

Morning News Script

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The Public Health Engineering Department, PHED, Nagaland has launched the 'Har Ghar Tiranga, Har Ghar Swachhta' campaign ahead of the Independence Day. During the launch event at the Directorate in Kohima on Friday, Chief Engineer PHED, L Layang Khamniungan, highlighted the spiritual and practical significance of cleanliness. He led the Swachhata pledge and officially declared the campaign open.

As part of the initiative, the state team visited Government Middle School, Phezoucha, where students were sensitized on water conservation and quality monitoring. Kohima Rural Division, along with District Administration Tsemnyu, Kithagha Students' Union, and Tsemnyu Green District Initiatives, carried out a clean-up and plastic trash segregation drive at the Chunlikha Block PWMU. An interactive workshop encouraged village leaders, councils and students to develop the practice of decreasing plastic trash at its source. Meanwhile, PHED Zunheboto Division also organized a mass cleanliness drive in public spaces, streets and sanitation sites across the district.

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Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has said that the Dimapur-Kohima four-lane highway project is significantly improving connectivity in Nagaland and the Northeast region. Spanning about 78 kilometers, the highway has cut travel time and improved economic activity, tourism, and agro exports. Replying to a query on the four-lane project in Lok Sabha last week, the minister said, two Dimapur Bypass packages and Package-II of the project have been completed and are under maintenance. Package-I has achieved over 99 percent physical progress, while Package-III is scheduled for completion by June 2027. The NHIDCL is overseeing construction quality through day-to-day inspections. The project has faced delays due to challenging terrain, but new technologies like slope protection measures and RCC

Box Cell Viaducts are being used to ensure structural stability and sustainability.

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In a tragic incident, a 31-year-old man from Humtso Village, died of electrocution at a stone quarry in Longsa on Friday. According to Wokha SP T. Relo Aye, burn marks were found on the victim's face, body, and leg. Initial investigations suggest he came into contact with a live electric transmission line. Police received the report around 11 AM and found the victim dead at the scene. The body has been handed over to the family for the last rites. In a separate incident, a Tuensang-bound Sumo carrying 10 passengers met with an accident near Wokha village yesterday morning. While no fatalities were reported, three passengers sustained minor injuries. The cause of the accident is still being confirmed, but the driver blamed a brake failure. The vehicle remains at the site and is expected to be recovered on Monday. In the wake of the incident, the All Nagaland Taxi Association, Tuensang Unit, has issued safety measures, including a ban on drunk driving, using Bluetooth audio devices, and requiring vehicle owners to assist with passenger medical care.

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Relief and rescue operations are in full swing in the disaster-affected areas of Dharali-Harsil in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand. So far, more than a thousand people have been rescued. The state government has announced to provide immediate assistance of five lakh rupees for houses that have been completely damaged in the disaster. In addition, families of those who lost their lives in the disaster will also receive five lakh rupees as compensation. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami assured that the relief and rescue operations are about to get completed.

A three-member committee has been set up for the rehabilitation and livelihood strengthening of the affected people.

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World Lion Day is being celebrated today across the globe. Gujarat is marking a major milestone in the conservation of the majestic Asiatic lion. During the celebrations at Barda Wildlife Sanctuary, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav will launch a 180 Crore Wildlife Conservation initiative.

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