

## Morning News Script

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday virtually laid the foundation stone for the Integrated Aqua Park at Tzudikong, Mokokchung district, under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. MLA & Advisor for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, A. Pangjung Jamir. Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Rongsennungba, along with departmental officials, also participated in the programme. This will be the first Aqua Park in Nagaland, serving as a hub for fisheries-related developmental activities. We have more from our correspondent-

**AQUA V/C:** *The Integrated Aqua park will primarily focus on fish and fish seed production and is expected to play a transformative role in advancing Nagaland's fisheries sector. It will function as a comprehensive resource centre providing high-quality inputs, facilitating forward market linkages, and ensuring equitable pricing for fishery products. The facility aims to meet the needs of fish farmers within the state, offering access to various schemes and benefits under one roof. It will also create new avenues of livelihood, empowering educated unemployed youth and promoting sustainable growth in the fisheries sector. .*

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Nagaland joined the nationwide launch of the PM Dhan–Dhanya Krishi Yojana and Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses yesterday. In Kohima, the programme was organised by the Directorate of Agriculture. Advisor for Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan, highlighted the government's commitment to strengthening the farm sector through sustainable policies. Agriculture Production Commissioner V. Shashank Shekhar said 100 low-productivity districts, including Mon from Nagaland, have been identified for focused development. A separate programme was also held by District Agriculture Office, Kohima, in collaboration with the

District Administration. Member of Parliament S. Supongmeren Jamir urged the agriculture and allied departments to replicate successful models and work towards the holistic development of farmers. Similar programmes were also held in Dimapur, Wokha, Tseminyu, and Phek.

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Governor of Nagaland Ajay Kumar Bhalla has called for unity, peace, and youth empowerment through sports. Speaking at the closing ceremony of the 8th Naithu Sports Festival in Chümoukedima yesterday, he said the event has become a vibrant platform showcasing India's athletic talent, with record participation this year. He commended athletes from across the country for promoting friendship and fair play, and encouraged citizens to be "ambassadors of sportsmanship and fitness."

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The Kohima Riphym Ekhung celebrated its 25th anniversary in Kohima yesterday. Speaking at the event, Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton said the milestone marked 25 years of friendship, shared vision, and community strength. He commended members for upholding the spirit of cooperation and unity that has guided the organisation since its inception. Mr. Patton expressed hope that the Kohima Riphym Ekhung will continue to grow in service, strengthening community bonds and inspiring future generations.

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BJP Nagaland has launched an awareness drive on the newly announced next-generation GST reforms aimed at providing major relief to the common people by simplifying the tax system and enhancing transparency. Addressing media persons in Dimapur yesterday, Member Secretary of the Next Gen GST Reform, Akum Pongen, described the reform as a historic milestone and the result of a decade of the Modi government's visionary economic management. He said the reform will reduce the tax burden on citizens, increase purchasing power, and simplify the GST structure with only two slabs, making life easier for every household and business.

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And, Ward-10 has won the first Inter-Ward Football Tournament for the Dimapur Municipal Council Trophy 2025, defeating Ward-22 by a solitary goal in the final match at the DDSC Stadium yesterday. Speaking at the closing ceremony, Executive Engineer of Tribal Affairs, Nagashe Swu, said football is a universal language that unites people and strengthens communities. He highlighted that sports promote healthy lifestyles, inspire youth, and foster peace and harmony. Thirteen wards out of twenty-three participated in the week-long tournament organised by the Dimapur District Veterans Football Association.

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