

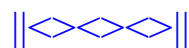
Evening News Script  
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**:: THE HEADLINES ::**

- World Mental Health Day being observed today; Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlights importance of mental health
- Nagaland today joins global community in marking of World Mental Health Day.
- Principal Director, Education, Shashank Pratap Singh says Science crucial to India's development
- And, Nagaland-Manipur officers begin civil defence training in Dimapur



World Mental Health Day is being observed across the globe today. The day aims to raise awareness about mental health issues and mobilise efforts in support of mental health care worldwide. In a social media post, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said World Mental Health Day serves as a powerful reminder that mental health is a fundamental part of everyone's overall well-being. He urged people to work collectively and create environments where conversations around mental health become mainstream. Mr Modi also complimented all those working in the field of Mental Health.



On the occasion, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare JP Nadda launched several new initiatives including Tele MANAS App for the National Tele Mental Health Programme (Tele MANAS) in New Delhi. MANAS App will now be available in ten regional languages, in addition to the English and Hindi languages. Mr Nadda said, India is committed to ensuring equitable, affordable, and inclusive access to mental health services. He said, with the launch of the new

features in the Tele-MANAS app, the government is strengthening its preparedness to respond effectively to mental health emergencies and expanding the reach of digital innovations to every corner of the country. The Minister highlighted that since its inception, Tele-MANAS has handled around 28 lakh calls, with trained counsellors engaging in more than 20 different languages. Mr Nadda informed that every day, about 4,000 people reach out for support.



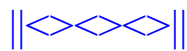
Nagaland today joined the global observance of World Mental Health Day. At an event at the Directorate of Health & Family, Kohima, Secretary, H&FW, S. Tainiu emphasized the urgent need for accessible mental health support during crises such as natural disasters, conflicts, and emergencies. She stressed that while such events often cause deep psychological trauma, mental health remains underfunded and overlooked in emergency responses. Reflecting on Nagaland's vulnerability to landslides, floods, and social tensions, she urged the need for greater awareness, early intervention, and stigma reduction to build a supportive society. On the occasion, Ms Tainiu officially launched the 'Video Consultation of Tele MANAS', which provides free, 24/7 mental health services including counselling through a toll-free helpline 14416 and mobile app. Meanwhile, the State Mental Health Institute Kohima also marked the day. Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Nuvotso Khesoh, called for prioritising mental health during disasters, conflicts, and crises, when it becomes more vulnerable, more fragile, and more critical.



The State-Level Science Seminar 2025 was held today at TM Government Higher Secondary School, Kohima. The event was organized by the Directorate of School Education under the theme The Quantum Age Begins: Potentials and Challenges. Addressing the event, Principal Director Shashank Pratap Singh, emphasised the crucial role

of science and technology in transforming India into a global knowledge hub, enabling it to achieve the goal of a developed nation.

Mr Singh encouraged students to look at science beyond the traditional combinations but explore emerging fields such as microbiology, biotechnology, nuclear medicine, and quantum physics and mathematics. He urged students to seek guidance from teachers and pursue science with passion and purpose, even beyond state borders if needed. Participants from all 17 districts across Nagaland competed in the seminar. The state-level winner will represent Nagaland at the national seminar in Bengaluru.

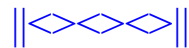


A 21-day Civil Defence Master Trainers training program commenced today at the Central Training Institute, Toluvi in Dimapur. Altogether, 20 trainees from Nagaland and 10 trainees from Manipur will be undergoing the training. At the inaugural event, Director General of Home Guards, Civil Defence & SDRF, Renchamo P. Kikon, emphasized the critical role of Civil Defence Wardens in bridging the gap between district administrations and communities. He encouraged trainees to foster inter-state collaboration, especially between Nagaland and Manipur, to build resilient response systems and stronger regional ties.



Nagaland will observe Polio Day on Sunday, 12th October, as part of the Sub-National Immunization Day. The drive will be carried out across five districts, namely Kiphire, Mon, Noklak, Phek, and Tuensang. Booth Day will run from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, where two drops of oral polio vaccine will be given to all children under the age of five, regardless of their previous immunization status. After vaccination, a non-toxic ink mark will be applied to the child's finger. The state Health Department has urged parents and caregivers to bring

their children to the nearest polio booth. The department has sought community-wide support to ensure full coverage.



The Zeliangrong Youth Organisation Nagaland (ZYON) has deferred its planned non-peaceful agitation in Peren following a meeting with the Commissioner of Police, Dimapur yesterday. Scheduled to commence yesterday, the protest was intended to pressure the state government for timely delivery of justice in the Pimla murder case where a 31-year-old mother of two was murdered on April 7. Addressing media persons, ZYON president R John Zeliang said the decision was made after the submission of the forensic report and filing of a supplementary charge sheet in Court on October 7. The Organisation will await the outcome of the Court proceedings. Earlier, ZYON had warned of intensified protests by October 9, citing undue delays in the investigation.



And, in weather, India Meteorological Department has forecast continued rainfall over the Northeastern states tomorrow.

In Nagaland, rain with thunderstorm activities is likely across all districts.

