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- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio chairs high-level meeting to boost security measures along Assam border
- Deputy CM Y. Patton assesses border security amid Assam eviction drives
- India, UK ink landmark Free Trade Agreement
- And, Continued disruptions stall Parliament on fourth day of Monsoon session



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today chaired a high-level meeting with Chief Secretary Dr J Alam, police, and other senior officials to strengthen vigilance mechanisms along the Assam-Nagaland border. Taking to X, Mr Rio shared that the state government is actively engaging with all stakeholders to prevent illegal infiltration, and has intensified border patrolling along the border. While Deputy CM Y. Patton is personally monitoring the situation on ground, district administrations and police in the bordering districts are working closely to prevent any illegal movement. Reaffirming the state government's commitment to upholding the security of its citizens and maintaining peace and stability, Mr Rio assured that all necessary measures are being taken to ensure the situation remains under control and any unlawful activity is dealt with firmly in accordance with the law.



Amid growing concerns over eviction drives being carried out in neighbouring Assam, Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton today visited border areas in Wokha and Niuland districts to assess the situation. In Wokha's Ralan area, Mr Patton held a public meeting at Liphanyan village, where community members voiced their concerns over illegal immigrants crossing into Nagaland. In a social media post, Mr Patton, who is also minister in charge of Home, shared that the issue transcends state boundaries and is a matter of national importance. To ensure peace and safeguard public interests, one company of the Indian Reserve Battalion has been deployed to the Ralan area, effective immediately. The Deputy CM also noted that any eviction activities within the Disputed Area Belt will be

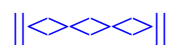
conducted jointly by the governments of Assam and Nagaland. Meanwhile, in Niuland district, Mr Patton held a coordination meeting with district officials, Commissioner of Police Dimapur, heads of departments, Town Council members, GBs, and local leaders, and MLA Achumbemo Kikon. He commended the unity and vigilance of the local administration and community, who have been conducting round-the-clock surveillance. Emphasising that Niuland is being a porous border area which requires full attention, he urged all to report any unfamiliar settlement activity. Maintaining that the current situation is not a border conflict but a national interest, the Deputy CM urged the CRPF to remain as a neutral force. Meanwhile, Mr Patton expressed appreciation to Chief Minister Rio for his prompt attention and commitment to address the issue, mentioning that Mr Rio's proactive involvement reflected the seriousness with which the matter has been handled.



India and UK today signed Free Trade Agreement in London. In a press statement following talks with his British counterpart Keir Starmer, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said today marks a historic day in India-UK bilateral relations. He expressed happiness that after many years of hard work, Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the two nations has been concluded. He noted that this agreement paves the way for shared prosperity of India and UK.

In his statement, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer said the Free Trade Agreement the deal will bring huge benefits to both the countries.

Mr Starmer said the pact will boost wages and raise living standards of working people.



The fourth day of the Monsoon session today continued to witness disruption of proceedings in both Houses of Parliament, forcing multiple halting, before being ultimately adjourned for the day. In the Lok Sabha, amid noisy scene during the day, various reports of Standing Committees were tabled, including on Communications and Information Technology, and on rural development. In the morning, Speaker Om Birla took up Question Hour but the opposition members started sloganeering and trooped into the well of the House. Mr Birla appealed to the opposition to allow Question Hour saying that their conduct is not in accordance with the dignity of the House.

Meanwhile, Rajya Sabha transacted a few listed businesses. The house bid farewell to six retiring members representing Tamil Nadu. The Rajya Sabha also took up the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill, 2025 for consideration and passing. However due to continued sloganeering, the Chair adjourned the House for the day.

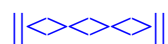


Commissioner and Secretary of School Education and SCERT Nagaland, Kevileno Angami, today emphasized the pivotal role of quality education in building human capital and achieving a developed Nagaland. Speaking at the inaugural session of a two-day workshop for district officials and DIETs on the 5th Chief Secretary Conference and State Indicators for education at Kohima, Ms Angami stressed that the state's vision aligns with the national goal of a Viksit Bharat, where education and human capital play a critical role.

Highlighting education managers, teachers, and policymakers as integral to strengthening the school ecosystem, she urged education officials to assess their contributions and commitment to nurturing the future of the state.



In response to the ongoing eviction drive against illegal immigrants in Assam, Deputy Commissioner of Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, has directed all village councils, wards, and colonies in the district to remain vigilant. The DC has directed local authorities to be on alert for any unusual movement or migration, and to immediately report such activity to the District Administration or Police.



Nagaland Health Protection Society (NHPS) has observed that some hospitals are providing reimbursement-only care under the Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and the Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme. NHPS has directed such hospitals to strictly implement cashless treatment protocols and to refrain from making any undue profit from the scheme without delivering its benefits to the beneficiaries. The Society has urged beneficiaries to report such instances immediately by calling the toll free number **1800-202-3308** or by emailing **support(hyphen)nhps@cmhis(dot)nagaland(dot)gov(dot)in**.

