

Morning News Script

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Nagaland government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jobs-in-Germany GmbH to expand global employment opportunities for skilled youth from the state. The MoU was signed on Monday at Nagaland Tool Room & Training Centre, Dimapur, by Director of Industries & Commerce and NTTC Chief Executive Officer, P Tokugha Sema, and Co-owner and Managing Director of Jobs-in-Germany GmbH, Ralf Kratschmer. The agreement provides for German language training, cultural orientation, faculty training, curriculum support and direct linkages with German employers. In the first phase, 22 candidates have been selected for a seven-month training programme starting January 2026. The MoU also covers vocational training, apprenticeships and employment opportunities. The MoU is a first-of-its-kind institutional initiative in India, positioning Nagaland as a pioneer in government-led international workforce mobility.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi held delegation-level talks with his Ethiopian counterpart Dr. Abiy Ahmed Ali on all aspects of bilateral ties in Addis Ababa. Speaking on the occasion last evening, Mr Modi said, India and Ethiopia are elevating their ties to a strategic partnership, giving new energy and direction to cooperation.

Earlier, India and Ethiopia signed three memoranda of understanding to enhance mutual cooperation in the presence of the two leaders. These include administrative assistance in custom matters, data centre establishment at the embassy of Ethiopia and cooperation in UN peace keeping. At a special ceremony, Prime Minister Modi was conferred with Ethiopia's highest award 'The Great

Honour Nishan of Ethiopia' for his exceptional contribution towards strengthening India-Ethiopia partnership and for his visionary leadership as a global statesman. Mr Modi reached Addis Ababa last evening after concluding his visit to Jordan. This is Mr Modi's first visit to Ethiopia, where he will also address a joint session of the Ethiopian Parliament today.

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All firefighting and monitoring operations related to the Western Dzükou Valley wildfire were officially called off yesterday after confirmation that the blaze had been completely extinguished. The decision followed a joint spot survey and verification by the Khonoma Youth Organization and the State Disaster Response Force, which found no remaining fire hazards. Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Henok Buchem expressed gratitude to all agencies, organisations, volunteers and individuals involved in the containment efforts, adding that the Indian Air Force has also has demobilised its mission.

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Wokha Town Council Chairperson Khozamo Lotha passed away last evening at a private hospital in Dimapur, following a brief illness. He was 66. Mr Lotha was elected from Ward No. 8 on the NDPP ticket. Earlier, he served as Chairman of Tsumang-B, Wokha Town and chairman of Wokha Town Wokhae Ekhung, contributing significantly to local administration and community development. He is survived by seven children. His last rites will be held today at the Public Ground, Wokha. As a mark of respect to the departed leader, all business establishments within Wokha town will remain closed from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm today.

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Advisor for CAWD and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo has underscored sports as a viable profession that offers employment and prosperity, urging youth to take it seriously. Speaking at the Golden Jubilee celebration of Khutsami Village Youth Organisation yesterday, he highlighted the state government's efforts to strengthen sports infrastructure and athlete development. He called on athletes

to remain committed and disciplined, stressing the importance of skill development through proper training and perseverance. Acknowledging developmental gaps in the Chozuba Assembly Constituency, Mr Khamo assured his commitment to all-round development, adding that people need to work in tandem with the government for development. Expressing concerns over divisions in society, the Advisor emphasised the need to foster unity for the progress of the state.

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