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- Advisor NSDMA, Z Nyusietho Nyuthe, emphasizes need for swift action to restore road connectivity
- Landslide-affected Pagalapahar stretch of National Highway-29 partially reopened for vehicular traffic
- Along with rest of the country, Akashvani Kohima celebrates Hindi Pakhwada from today
- Mez & Co and Sadar Hills FA (Manipur) register dominating wins in 25th NSF Martyrs' Trophy

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In response to widespread damage caused by recent extreme weather events, the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) held an emergency meeting today with all line departments to assess the situation and coordinate response measures. Chairing the meeting, Advisor, NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe, underscored the urgency of restoring road connectivity and assigning additional machinery in disaster-prone areas. Highlighting the risk posed by rising water levels, the Advisor called for continuous monitoring of vulnerable areas like the Chathe and Dhansiri rivers. He also urged all stakeholders, including the NHIDCL, to enhance infrastructure resilience and sustainable construction solutions tailored to Nagaland's hilly terrain to withstand extreme weather conditions. The meeting discussed disaster incident reports from various districts, and was attended by key departments such as PWD (Roads & Bridges) (National Highways), Water Resources, District Disaster Management Authorities, and NHIDCL.

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The Commissioner of Police, Dimapur has informed that the landslide-affected stretch of National Highway-29 along Chathe/ Tsiedukhru (Pagalapahar) has been partially reopened for vehicular movement. According to an advisory issued today, light motor vehicles are permitted to ply in single lane with restrictions from today. Heavy Motor vehicle upto six wheels will be allowed only from 8:00 AM tomorrow. In case of heavy rainfall, it said, the stretch will be closed without prior notice. The bypass route between New and Old Chumoukedima remains open in a staggered manner. Commuters have been advised to avoid unnecessary stoppage along the affected stretch, especially during rain. Meanwhile, Peren Deputy Commissioner Hiazu Meru has issued a

travel advisory following multiple landslides along the Mhainamtsi-Pimla road due to continuous rainfall. As per the advisory, light vehicles are allowed both ways from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Heavy vehicles up to six-wheelers moving from Pimla to Mhainamtsi are permitted between 6:00 PM and midnight, while those travelling from Mhainamtsi to Pimla are allowed between midnight and 6:00 AM.

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Joining the rest of the country, Akashvani Kohima is celebrating Hindi Pakhwada from today, while also commemorating 90 years of radio broadcasting in India. The fortnight-long celebration began on the 14th of September and will conclude on the 27th of this month. To mark the occasion, various competitions are being organized, including poem recitation, handwriting and film song competitions. In a brief programme held earlier today, Assistant Director (Engineering), Dinesh Prasad Vishwakarma, highlighted the purpose of Hindi Pakhwada, stating that it aims to promote the use of Hindi as an official language and to encourage proficiency and active participation in Hindi among government officers and staff.

Altogether, 11 non-hindi speaking staff of Akashvani Kohima participated in the poem recitation today.

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The High Court Bar Association (HCBA), Kohima, today conducted its Annual General Meeting at the Bar Room, High Court premises. Delivering the presidential address, Senior Advocate and President of HCBA, C.T. Jamir, highlighted various activities undertaken by the association and issues being pursued, including appointment of judges from the state, designation of senior advocates, and a separate High Court for Nagaland,

Mr Jamir noted that the HCBA had submitted a representation to the Chief Justice of Guwahati High Court on the issues during his visit to Kohima last month. The event featured presentation of various reports. C.T. Jamir has been re-elected as President of HCBA for the tenure 2025-28.

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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 positively transformed our Environment and Biodiversity.

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Unified Payments Interface, UPI, users can now make Person-to-Merchant transactions of upto 10 lakh rupees in a single day for selected verified categories from today. According to the circular issued by National Payments Corporation of India last month, the new UPI rules are designed to make high-value digital payments easier and more secure for Indian users. However, the UPI limit for Person-to-Person (P2P) transfers remains unchanged at 1 lakh rupees per day.

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The GST Council on 3rd of this month announced a series of Next Generation GST reforms, providing a big relief to the common man through the significant tax reduction in the healthcare sector. Today we look at the reforms undertaken for medical devices and medicines such as Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathy, which will come into effect from 22nd of this month.

GST V/C : The Council has reduced the tax rate from 12 percent to 5 percent on various medicines related to ayurveda, unani and homoeopathy. Also, the GST rates on devices for medical, dental and veterinary needs have been brought down to 5 per cent from earlier 18 per cent. Additionally, tax rate on medical grade oxygen has been slashed down from 12 percent to 5 percent. The reduction of GST on medicines is expected to ease the burden on hospitals which will benefit patients, especially families with low income.

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The 25th edition of the NSF Martyrs' Memorial Trophy witnessed a goal fest at the IG Stadium today, as Mez & Co delivered a commanding performance, thrashing Kohima Bible College 17-0. In the second match of the day, Sadar Hills FA (Manipur) showcased their attacking prowess with an emphatic 13-0 victory over Wolves FC.

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