

Morning News Script

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Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton chaired the District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting in Wokha yesterday. The meeting was attended by Advisor Agriculture Mhathung Yanthan, MLA Y.M. Humtsoe, DC Wokha Vineet Kumar, SP T. Relo Aye, departmental heads, and representatives from various sectors. In a post on X, Mr. Patton said the meeting discussed pressing local issues, reviewed development agendas, assessed the progress of ongoing projects, and identified priority areas for further focus. He emphasized that each member carries a vital responsibility toward the district's growth and welfare and expressed satisfaction at the sense of commitment reflected in their discussions and suggestions.

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The Chumoukedima District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting yesterday at the DC's Conference Hall, chaired by Advisor for Urban Development & Municipal Affairs and Chairman of the DPDB, Zhaleo Rio. In his address, Zhaleo Rio highlighted the monsoon-related damages across Nagaland and lauded the district administration and stakeholders for their cooperation. During the meeting, the board approved several proposals, including the recognition of the Nagaland State Pedal Association and the Chumoukedima Two-Wheelers Taxi Association, introduction of multi-disciplinary and commerce courses at GHSS Singrijan, construction of an Excise Department Office, and renaming of Sirhi Angami Village to Medzhiphema 'A' Village.

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GST Bachat Utsav, which was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and commenced on 22nd of last month, is benefiting all sections of society. Today, our correspondent brings a report on the GST reforms that will boost the economy of the state of Manipur.

GST V/C- *The new GST reform is providing a major boost to Manipur's artisans, farmers, and small businesses. Hand-woven textiles, bamboo crafts, cane furniture, and local artisan goods which earlier attracted 12 percent GST are now being taxed at just 5 percent, giving artisans an opportunity to expand markets and improve incomes. Similarly, the significant reduction in taxes from 12 percent to 5 percent on processed food items such as pickles, bamboo shoots, fermented foods, vegetable preparations marks a major boost for producers and consumers as it increases affordability and market reach. Along with this, the tax cut on packaged coffee from 18 percent to 5 percent brings substantial relief across Manipur's coffee industry. With this move, districts such as Ukhrul, Senapati, and Chandel which are important hubs for coffee cultivation are being benefited as sector generates additional employment in processing, packaging, and distribution networks.*

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Ahead of the three-day pen-down strike from October 14, the Joint Coordination Committee (on IAS Induction) has directed all employees to maintain attendance at their workplaces and follow official protocols during the protest. The committee said, emergency and essential services will remain unaffected throughout the strike and urged all associations to ensure that the general public does not face inconvenience. The Joint Coordination Committee

includes the Confederation of All Nagaland State Services Employees' Association, Federation of Nagaland Senior Engineers Service Association, Nagaland In-service Doctors Association Nagaland Secretariat Service Association and Nagaland Finance & Accounts Service Association.

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In observance of the 5th anniversary of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, the Department of Social Welfare, Dimapur, has announced a District-Level Online Slogan Writing Competition under the theme “Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Life.” The competition aims to engage youths in spreading awareness on substance abuse prevention through creative expression, promoting the vision of a drug-free India under the NMBA initiative. We have a report-

DRUG V/C: *The contest is open to youths aged 15 to 29 years residing in Dimapur District. Participants can submit one original slogan in English (10–20 words) on A4 size paper using color pencils, crayons, or sketch pens. Entries must be submitted in digital format (scanned copy or PDF) along with the participant’s name and contact details via email at dhew.dmu@gmail.com or through Instagram DM to @dhew_dimapur till 17th of this month. Results will be announced on October 18 on the official Instagram page of DHEW Dimapur. Winners will receive cash prizes and certificates . For more details, participants may contact +91 9612 776 287 or +91 8867 411 683. The department has encouraged all eligible youths to take part and contribute towards building a healthier, drug-free society.*

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And on to local sports now, Kumlong Ward clinched the 4th Mokokchung Town Inter-Ward Volleyball Tournament 2025 after a thrilling five-set victory over Mongsenbai Ward at the Multi-Purpose Sports Complex last night. Kumlong won with scores of 25–20, 19–25, 25–20, 23–25, 17–15. The champions received a cash prize of 50,000, rupees along with a trophy and certificates, while the runners-up took home 30,000, rupees a trophy, and citations.

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