

Morning News Script

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has emphasized the importance of accurate census to support effective planning and policy in the state. Speaking in the ongoing Nagaland Legislative Assembly session yesterday, he highlighted the upcoming 2026-27 census, and cautioned that multiple entries could impact bank accounts, ration cards, and other official documentation. Mr Rio also pointed out serious discrepancies in past census data, particularly those of 2001 and 2011. He noted that during 2001, the state reported a grossly inflated decadal growth rate of over 64 percent, while in 2011, it recorded a negative growth rate. He said, the lack of reliable data had made planning difficult for the government. He urged legislators to raise awareness in their constituencies and involve district planning boards, civil societies, churches and community leaders to ensure a more accurate census. The Chief Minister further said that the state government will hold a detailed discussion on the census tomorrow.

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The Government yesterday assured that there is no energy shortage for domestic consumers in the country and there is no reason to panic. The government is committed to ensure uninterrupted supply of affordable energy to domestic consumers of the country. In a social media post, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri highlighted that India's energy imports are continuing to flow in from different sources and routes.

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Minister for Mechanical Engineering P. Bashangmongba Chang informed the House that the Modern Mechanical Workshop-cum-Training Institute inaugurated in September 2025 is functional and has already trained 45 youths in operation and maintenance of heavy vehicles and machinery. Replying to a starred question in the Assembly yesterday, he said the various trades include Backhoe Loader Operator, Track Excavator Operator, Tipper Truck Driver, Tandem Road Roller Operator & Heavy Machinery Mechanic.

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Minister for Horticulture and Women Resource Development, Salhoutuonuo Kruse, has emphasised the importance of preserving cultural footprints and passing traditions to future generations. Addressing the celebration of International Women Week organised by the Angami Women Organisation at Khuochiezhie, Kohima yesterday, the Minister said traditional dresses, indigenous foods and customs are valuable legacies that must be protected, and urged families and community leaders to guide the younger generation in preserving cultural identity. Meanwhile, Guest of Honour, Kaisa Rio praised Angami women for their sincerity, hard work and unity, and encouraged the promotion and preservation of their unique traditions and organic foods. Mrs Rio presented the 3rd MyKi Awards, instituted by the Women Resource Development.

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MP Lok Sabha and President of the Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee (NPCC), S. Supongmeren Jamir has been nominated as a Member of the India–Chile Parliamentary Friendship Group constituted for the 18th Lok Sabha. Mr Jamir is among the 11 members in the group which is led by MP Derek O’ Brian. The group was constituted by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha on February 23 this year as part of the formation of Parliamentary Friendship Groups with more than 60 countries. The NPCC congratulated Jamir on his nomination, stating that the recognition reflects the trust and confidence placed in him and his continued commitment to representing the voices and aspirations of the people of Nagaland at both national and international levels. The committee also said that Mr. Jamir’s inclusion in the parliamentary group is a matter of pride for the people of Nagaland and the Northeast, further strengthening the region’s representation in international parliamentary engagements.

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And, The Department of Economics and Statistics conducted the State High Level Steering Committee meeting on Support for Statistical Strengthening (SSS) sub scheme under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Sentiyanger Imchen on Monday in the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Conference Hall. The meeting reviewed and approved various activities under the SSS sub-scheme, which is a central sector initiative with 100 percent funding from the Government of India aimed at strengthening the State Statistical System. During the meeting, four reports under the scheme were released. These included Report on Income disparity in Nagaland, 2025, time Use Survey in Nagaland, 2025, Survey on Forest and Forest products in Nagaland, 2025, and Study on rates and ratio used in estimation of Gross Value Added construction for Nagaland.

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