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- Advisor H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam stresses need for quality district data to achieve 'Viksit Nagaland'
- Dimapur DC Dr. Tinojungshi Chang emphasizes collective responsibility in safeguarding child rights
- State Directorate of Geology & Mining mandates permit for groundwater extraction
- And, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan says, farmers must get full benefit of GST relief



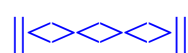
Advisor Economics & Statistics and Evaluation, H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam highlighted the importance of quality district-level data for balanced regional development and achieving the vision of a 'Viksit Nagaland.' Speaking at the release of the Survey Report on 'Employment, Unemployment, Skill and Migration' in Nagaland, 2025 in Kohima today, he said, disaggregated data is indispensable to addressing district-specific challenges and leveraging their prospects, while strengthening policy implementation. Noting that more than 71 thousand applicants were registered with employment exchanges in the state as of March 31, 2025, he reaffirmed the government's commitment to tackling the issue. Mr. Sangtam urged policymakers,

researchers, and other stakeholders to use the report to inform effective policies and enrich public discourse on employment.



Dimapur Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Tinojungshi Chang has emphasized the need for collective responsibility in safeguarding child rights. Addressing the one-day awareness programme on 'Child Rights and Child Protection' today, he highlighted rising cases of child abuse and harassment, and urged government departments, organizations, and individuals to work together in providing children a safe and supportive environment.

DCPO Dimapur, Avika Zhimomi, informed that from September 2023 to August 2025, 310 children were produced before the Child Welfare Committee, while 499 cases were received through the Childline 1098 helpline. The event was organized by the Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights in collaboration with District Child Protection Unit. It featured presentations on various child-related legislations, including the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, POCSO Act, right to Education and prohibition of child labour.



Director of Geology and Mining, Dr. Kenyelo Rengma, has informed that all drilling agencies, including manual hand-boring parties in the state, must register their equipment and obtain a permit from the Directorate of Geology & Mining, Nagaland. Users of commercial and industrial groundwater, such as water bottling plants and car wash centres, are also required to get a permit for groundwater extraction. Applications can be collected at the Directorate's office in Dimapur during working hours, and the deadline for registration is November 30. Non-compliance will result in penalties or legal action under relevant laws.

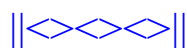


Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju has emphasised that the active participation of women and youth is essential for realising the vision of a developed India by 2047. Addressing the Future Frontier Conclave in New Delhi, he said that the central theme of the government's agenda is women-led development.

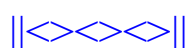
The Minister stated that India is well on track to become the third-largest economy in the world.



Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan today stressed that the GST rate cuts on tractors and farm equipment must directly reach farmers. Chairing a meeting with agricultural machinery and equipment representatives in New Delhi, Mr Chouhan highlighted that the GST reduction to 5 percent would lead to significant price cuts ranging from 23 thousand to 63 thousand rupees across different tractor categories. Addressing the media, he stressed, the benefit must not be absorbed midway and should directly accrue to farmers in real time, starting September 22.



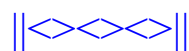
In a major relief for the common man, the GST Council has announced significant tax cuts for the automobile sector. The Automobile industry supports over 3.5 crore jobs in manufacturing, sales, financing, and maintenance, directly and indirectly. Lower GST rates will boost demand, providing a lift not only to automobile manufacturers but also to the vast allied industries, including tyres, batteries, components, glass, steel, plastics, and electronics. The tax reduction will also encourage the replacement of old vehicles with new, fuel-efficient models, thereby promoting cleaner and greener mobility.



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 empowered tribal communities and improved their quality of life.



Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Department of Horticulture Akumla Chuba, has highlighted the transformative phase in higher education, marked by the rise of technologies like AI, drones, and robotics in agriculture. Addressing students at the 30th Freshers' Social of Nagaland University's Medziphema Campus today, she emphasized the challenges of this changing landscape but underscored the opportunities for students to become future leaders in agriculture, horticulture, and technology. She encouraged students to gain knowledge and develop practical skills, and stay adaptable in an ever-evolving field.



And, In Weather, India Meteorological Department has forecast that many locations in the Northeast region will receive light to moderate rain with thunderstorms in the next few days. For Nagaland, heavy showers are expected at isolated areas from tomorrow till the 23rd September.

