

## Morning News Script

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Advisor to the Chief Minister Dr. Chumben Murry has underscored the need for accessible credit and financial services to drive sustainable growth. Speaking at the inauguration of the new branch of Slice Small Finance Bank in Wokha yesterday, he emphasized upon strengthening the banking system and promoting financial literacy, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas.

Dr. Murry described Slice Small Finance Bank as a “lighthouse of resources” to boost entrepreneurship and small businesses. He also urged stakeholders to focus on the upliftment of youth and women, recognizing them as key drivers of socio-economic transformation. Deputy Commissioner Wokha, Vineet Kumar spoke on the broader role of the bank in addressing local economic challenges. Raising concerns over informal loan lending systems in the district, with high interest rates, Mr Kumar expressed hope that the new bank would offer a safer and regulated alternative for financial services.

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Lok Sabha MP and President of NPCC, S. Supongmeren Jamir yesterday launched an anti-drug campaign themed ‘Say No to Drugs’. Organized by the Jawahar Bal Manch (JBM) under the NPCC, the initiative aims to raise awareness on drug abuse among youth through creative activities like art and speech competitions. At the event, Mr Jamir lauded JBM’s growing grassroots work and emphasized that youth engagement is vital for a progressive society. NPCC Working President Khriedi Theunuo highlighted the serious impact of drugs on the youth and society, and called for united action to combat the crisis. JBM State Co-ordinator Kaqhetu Kughutu stressed the need for a sustained and collective effort to protect future generations.

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As part of the ongoing nationwide drive launched by the Finance Ministry’s Department of Financial Services, a financial inclusion campaign was held at Sirhima Village in Medziphema block yesterday. Addressing the event, Chief General Manager of RBI’s FIDD, R Giridharan, highlighted the importance of

banking in a person's life and stressed that KYC is essential for building mutual trust.

The event was organized by the Financial Inclusion and Development Department (FIDD), Kohima, with participation from banks, including SBI and Bank of Baroda. About 300 villagers attended the session and were made aware of key government schemes like PM Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Suraksha Bima Yojana, PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, and Atal Pension Yojana, along with other banking services and digital fraud. The campaign runs from July 1 to September 30.

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Prime Minister Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani at 11 AM today. It will be the 125th episode of the monthly radio programme. A report...

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Nagaland clinched two gold and one silver at the 4th Sub-Junior National Taekwondo Championship held at Cuttack in Odisha from August 28 to 30. While Shiusuthong took gold in the 35 kg category, Sudeh Lamliu won in the 29 kg category. Iciheing Ndang earned silver medal in the 50 kg category. The Nagaland Taekwondo Association team, coaches Visabiu Peseyie and Santsuthung Ngullie, and team manager T. Alem Aier, competed in six weight categories at the event.

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And, in weather, the India Meteorological Department has forecast continued showers over the northeast states during the coming week. It said heavy rainfall is expected to continue in isolated places across Nagaland and the neighbouring states till 5th of September. Light to moderate rain, accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning, are likely across many areas over the next five days

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