline 15100 or NSLSA Helpline number- 9118003453883 or email nslsa.nagaland@yahoo.in.

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