

Morning News Script

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MLA Kevipodi Sophie has expressed serious concern over the decades-long delay in completing the Two-Lane Package-4 By-Pass Road from D-Khel, Kohima Village to Kigwema Village. Raising the issue during Question Hour in Assembly yesterday, he noted that the work order for the project was issued in 2000 with an 18-month deadline, but remains unfinished. He said the recent landslide at Phesama, which disrupted National Highway-2, has highlighted the urgent need for the alternate route, especially for commuters and students.

In response, Deputy Chief Minister and National Highways Minister T. R. Zeliang clarified that the project is under the direct purview of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), and that the State Government has no control over contractor selection or financial oversight. Mr. Zeliang said the state has repeatedly flagged delays and quality concerns with MoRTH and NHIDCL, but progress remains slow due to the state's limited administrative control over the project.

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Raising concerns over growing tensions along the Nagaland-Assam border, MLA Achumbemo Kikon has called for the immediate establishment of permanent police outposts at Tchujaanphen under the Rengma Reserved Forest and Lio-Longchum in Wokha under Sector-D. Speaking during the Question Hour in the Assembly yesterday, Mr. Kikon noted that while temporary deployments of Nagaland Armed Police and the Indian Reserve Battalion have been made, a permanent presence is vital for long-term security and stability. He also called for immediate restoration of power supply to a Naga village which had been disconnected during the recent eviction drive. Mr Kikon also pressed for the implementation of a long-pending cabinet decision to establish village guards in sensitive border areas, suggesting this would help ease tensions and reduce the need for frequent security deployments.

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Governor of Nagaland, Ajay Kumar Bhalla has extended greetings and appreciation to teachers in Nagaland and across the country on the occasion of Teachers' Day today. In his message, the Governor acknowledged the tireless efforts and invaluable contributions of teachers towards nation-building. He stated that teachers are the bedrock of the education system — mentors who guide, role models who inspire and nurturers who devote themselves to moulding young minds of the nation. The Governor also lauded the recipients of the

prestigious State Level Teachers’ Awards and the National Teachers’ Awards 2025, calling them a source of pride for Nagaland and an inspiration to the entire teaching fraternity. Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio has also extended warm greetings and best wishes to all the teachers across Nagaland on Teachers' Day. He said, their role in fostering creativity, critical thinking, and values is essential. Mr. Rio added that the government remains committed to empowering teachers, strengthening education, and upholding dignity of the profession. On Teachers Day, Deputy Chief Minister, Y Patton express deep gratitude to those who guide minds and shape futures. Mr. Patton said a teacher’s role goes far beyond the classroom—they ignite curiosity, nurture values, and inspire the confidence that allows every student to dream bigger.

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In a proud moment for Nagaland, the extraordinary dedication of an educator whose impact extends far beyond the classroom has been recognised with the prestigious National Teacher Award 2025. Ms. Peleno Petenilhu, a teacher with over two decades of experience, has been shaping the future of her students with empathy, creativity, and an unwavering sense of purpose. More from our Kohima correspondent

VOICE CAST:

Ms. Peleno Petenilhu's story is a reminder of the incredible difference one teacher can make in the lives of many. Her commitment to not only teaching but mentoring, empowering, and uplifting her students is a true testament to the power of education.

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