

Morning News Script

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio yesterday inspected the landslide-affected stretch of National Highway-29 at Liezocha, Old BRTF, near Shiv Temple. He was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner of Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, Senior Superintendent of Police, Krodi Rhetso, Chief Engineer Akho Zutso, and other officials from PWD (NH), as well as district revenue and administrative departments. During the inspection, the Chief Minister held discussions with the officials regarding both immediate and long-term measures to restore the damaged portion of the highway. Deliberations included possible solutions such as widening the hillside, filling the affected stretch, and seeking expert technical assessment from the concerned Ministry. Mr. Rio directed the concerned department to undertake urgent repair works, emphasizing that the road must be made motorable at the earliest. He further instructed that at least the metalling of the damaged section should be completed before the Hornbill Festival, considering the vital connectivity role of NH-29.

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In a first of its kind in Nagaland, the National Security Guard (NSG) successfully led a comprehensive two-day mock Counter-Terrorism (CT) exercise aimed at testing and strengthening the coordinated response of multiple agencies in the face of a terror crisis. The simulation involved a terrorist attack scenario leading to a hostage situation, with incidents staged at four key locations at St. Joseph University, Niathu Resort, NIT Chümoukedima, and the BSNL Exchange in Dimapur. A workshop on CT-Urban Operations was also conducted by the NSG in collaboration with Dimapur Police yesterday at the Police Complex, Chümoukedima, as part of a professional capacity-building effort. The exercise brought together multiple response units, including the Fire and Emergency Services, medical teams from District Hospital Dimapur and Police Referral Hospital Chumoukedima, FSL, Traffic Police, IRB, NAP rangers, Assam Rifles and the State Disaster Response Force.

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Guided by the mantra of Seva and Sushasan, that is, Public Service and Good Governance, the Government, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has been working tirelessly to bring transformation and progress. Today, in this Special Series - 'Seva Parv', we bring to you how the Modi government has boosted defence exports and strengthened strategic acquisitions..

(VC-India's defence and internal security posture under the Narendra Modi government reflects a decisive shift towards strength, clarity, and self-reliance. With record investments in defence, rapid growth in indigenous production, bold reforms and the adoption of emerging technologies, India has transitioned from being a major importer to a rising global exporter of

defence equipment. Defence exports grew thirty-four times over the last decade, reaching 23 thousand 622 crore rupees in 2024-25. Over one thousand 700 export authorisations were granted in 2024-25 alone. India now supplies a wide range of defence equipment to over 100 nations, including the United States, France, and Armenia. These include bulletproof jackets, patrol boats, helicopters, radars and even advanced systems like torpedoes. Inaugurating development projects in Katra, Jammu and Kashmir on 6th June this year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, in the last ten years, India has become a big defence exporter and now the goal is to include India's name among the top defence exporters of the world.

India's defence policy in the last decade has been guided by the principle of Atmanirbharta. The Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020, revised from Defence Procurement Procedure 2016, aligned fully with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan spearheaded by PM Modi.)

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In order to make eco-friendly transport accessible and affordable for the common man, the government has extended significant relief to the bicycle industry. GST on bicycles has been reduced from 12 percent to 5 percent to promote affordability, accessibility, and sustainable mobility solutions. Similarly, the GST council has slashed down the tax rate on bicycle parts to 5 percent which previously fell under 12 percent slab. This rationalization under the next generation GST reforms marked a significant step leading towards cheaper movement and increased bicycle usage among students, fitness enthusiasts, and young professionals.

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Salam Lamyamba Luwang, a Ph.D. Research Scholar from the Department of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Nagaland University, was awarded "Best Agricultural Engineer" during FutureAg-2025, the 11th National Conference on "Advancing Food & Farming for a Sustainable Future". The conference was organized by the Department of Agriculture, Suresh Gyan Vihar University, Jaipur (ICAR Accredited), in collaboration with Just Agriculture Communications Group and ISAHRD Society. It was held from September 9–10, 2025, at Suresh Gyan Vihar University, Jaipur, Rajasthan. Mr. Luwang specialises in Soil and Water Conservation Engineering. His ongoing research, titled "Assessing the Impact and Control of Soil Erosion in the Hilly Terrain of Nagaland, India," is being carried out under the supervision of Prof. Prabhakar Sharma, Department of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Nagaland University.

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