

## Morning News Script

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The Naga People's Front (NPF) yesterday announced that it will not issue a party ticket for the upcoming by-election to Ward No. 11, Zhipa, under the Pfutsero Town Council. An office memorandum issued by NPF Secretary General and MLA, Achumbemo Kikon, informed that the decision was taken despite receiving two applications for the party ticket. The party cited the upcoming General Convention scheduled for October 21 in Kohima as the reason for withholding the ticket, stating that the convention will focus on uniting two regional political parties and facilitating a smooth transition within the party's organisational structure. The NPF said the move is intended to maintain a conducive atmosphere ahead of the convention.

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Deputy Commissioner Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa, stressed that every child is special and must be safeguarded from abuse and discrimination. Speaking at a one-day awareness programme on Child Rights and Protection, organized by the Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NSCPCR) in collaboration with the District Child Protection Unit, she urged community leaders, NGOs, students' bodies, and parents to uphold child rights and create a safe environment for children. Resource speakers from NSCPCR spoke on the Juvenile Justice Act, Adoption Rules, POCSO Act, and the Right to Education with emphasis on child labour. The programme concluded with an open discussion to further strengthen awareness on child rights and protection.

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The District Level Advisory Committee (DLAC) on Safe Food & Healthy Diets reviewed the implementation of food safety measures in Kohima yesterday. During the meeting, five Task Force Teams presented reports on inspection drives across the district, covering 108 establishments, including 31 hotels and 77 restaurants over five days. The inspections assessed FSSAI compliance, hygiene, sanitation, and food storage practices. Common lapses included expired food items, poor storage, unhygienic kitchens, absence of pest control, use of newspapers to cover food, lack of medical fitness certificates for workers, and missing water quality reports. Based on findings, 18 improvement notices will be issued and one establishment faces suspension. The DLAC urged food business operators to comply with the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, and maintain proper hygiene and licensing.

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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 Sikkim.

**[GST V/C - 32 SEC]** *"Tourism industry is essential for Sikkim's economy with various hotels, home-stays, travel agencies, taxi operators and guides. With the reformed GST rates, hotel accommodation up to 7 thousand 5 hundred rupees per night will now carry only 5 percent GST. Along with this, tax rate on packaged and instant teas are reduced to 5 percent which previously fell under the 18 percent tax slab. By easing the tax burden on Sikkim's key economic sectors, the new GST reforms will act as a catalyst for holistic development of the state's economy."*

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The National Testing Agency (NTA) has begun the registration process for the University Grants Commission National Eligibility Test, UGC NET December 2025. Interested candidates can apply for the National Eligibility Test through the link available on the official website. A report-

**(NET V/C: 20 SEC)** *As per UGC's notification, the registration process will remain open till the 7th of November. The correction window will open on the 10th of november and will close on the 12th of november. The examination will be conducted to award 'Junior Research Fellowship' to eligible candidates and for the appointment as 'Assistant Professor' and admission to PhD across 85 subjects."*

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A one-day orientation on self-defence was organized yesterday by Samagra Shiksha, Educational Block Resource Centre (EBRC), Medziphema, in collaboration with the Nari Shakti Self Defence Club, Government High School, Naga United Village. The programme was held at the Government Higher Secondary School Medziphema auditorium. Founder of the club, Pekinto Y. Jimo, described the initiative as a step towards empowering girls in government schools. Out of the 33 schools under the EBRC Medziphema block, representatives from 27 schools participated in the programme.

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