

## Morning News Script

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Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law & Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Arjun Ram Meghwal, underscored the nation's commitment to "Excess Justice for All," highlighting the evolving dynamics of equality and justice in contemporary India. The Union Minister made the remarks while addressing the valedictory programme of the State Level Mega Legal Services Camp held in Kohima yesterday. Addressing the current political landscape, Mr. Meghwal pointed to a growing contradiction, where political equality is guaranteed through the principle of "one man, one vote, one value," while economic and social inequalities continue to persist due to the country's economic and social structures.

The Minister announced that the Union Finance Ministry has approved financial support for the completion of the long-awaited Kohima High Court building in Meriema — a crucial step forward for strengthening judicial infrastructure in Nagaland.

He also addressed the ongoing issue concerning oil extraction rights between Nagaland and Assam. Mr. Meghwal assured that discussions on royalty-sharing are in progress and the matter is being pursued with the aim of reaching an amicable resolution with the state of Assam.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said that the legal fraternity of India—led by the Supreme Court and supported by all subordinate courts—has played a pivotal role in shaping the destiny of the nation. He emphasized that the judiciary's contribution goes beyond the legal domain, as it has been crucial in upholding equality, promoting social harmony, and enabling economic growth. Speaking at the valedictory programme of the State Mega Legal Services Camp held in

Kohima yesterday, Mr. Rio highlighted that the judiciary has remained one of the strongest pillars of nation-building since India's independence, and urged that its efforts must be acknowledged and appreciated by all.

He appreciated the State Legal Services Authority, in collaboration with the State Government, for organizing the biggest legal awareness camp in the state. Mr expressed hope that the camp would greatly benefit the marginalized and downtrodden ensuring that justice and legal assistance are accessible to all.

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Christians across the globe are observing Palm Sunday, commemorating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio wishing everyone a blessed Palm Sunday said it marks Jesus' humble entry into Jerusalem; a powerful symbol of peace, love, and sacrifice. As we begin Holy Week, Rio hoped that the grace of Jesus inspire us, His example guide us, and our hearts be renewed with hope, purpose, and peace.

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MLA of Noksen Assembly Constituency, Lima Onen Chang lamented that Noksen BDO Block is one of the worst performing Block in the state. Speaking during the coordination meeting of Noksen BDO Block held at CKS Conference Hall, Tuensang yesterday, he appealed to the Rural Development Department to check its irresponsible and irregular staff. He also exhorted the village Council to submit the genuine documents as required by the department for any developmental scheme from the Government and be accountable and transparent in managing the fund. Mr Chang also encouraged them to adopt a resolution for smooth functioning of the department for the welfare of the public.

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In a major step towards justice for lakhs of investors affected by the Rose Valley Ponzi scam, Minister of State for Finance, Pankaj Chaudhary, today handed over a Demand Draft of over 515 crore rupees to the Chairman of the Asset Disposal

Committee, D.K. Seth. According to a statement from the Finance Ministry, this money will help repay nearly 7.5 lakh victims of the scam. So far, over 31 lakh claims have been lodged with the committee.

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