

## Morning News Script

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Advisor for IPR and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen, yesterday inaugurated the Command and Control Centre (CCC) at the Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation, Kohima. The Centre is funded by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and the Government of Nagaland under the Soil Health and Fertility component of RKVY. Advisor Imchen said the centre will ease the workload of field staff, improve decision-making, and bridge the gap between experts and farmers. He called for stronger collaboration and trust to advance sustainable soil and water management. Director L. Chubaonen informed that the CCC integrates data collection, GIS mapping, video conferencing, and centralized monitoring to enhance efficiency, transparency, and programme implementation across districts. The Advisor also virtually inaugurated Bio-Fertilizer Production Units at Rotomi and Seyochung during the event. Meanwhile Farmers can also seek assistance through the toll-free number +91 7965192504 for further queries related to Soil Health and Fertility.

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As part of their third phase of agitation, the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) comprising CANSSEA, FONSESA, NIDA, NSSA and NF&ASA will launched its three-day pen-down strike from today. The employees are protesting the state government's alleged failure to address their concerns tied to IAS induction. Addressing the media yesterday, the JCC members said that all government employees under the associations will report to work but refrain from official duties, calling the protest a stand for meritocracy and fairness in public service.

The committee is demanding induction of only from NPSC-recruited officers, full transparency in panel lists and selection criteria, and an end to political interference. It also sought the immediate withdrawal of the alleged biased panel list forwarded to the Centre, and restoration of the March 10 vacancy circular. The JCC said it will decide the next course of action if the government fails to respond during the three-day pen-down agitation.

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A District-level Awareness-cum-Campaign on Settlement of Unclaimed Deposits under the theme “Your Money, Your Right” was held yesterday at the Deputy Commissioner’s Office, Dimapur. The programme was jointly organised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and State Bank of India (SBI) as part of a nationwide initiative of the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, to facilitate the prompt settlement of unclaimed financial assets. District Lead Manager, Rongsenyangla, highlighted the growing issue of unclaimed deposits and underscored the need for financial literacy. She explained that the campaign is based on the three pillars of Awareness, Accessibility, and Action (3As) to simplify the process of tracing and reclaiming unclaimed funds. She informed that unclaimed assets in India stood at 1.82 lakh crore rupees as of 31st August 2025, and encouraged citizens to verify their claims through the RBI’s portal <https://Udhampur.rbi.org.in>. The initiative forms part of the Government’s ongoing efforts to promote financial inclusion and literacy through schemes such as PMJDY, NSFE, NCFE, and FLCs.

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The GST Bachat Utsav, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and commencing on the 22nd of last month, is benefiting the country as a whole. Today, our correspondent brings a report on the GST reforms that are set to empower various industries in Mizoram.

**(V/C- 50 sec** *The new GST reform is a major boost for Mizoram’s artisans, farmers, and tourism industry. With the reduced GST rates, the traditional and regional products are now more affordable, boosting local production. The GST on packaged and processed Mizo chillies, ginger, turmeric, bamboo, cane products, and fruits has been brought down to 5 percent from the earlier 18 percent. Along with this, the tourism sector in the state is a vital source of employment and economic development. The GST reduction to 5 percent on rooms priced up to 7 thousand 500 rupees has made travel more affordable, boosting occupancy and supporting local businesses. This reform is set to enhance opportunities for entrepreneurship and youth employment across the state’s hospitality sector)*

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And, To mark the countdown to the 9th Captain N. Kenguruse, Maha Vir Chakra (Posthumous) Memorial Football Tournament, scheduled to begin on 22nd October, a vibrant road show has been launched across Nagaland. Organised by the Assam Rifles in collaboration with the Nagaland Football Association, the event celebrates the legacy of Captain Neikezhakuo Kenguruse, a Kargil War hero and an inspiration for the youth. The road show promotes unity, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm for the tournament under the theme “One State, One Game, One Goal.” Road shows have been held in Kohima, Phek, and Zunheboto, with the campaign continuing today at Chipobozou, Tseminyu, and Wokha.

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