

Morning News Script

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Advisor for Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan has called for continued creativity, innovation and collective efforts to address emerging challenges in farming, including climate change and evolving agricultural dynamics. Addressing the second day of the Banana Festival at Wokha yesterday, he urged all stakeholders to work together to ensure the benefits of agricultural research and technology reach farmers at the grassroots level. He highlighted that agriculture remains the backbone of Nagaland's economy, engaging nearly 70 percent of its population and contributing 37 percent to the state's Gross State Domestic Product. Mr Yanthan underscored that sustainable agricultural development is key to achieving a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Reaffirming the government's commitment to empowering farmers, the Minister, expressed optimism that the Banana festival will become an annual event for agricultural collaboration and growth.

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The Joint Coordination Committee of Nagaland services association has announced plans to intensify its ongoing 'pen-down and tools-down strike' starting October 27. The decision was made at a meeting earlier this week with associations including the All Nagaland Government Drivers' Association, Nagaland Civil Secretariat Drivers' Association, All Nagaland Directorate & District Government Drivers' Union, and the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Grade-IV Staff Employees Association. The JCC said its strike demanding transparency and merit in the IAS induction process, has entered the tenth day without any action from the government. The committee cautioned that its democratic agitation would continue to escalate in phases until the demands are met.

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President Droupadi Murmu has said, the power of literacy, education and knowledge has enabled Kerala to be among the leading states on several human development parameters. The President was attending the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of St. Thomas College, Pala in Kerala yesterday. The President added that this century is described as knowledge century as knowledge takes society forward and makes it self-reliant.

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As a prelude to the 26th Hornbill Festival in December, the Nagaland government is hosting its Autumn Festival in New Delhi from today. The two-day event will be held at the Nagaland House. Addressing the media in Delhi, Nagaland Tourism Minister Temjen Imna Along

highlighted that the event will offer a glimpse of the state's rich tribal heritage, through traditional cuisine, handicrafts, textiles, arts, and music.

Mr Along also noted that the festival is a unique platform for cultural exchange and strengthen Nagaland's connection with a wider audience across India. Speaking on the Hornbill Festival, the Minister emphasized the state's efforts to make its tourism policy more visitor-friendly, inviting all those who respect the environment and culture to experience the natural beauty of Nagaland.

The Minister said, to make facilitate travel to Nagaland, the Inner Line Permit process is being simplified, and a dedicated helpline will be launched at Nagaland House in New Delhi, Kolkata and Guwahati.

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And in sports... The 12th Kohima Open Tournament, now renamed G. Rio Memorial Volleyball Trophy, is set to be held from November 17 to 20. The Kohima District Volleyball Association has invited all interested players to submit entries by November 12. Forms are available at Sports World, Northern Sports, Star Sports, in Kohima and G-Sports, Chumoukedima .

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