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Government today announced the schedule for the Monsoon Session of Parliament beginning 21st of next month. Talking to media in New Delhi, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said the session will conclude on 12th of August.

(RIJIJU BYTE: 6 Secs)

This will be the first Parliament session after Operation Sindoor which was launched by India after the barbaric Pahalgam terrorist attack. Government had also held two all-party meetings attended by leaders of different political parties after the terror attack.

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INDIA bloc partners have demanded a special session of Parliament over the Pahalgam terror attack and country's response to terrorism under Operation Sindoor. A meeting of the INDIA bloc was held in New Delhi yesterday which was attended by its members including Shiv Sena (UBT), RJD, Congress, SP and TMC. Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge said there are serious questions facing the nation about the terror attack, killing of civilians, the announcement of ceasefire, and the implications on national security and foreign policy. Talking to Akashvani News, BJP Spokesperson Nalin Kohli questioned the intention of INDIA bloc partners for demanding special session of Parliament. He said, the opposition can seek discussion on the issue in the upcoming monsoon session of Parliament.

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Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio today virtually laid the foundation stones for nine Lighthouse School Complexes (LSCs) under the Nagaland Education Project – The Lighthouse (NECTAR). Speaking at the launch event in Kohima, Dr. Rio said the state's education sector is undergoing significant reforms. He emphasized that a strong school system is key in preparing students to excel even beyond the state, and highlighted

primary schools as the foundation of quality education. The newly launched LSCs are located in government high and higher secondary schools across Chümoukedima, Phek, Kiphire, Zunheboto, Shamator, Noklak, Longleng, Mokokchung, and Dimapur, bringing the total number of LSCs in the state to 16.

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The ongoing nationwide Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) is proving to be a beneficial initiative for the farmers of Nagaland in particular. Over 400 villages and nearly 40,000 farmers have received trainings on various farming techniques and awareness on government schemes. The teams, comprising scientists from ICAR Nagaland, state departments and Krishi Vigyan Kendras and others, are proactively creating awareness among farmers with a target of reaching 108 villages daily. Senior Scientist & Head, ICAR- KVK, Wokha and Nodal Officer (Press & Media Release), VKSA, Nagaland State, Dr. Sandeep Deshmukh, said the teams aim to reach the unreached farmers in the remotest of the remote villages.

Noting that the success of the campaign depends on the community's participation, Dr Deshmukh appealed farming communities and all chairmen of village council to mobilize greater participation.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead a special tree plantation drive at Bhagwan Mahavir Vanasthali Park in New Delhi tomorrow on the occasion of World Environment Day. The Prime Minister will plant a Banyan sapling under the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam initiative. This will be a part of the Aravalli Green Wall project which aims to reforest the 700 kilometers Aravalli range. Meanwhile, in Nagaland, several activities like plantation and cleanliness drives will be conducted by various state departments and organizations across the state.

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As a run-up to International Day of Yoga 2025, Akashvani News Kohima brings you a special series -"Practice Yoga for Good Health and Wellness." Each day, we discover different postures to stay healthy with Yoga. This evening, we explore on Tādāsana, or Palm Tree Posture.

UNDERPLAY: Tāda means palm tree or mountain. This asana teaches one to attain stability and firmness and forms the base for all the standing asana. This asana brings stability in the body, helps to clear up congestion of the spinal nerves, corrects faulty posture. In the next series, we will learn about Vrṁśāsana or The Tree Posture.

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Agriculture Production Commissioner & Mission Director of FOCUS, Wezope Kenye, said that the Fostering Climate Resilient Upland

Farming Systems in the Northeast (FOCUS) project, implemented in Nagaland, has played a pivotal role in bringing transformative changes to the farming systems while also enhancing agricultural incomes across the state. He made this remark during the FOCUS Nagaland Completion Workshop held in Kohima yesterday. Mr. Kenye said, the project made significant investments in key infrastructure such as market access facilities, community seed banks, and crucial logistical assets like refrigerated vans, all aimed at ensuring long-term support for farming communities. State Project Director of FOCUS, Ramnikant Kumar, stated that over the past six years, the project has successfully reached 86 percent of the targeted households through various interventions, including improved Jhum cultivation, value chain development, and the establishment of market access facilities.

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India has won the presidency of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) in the election, which was held between India and Austria yesterday. India's candidacy received widespread support from across the membership with 87 votes out of 141 votes. India, through the Department of Administrative Reforms, is a member state of the IIAS. IIAS is a federation of 31 Member Countries, 20 National Sections, and 15 Academic Research Centres jointly collaborating for scientific research on public administration.

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And, India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast light or moderate rainfall at most places likely to continue over northeast region during next seven days. However, the IMD said, the intensity of rainfall will decrease thereafter. A report...

VOICE CAST: After days of incessant rainfall, the state of Nagaland got a respite today with a light shower. State Capital Kohima today recorded a maximum temperature of 23 degree Celsius and a minimum temperature of 16.9 degree Celsius. While in Dimapur, mercury rose to 33.4 degree Celsius with minimum at 25.2 degree Celsius. 23

Meanwhile, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority has reported several damages to houses, roads, bridges, breast wall of roads, paddy fields and jhum cultivations due to the extreme monsoon weather occurrences in the state. Besides a major landslide on National Highway-2 Kohima-Manipur road near Kisama, there were reports of landslides and road blockades at Tuensang, Noklak, Peren, Kiphire, and Zunheboto districts. Property damages, including residential houses and agricultural fields were also reported.

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