

Morning News Script

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said his government is committed to bringing a significant change in the lives of farmers. In a social media post, Mr Modi said the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojna approved by Cabinet yesterday is a step in this direction. He said this will not only increase crop production in the districts that have been lagging in the agricultural sector but also boost the income of farmers.

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Advisor for Agriculture Mhathung Yanthan said the state government is formulating a new Agriculture Policy aimed at boosting productivity, market linkages, farmer welfare, and post-harvest infrastructure. Speaking during a field visit at Chiethu, Kohima, yesterday, he also highlighted ELEMENT-a World Bank-funded project supporting forest-based economic opportunities. Chiechama Village, he noted, is among 225 villages selected under the initiative. Mr Yanthan encouraged farmers to be proactive, collaborative, and entrepreneurial in approach. Sovima Village Council Chairman, Sebastian Zumvu, meanwhile, highlighted Chiethu's scenic beauty and agricultural potential for agrotourism.

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In Tsungiki village of Wokha district, a heartwarming initiative is lighting up lives—quite literally. A night school for senior citizens, launched on April 29 this year under the PRI–CBO Convergence Project and supported by the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme, is giving elderly villagers a second chance at education. Over 40 learners aged 60 and above, including 86-year-old Njano, attend classes twice a week at the village community hall after their fieldwork. The program, spearheaded by local Self Help Groups as part of their Village Poverty Reduction Plan, teaches basic reading, writing, and math using nursery-level materials. Most of the learners are entering a classroom for the first time, while the pace is slow, the impact is profound. Learners say writing their own names instead of using thumbprints has given them dignity and confidence. Area Coordinator Financial Inclusion, Chukitong block NSRLM Wokha Chonbemo Kikon, shares more on the initiative-

The three-month course wraps up this month, with certificates to be awarded by the District Hub for Empowerment of Women. With growing interest from

neighboring villages, Tsungiki's night school is proof that it is never too late to learn.

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The District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meetings for Chümoukedima and Niuland were held yesterday at their respective DC offices. Chairman DISHA and MP, Lok Sabha, S. Supongmeren Jamir, in his address, said DISHA is the right platform to discuss how to effectively implement government activities, address challenges faced during project execution, offer constructive suggestions for steady implementation, and highlight problems encountered at the grassroots level. Mr. Jamir assured all GBs and Village Council Members that DISHA members are present to listen to their inputs on how schemes and projects are being implemented on the ground, the challenges faced, and the feedback from beneficiaries.

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Due to multiple landslides on National Highway-29 near the old KMC dumping site, the movement of heavy vehicles along the affected stretch is restricted until further notice. The Deputy Commissioner of Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, has directed all six-wheeler heavy vehicles to use the alternate route via Peducha Bridge – Tsiesema (10 Mile) road with immediate effect. Light Motor Vehicles traveling to other districts are also advised to take the same route.

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has invited online applications for the selection test for Agniveervayu Intake and Medical Assistant in the Airmen Cadre for both male and female candidates. The IAF has announced that the closing date for online applications is July 31. For more details, individuals interested in the Agniveervayu and airmen Cadre can visit the official websites at agnipathvayu.cdac.in and airmenselection.cdac.in respectively.

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