

## Morning News Script

0730 hrs of 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

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The seventh session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly will resume today. According to the list of business, the session will begin Question Hour, followed by consideration and passing of government bills, including The Nagaland State Finance Commission Bill, 2025 and the Nagaland Flood Plain Zoning Bill 2025. Other scheduled items include ministerial statements under Rule-55 on "Eviction of illegal immigrants at Disturbed Area Belt", presentation of reports and rules, and discussion on Safeguarding the Rights of Indigenous Communities under matters of urgent public importance. The House will also take up any unfinished business before adjourning Sine Die.

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The Centre has reduced GST on several items across different categories. GST reducing rate will be effective from 22th of this month. Briefing the media in New Delhi last, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that GST on common man and middle-class items has been reduced from 18 per cent or 12 per cent to 5 per cent.

The Finance Minister further said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi set the tone for the next generation of tax reforms and ensured that people receive benefits at the earliest. She said that the government has corrected inverted duty structure issues, resolved classification-related matters, and ensured greater stability and predictability in the GST regime.

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Deputy Commissioner of Kohima, B Henok Buchem has issued additional traffic advisory on the affected section of National Highway-2 (Kohima to Mao) near Phesama, due to ongoing restoration and balance works. According to the additional regulations, Light Motor Vehicles will be allowed to ply, while Heavy

Vehicles, up to six wheelers will be permitted with specific timings. Heavy Vehicles bound for Manipur will be allowed to ply from 8:00 PM to 12:00 AM and those going towards Dimapur will be allowed from 12:00 AM to 4:00 AM. Convoys of Security Forces, LPG trucks, medical emergencies, fire engines and essential services will be allowed during the day. Meanwhile, traffic will remain suspended daily from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for restoration work. However alternative route from Phesama-Kisama-Kigwema via Rhododendron Resort will remain open. The Advisory further stated that during heavy rainfall vehicle movement will be suspended due to landslide risks.

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A two-day orientation on potential computerized Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) organized by the Registrar of Cooperatives Societies commenced yesterday at Cooperative Training Centre, in Medziphema. Speaking at the program, Commissioner and Secretary for Information & Public Relation and Co-operation Departments, Orenthung Lotha said, computerization of PACS will enhanced financial inclusion and strengthen service delivery to farmers. He emphasized on the initiative of the Government of India's vision to make PACS self-reliant and align with the broader goal of prosperity through cooperatives societies. Highlighting the aims, objectives and diverse activities of cooperatives, Mr. Orenthung stressed on the need to promote co-operative movement in the state.

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A group of Science students from PM SHRI Navodaya Vidyalaya in Peren district undertook an Educational tour to Nagaland University's School of Agricultural Sciences, Medziphema Campus yesterday. During the visit, the students explored a range of specialized project units and departments within the institution. The program included visits to the college library, the Entomology Insect Museum, where students gained insights into the diverse world of insects and the Plant Pathology Disease Museum, which provided a deeper understanding of plant diseases and their management. The students also participate in the Experiential Learning Program on silkworm rearing, where they were introduced to the

intricate lifecycle of silkworms and briefed on the scientific methods of their cultivation. Later, the students toured the All India Coordinated Research Project on Honeybee Pollinators, where they were taught on honeybee rearing techniques, the role of pollinators in sustainable agriculture, and observed honey processing practices.

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