

Morning News Script

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Director General of Police, Nagaland, Rupin Sharma has underscored the importance of preserving good traditions, while also embracing change and adapting to new technologies. Speaking at Unity College's 19th Freshers'-cum-Annual Day yesterday, he emphasized education as a lifelong journey that is not just about success, but is centered on virtue and personal growth.

Highlighting the strength of diversity, Mr Sharma encouraged a culture of inquiry, stating that asking questions reflects leadership, not ignorance. He also encouraged students to think beyond conventional careers by exploring entrepreneurship and digital opportunities. He stressed the need to embrace AI wisely. Addressing drug abuse, Mr Sharma urged students to report cases of substance use among peers, and called for educational institute to create support systems for early intervention.

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said she will personally monitor the passing on of GST benefits to citizens. In an interview with a media channel, the Finance Minister said, people from across the country have termed the GST reforms as a welcome move. She urged people to report if the benefits are not being passed on to them. Ms Sitharaman added that several industry players have already pledged to pass on the benefits.

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The Nagaland National Pension System Government Service Employees Forum has launched a video aiming to raise awareness about the impact of the New Pension System on government employees. The video titled 'The NPS Threat – Service Without Security' yesterday, was officially released by Secretary of the All India

State Government Employees Federation and CANSSEA President Zubemo Lotha Tsanglao. Speaking at the event, Mr Tsanglao said the NPS lacked lifelong pension security, unlike the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). He called for its repeal through legislation, public mobilization, and sustained advocacy. Meanwhile, the Forum's President Avizo Nienu urged both state and central governments to address their plea and reinstate the OPS to ensure post-retirement welfare.

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The State Red Run 2025 was held yesterday at the Regional Centre for Sporting Excellence in Sovima, Chümoukedima. Organized by the Nagaland State AIDS Control Society in collaboration with the Nagaland Olympic Association and Nagaland Athletics, the run was conducted with the theme 'Run for Awareness, Run Against HIV and STIs.' Speaking to the media, NSACS Joint Director (IEC) Metevinuo Sakhrie emphasized the need for proactive action in the fight against HIV and STIs, using sports as a powerful platform for change.

Over 220 runners from Nagaland and neighboring states participated in the 10K races under State and Open categories.

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The 1st Nagaland Masters Table Tennis Championship concluded yesterday at Kohima. A total of 44 veterans, above 40 years of age, from seven districts participated in the Team championship and individual categories during the two-day event. In the 40+ Men's Team category, Kohima District emerged Champions, followed by Dimapur and Mon, while Meluri District secured the 50+ Men's team Champions title, followed by Mokokchung and Kohima. The event was organized by the Nagaland Masters Table Tennis Association and Nagaland Table Tennis Association.

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And, in weather, India Meteorological Department has forecast rains to continue in isolated places over the northeast during the next seven days accompanied

with thunderstorm and lightning. In Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura, heavy rainfall is expected till 8th of August.

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