

## Morning News Script

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The department of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland and George Institute for Global Health, India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima yesterday. The partnership will focus on Promoting Community Action for Health (PATANG) project, which aims to build upon Nagaland's community-led health reforms. Principal Director of Health & Family Welfare department Nagaland, Dr. Mereninla Senlem said the signing of MoU marks the beginning of a new chapter in a collective journey towards strengthening the health system and improving population health outcomes in Nagaland. She said, it is not merely a formal agreement but it is a commitment to co-operate development to collaborate, innovate and share responsibility. George Institute for Global Health India , Director Dr. Pallab Maulik informed that the Institute is a research organization and look forward to work with the Nagaland government not only in research but also in capacity\_building.

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The agitation launched by ad hoc teachers in Nagaland to press their demand for service regularisation entered its 10th day yesterday , with the demonstrators rejecting the government's request to withdraw the cease work. The members of All Nagaland Adhoc Teachers' Group- 2015 batch held a meeting at their protest site in front of the Directorate of School Education and demanded that the government give a definite timeline for completion of their regularisation process. The protesters said they rejected the department's appeal to withdraw the cease work, claiming that the authorities, in its February 12 letter, failed to give any specific timeline for the regularisation of the 1,166 ad hoc teachers. The group maintained that mere assurances without a clear roadmap would not address their long-pending demand for service regularisation. The agitating teachers said they were waiting for the outcome of a high-level meeting convened by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, and expressed hope that the meeting would result in a clear and time-bound decision regarding their regularisation. The group reiterated that it remains open to dialogue but asserted that the agitation would continue until a definite and written commitment with a specific timeline is provided by the government.

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Union Electronics and Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said India's rapidly expanding creator economy is being powered by the country's strong digital infrastructure and skilled population. The Minister was speaking during the session on the official satellite event of the AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi yesterday . The Minister urged everyone to take the responsibility to ensure that the new technology is strengthening the trust between the institutions.

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A two day training on Gender sensitive budgeting & outcome budgeting got underway at Administrative Training Institute, Kohima. Development Commissioner, Temsunaro Aier, in her opening remarks said the training reflects the State Government commitment to building a more inclusive, effective and capable system of planning and budgeting. She said the objective of the training is to build awareness and practical skills among officers to integrate gender concerns into planning, budgeting and monitoring.

Ms Aier also emphasized that Gender Responsive Budgeting is not the responsibility of a single department alone. She noted that every department whether in the social or economic sector has a role to play, as every policy and programme carries a gender impact in one way or another.

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The District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Chumoukedima will be conducting a Mock Disaster Management Exercise on 23rd and 24th of February as part of preparedness activities for the year 2025–26. Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, DDMA Chumoukedima, Polan John informed that the Table Top Exercise will be held on 23rd February at 11:00 am at the DC Office, while, the main Mock Exercise will take place on 24th February at 11:00 am in Chumoukedima Village Ground. The mock drill aims to strengthen inter-departmental coordination, assess emergency response mechanisms, and enhance community preparedness during disaster situations.

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