

## Morning News Script

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Women Resource Development and Horticulture Minister Salhoutuonuo Kruse inaugurated the Innovative Farmers Demo Park at Botsa, Kohima, in the presence of Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio yesterday. Speaking as the Special Guest, Minister Kruse said that this farm is expected to contribute towards income growth and diversified livelihood. She said that the department's initiative in promoting Horti Tourism is expected to bring about revenue by developing recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. She said that through the project, farmers can learn about new and improved technologies in farming and implementation of innovative techniques, research driven practices and sustainable methods. Horticulture Secretary, Akumla Chuba encouraged the farmers to take full advantage of the DEMO Park and experiment with new techniques. She called upon the farmers to work together to bring about horticultural innovations, and improve livelihoods for a more sustainable food system. Director Horticulture, Meyasashi said the main objective of the project is to showcase and demonstrate new and improved horticultural technologies, practices and crop varieties. He said the project also aims to provide trainings to farmers and to develop the concept of Horti-Tourism.

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MLA Achumbemo inspected the ongoing Nagaland foothill road construction under Baghty division yesterday. While expressing satisfaction at the pace of work, MLA Kikon urged contractors to make the road pliable by the end of May. He stressed that quality materials should be used for construction of bridges. The MLA said that he would not tolerate any individual or organization trying to stop the work or being delay in the completion of the road. Mr Kikon asserted that he is an elected representative, and it is his responsibility to bring development to his people.

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MLA and Chairman of DPDB Mon, Manpon Konyak has urged the people to cooperate with the Government for peace and development. Inaugurating Nganching Union Office-cum-Nyangh Morung at Aboi town on Thursday, he encouraged the gathering to preserve their culture, tradition and pristine heritage. MLA Manpon also unveiled a monolith on the occasion. The programme was attended by all Heads of Offices, civil societies, DBs, GBs and public leaders attended the function.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reached Colombo on a three day state visit to Sri Lanka at the invitation of President Anura Kumara Disanayaka. This is PM Modi's fourth visit to the island nation. During the visit, he is scheduled to hold talks with the Sri Lankan leadership on multiple facets of the bilateral relations, and inaugurate projects executed in Sri Lanka under Indian assistance. During the visit, the Prime Minister will witness signing of agreements in various sectors including Defence and Energy.

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The Board of Control for Cricket in India, BCCI has announced the launch of TATA IPL Fan Park in Nagaland. The Fan Park will be hosted at Agri Expo Site, Chumoukedima, at 2:30 PM today and 6:30 PM tomorrow. Addressing a press conference, BCCI representative Prashant Mahadik said that the Fan Park in the state is part of a larger initiative that aims to bring the electrifying experience of IPL to fans across 50 cities nationwide. He said that with every moment broadcast live on giant LED screens, each venue will replicate the thrill of a stadium experience. Secretary General of Nagaland Cricket Association, Hyunilo Anilo Khing said the event is history in the making for Nagaland

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Entry to the Fan Park will be completely free, with added excitement in the form of live music, official merchandise, food stalls, beverages, and interactive activations by IPL sponsors.

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