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**THE HEADLINES :-**

- **Chief minister Neiphiu Rio Launches Digitization of Birth and Death Records in Kohima**
- **Major General Bainsla Reviews Assam Rifles Parade, 282 Trainees Successfully Attested**
- **External Affairs Minister DR. S Jaishankar says zero tolerance for terrorism must be universal norm**
- **Kohima DC says Fire in Dzukou Valley Largely Contained; 150-Personnel Task Force to Intervene**

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Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio has launched the digitization of old manual birth and death certificates in Kohima today. The CM stressed that the initiative will streamline service delivery, ensure efficient and accurate data, improve citizen access to essential documents, and assist the Government in making informed public policy decisions. Mr. Rio also commended the efforts of the Department and urged the citizens for timely registration of births & deaths. The facility can be accessed from ORGI portal [dc.crsorgi.gov.in](http://dc.crsorgi.gov.in).

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Major General Jai Singh Bainsla, SM, Additional Director General of Assam Rifles, RO, reviewed attestation parade of recruits at Assam Rifles Training Centre and School (ARTC&S), Shokhuvi, today marking the successful completion of their basic training. A total of 282 recruits, including 36 Mahila, were formally attested after completing 44 weeks of rigorous training encompassing battle craft, weapon handling, jungle lane shooting and specialisation in counter-insurgency operations. The parade, was led by Captain Anjali Kirola. Reviewing Officer Bainsla highlighted the rich legacy of the Assam Rifles as the country's oldest paramilitary force and underscored its diverse roles in safeguarding national security. He noted that since 2015, Assam Rifles has inducted riflewomen in all frontline duties, with women personnel proving their mettle not only in the North East but also in Jammu & Kashmir and during United Nations missions abroad.

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External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar today stated that zero tolerance for terrorism must be an uncompromising universal norm. In his opening remarks at the 2nd India – Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting which is underway in New Delhi, Dr Jaishankar said terrorism in all its forms and manifestations is a common threat for India and the Arab nations.

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Amid ongoing efforts to douse the wildfire in Dzukou Valley, authorities today said the fire has been largely Contained and 150-Personnel will be tasked for firefighting. Kohima Deputy Commissioner Henok Buchem visited the entry point to Dzukou

Valley at Viswema Village today to assess ongoing firefighting operations and held discussions with the surveillance team. He informed that IAF bambi-bucket sorties have helped contain flames near the Dzukou helipad, and the main valley is largely safe. However, fire continues around the base camp area.

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A seven-member delegation from Kagawa University, Japan, accompanied by officials from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) India, concluded a three-day visit to Kohima today. Led by Professor Wada Kenji, the team visited Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima, Urban Primary Health Centre Seikhazou, and Kohima Science College, engaging in discussions on healthcare and research collaboration. Professor Kenji highlighted Kagawa University's expertise in Rare Sugar research, crisis management, and telemedicine shared models like K-MIX R and iCTG technology for delivering healthcare to remote areas and solutions relevant to Nagaland's hilly terrain.

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The period from 30 January to 12 February 2026 has been identified as a potential dengue transmission window in major districts of Nagaland, as per information from the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Climate Research and Services, Pune. The National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland, has cautioned that favourable climatic conditions during this period may increase mosquito breeding and dengue risk, and has urged districts and the public to remain vigilant. The department has advised citizens to eliminate stagnant water, cover water storage containers, use mosquito protection measures, wear full-sleeved clothing, and seek medical attention if dengue-like symptoms appear.

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Nagaland University conducted scientific beekeeping training and demonstration programme at Washou Village, Tuensang District, from 24 to 30 January under National Beekeeping and Honey Mission. The programme focused on promoting scientific beekeeping practices and enhancing pollination in oilseed-based cropping systems. Mongu Cholen, Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer, Tuensang, highlighted the importance of honeybees in improving crop productivity. A key highlight was the success story of 78 year old Koma, a farmer from Washou Village, who now manages 65 bee boxes and earns about 5 lakh rupees annually through scientific beekeeping.

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Prime Minister's flagship platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, PRAGATI, has marked a significant milestone with the successful conduct of its 50th meeting. Since its launch by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, PRAGATI has transformed governance by enabling real-time monitoring and resolution of key infrastructure projects and public grievances through direct Prime

Ministerial review. Over a decade, PRAGATI has helped accelerate decision-making, resolution of issues causing delay in key infrastructure projects, and instilled a strong culture of accountability. Today, in this special series, we take a look at the projects under Jal Shakti Ministry monitored by PRAGATI mechanism.

**(PRAGATI-VC)** *Ministry of Jal Shakti is responsible for the formulation and implementation of policies, programmes, and projects related to water resources management, drinking water supply, sanitation, and river rejuvenation. At present, 93 projects with a total investment of 2,86,343 crore rupees are being monitored on the Project Monitoring Group portal pertaining to the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation. The project portfolio comprises 66 projects under Irrigation, 26 projects under Sewerage collection, disposal and treatment, and one project related to Water collection, treatment and supply on the PMG portal. Out of the 66 irrigation projects being monitored on the PMG portal, 10 priority projects with investment of 43,583 crores have been reviewed by Prime Minister under the PRAGATI mechanism. Of these, one project has been commissioned, while nine projects are under implementation. The ongoing irrigation projects have demonstrated steady progress, with an average physical progress of around 70 percent, and two projects exceeding 95 percent physical progress. A total of 126 issues came up across 27 Irrigation projects. Of these, 106 issues have been resolved, including 14 issues pertaining to PRAGATI-reviewed projects. The remaining 20 issues are being actively monitored under the PRAGATI mechanism.*



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Union Budget 2026-27 in the Lok Sabha tomorrow. After presentation of the Budget in the Lower House, the copy of the budget will be tabled in the Rajya Sabha. This will be ninth consecutive Budget presentation by Mrs Sitharaman since assuming office in 2019.

