

Morning News Script

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Amid confirmed cases of Japanese Encephalitis in Nagaland, the Department of Health & Family Welfare has urged the public to stay vigilant during the ongoing monsoon season. Japanese Encephalitis is a mosquito-borne viral disease that can cause brain inflammation. It spreads through Culex mosquitoes, which breed in stagnant water and paddy fields. The Department highlighted that while the disease is not transmitted from person to person, pigs act as carriers of the virus without showing symptoms. Noting that there is no specific antiviral treatment for JE, the Department has asked people with symptoms like sudden high fever, headache, vomiting, or confusion to immediately seek medical attention. District health units have been directed to step up mosquito control, fogging, and awareness drives. While, public are advised to use mosquito nets, wear long-sleeved clothing, eliminate stagnant water, and keep pig sties away from homes. The Department has also appealed NGOs, media, and community leaders for coordinated efforts to prevent outbreaks.

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The Konyak Union, KU has submitted a formal complaint to the Chief Secretary of Nagaland, expressing deep concern over repeated incidents of harassment faced by travellers from Mon District while commuting through highways in Assam. According to KU, travelers including students, patients, and business persons have been subjected to indiscriminate checks, intrusive questioning, and even intimidation by Assam Police personnel. It said these alleged actions have caused serious inconvenience and mental distress to the residents of Mon, who rely heavily on these routes for access to essential services like healthcare, education, and livelihood. The KU condemned the acts as violations of fundamental rights and inter-state harmony, urging the Nagaland Government to take immediate action. It has requested high-level intervention with Assam authorities to stop such arbitrary practices and proposed the creation of a 24x7 grievance redressal helpline to assist affected commuters.

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The Niuland District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held yesterday at the DC's Conference Hall. Chairing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairperson DPDB Niuland, Sara S. Jamir informed that

surprise inspections would be conducted monthly, and offices found closed during working hours would be reported to the Chief Secretary. She said officers planning to leave the district must seek prior approval from the DC. She also urged the RD Department to ensure timely completion of projects, noting its direct impact on households.

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Nagaland Minister for PHED and Cooperation, Jacob Zhimomi, emphasized the significance of Chümoukedima as a newly created district, carved out of Dimapur, with vast potential for employment and development. He was speaking at the monthly meeting of the Chümoukedima District Planning and Development Board held on Thursday. Referring to Chümoukedima as the “Land of Opportunities,” he urged board members and departments to adopt that vision and work collectively to create meaningful prospects for the people. He called on departments to engage more actively, promote business accessibility, and contribute their insights to help diversify the district’s economy. Advisor for Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Zhaleo Rio encouraged departments to prioritise their schemes and action plans, contribute actively in meetings, and work for the welfare of both the district and the state saying that every department’s contribution matters.

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Union Minister for Parliamentary & Minority Affairs, Kiren Rijiju is in Nagaland to attend the Rozgar Mela at Dimapur today. He will distribute appointment letters to newly recruited candidates selected for various central government posts. Speaking to media persons on arrival at Dimapur airport yesterday, Mr Rijiju said this time it is not a political visit and will not discuss anything politically. “I have come only for the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Mela to issue appointment letters”, he added.

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