

## Evening News Script

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### THE HEADLINES:

- Two day Winter Session of Nagaland Legislative Assembly commences tomorrow; Lokayukta Bill likely to be tabled.
- Nagaland Government Registered Contractors' Union reaffirms its demand to pass Lokayukta Bill during the Assembly Winter Session.
- Managing Editor of India Science Wire says, media creates public awareness and shapes policy makers.
- Ministry of Home Affairs extends date for generation of Unique Identification for Arms Licenses till 31st March, next year.

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The two day Winter Session of the Twelfth Nagaland Legislative Assembly commences tomorrow. Besides Obituary references, presentation of select committee report, laying of reports, introduction of government bills and Assembly Committee reports, the Nineteenth session and last session of the House is expected to pass the much awaited state Lokayukta bill 2017. It may be mentioned that after repeated demands to bring in the Lokayukta in the state, Chief Minister T R Zeliang last month had assured the

civil societies that the Bill would be tabled during the winter session.

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Nagaland Government Registered Class-1 Contractors' Union has re-affirmed its demand to set up a Lokayukta in the State and to pass the Lokayukta Bill in this State Assembly Winter Session. In its meeting-cum-Advent Christmas Celebration in Kohima yesterday, the Union said it would not accept certain provisions such as prior sanction or prosecution sanction in the Lokayukta Bill which would make Lokayukta a tooth-less tiger. The Union further demanded for revocation of the Nagaland Government's Office Memorandum, which scrapped all Class- III posts (except Secretariat Assistants) from the purview of NPSC. A press release from the Union stated that scrapping of class-III Posts from the purview of NPSC would invite backdoor appointments and compromise thousands of public service aspirants.

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The three Day Media Workshop on Climate Change Reporting in the Himalayas culminated in Kohima today. Journalists both from print and electronic media of the state participated in the round table session on how to bridge the gap between Media, scientist and civil society in the issue of climate change. Participating in the session as resource person, Member of Integrated Mountain Initiative, Amba Jamir said the biggest challenge that Nagaland today faced is without consistency data and evidences available on climate change. He said when no proper data are made available, it would be impossible to help the farmers who are the most affected. Jamir said proper strategies and policies should be made through

evidence base. Meanwhile, Managing Editor of India Science Wire, Dinesh C Sharma said climate change being a complex subject, media persons often need to be sensitized on the issues. He said the workshop is being organized to exposed journalists to numbers of issues involved in climate change. He said role of media is not only to create public awareness but also to help shape and influence policy maker.

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Nagaland Home Commissioner, Abhishek Singh in a release has informed that the Ministry of Home Affairs has extended the date for generation of Unique Identification in the National Database for Arms Licenses portal for all existing arm license till 31st March, next year. Meanwhile, in view of the forthcoming State General Election 2018, all the arms license holders under Mokokchung and Mon Districts have been directed to produce arms license for verification at the police stations as per the address given in the license on or before 23rd of this month. The Deputy Commissioners of both the districts said, failure to produce the license for verification will result in cancellation of license(s) under appropriate section of law.

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The Chiechama Village Council informs to all general public, particularly the commuters of National Highway-2 (Kohima–Tseminyu-Wokha road), that the said road will be partially closed from 7 AM to 10 AM tomorrow (14th December, 2017) due to erection of village gate. In a press note Chairman, Chiechama Village Council Neitso Sogotsu requested all concerned commuters

of National Highway-2 to bear with the Union during the stated period of time.

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Secretary Cooperation, Lithrongla G Chishi, launched the much awaited “CoopSoft”- Cooperative information management application today in the Office of Registrar Cooperative Societies, Kohima. While launching the software, the Secretary exhorted the department to continue the positive actions, especially on Recovery of loans, Cancellation of non-working cooperative Societies and development of genuine member cooperatives. She also opined that the recently launched CoopSoft will propel the department in moving ahead at a faster rate, and that this kind of IT applications should also be replicated by other departments. The key features of the CoopSoft are, holistic information of cooperative societies, updated information on Loan, Recovery and Audit of Cooperatives, Automated information on outstanding loans, Quick access to employee details, among others.

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Parliamentary Secretary, Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, yesterday inaugurated the New Sub Divisional Agricultural office at Medziphema. The Chief Guest in his speech said that the new SDAO office is a fruit of development and a good sign of the government’s performance. He encouraged the public as well as officials to improve organic and improved seeds methods for income generation and surplus production. Zhaleo Rio expressed gratitude to the government and also to the Department in particular for the new office, which he said, will benefit both rural

and urban sectors.

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Parliamentary Secretary of Housing, Levi Rengma yesterday inaugurated the new PWD office complex in Dimapur. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the concept of new office building is to accommodate all the PWD offices under one roof to provide smooth functioning and for better service to the public. Saying that officers and staffs posted in Dimapur is a prize posting as everyone want to be posted either in Kohima or in Dimapur, Mr. Rengma urged everyone to work harder and put in double effort to deliver good service to the people.

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The Nagaland Board of School Education has notified for information that the Ministry of Human Resources Development shall be conducting National Achievement Survey for Class Ten Cycle-2 through National Council of Educational Research and Training. The major objectives of the Project Survey are to study the achievement levels of students of Class Ten in subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and Social Sciences. For the state of Nagaland, the Nagaland Board of School Education has been entrusted to conduct the Survey in 419 selected schools. The list of selected schools is made available on the Board's website [www.nbsenagaland.com](http://www.nbsenagaland.com). The survey will be conducted on the present Class Ten students who will be appearing the ensuing HSLC Examination 2018. Further, the National Achievement Survey Class Ten Cycle-2 shall be conducted on 5th February 2018 uniformly throughout the country. For this, the selected schools

are informed to be prepared for the conduct of the said Survey in their respective schools. The Survey materials provided by the NCERT shall be given out by the Board to the District Coordinators. The selected schools are asked to collect the materials from the respective District Coordinator.

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First Level Checking of Electronic Voters Machine (EVMs) was conducted today at Deputy Commissioner office, Wokha. The checking was conducted under the strict supervision of DC, Wokha Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon. Security passes were issued to authorized personals to enter the venue for the checking. Altogether 290 EVMs were checked where four were found defective and in need of replacement. Mock Poll will also be conducted tomorrow. Representatives and party officials from Political parties of BJP, NPF and INC were present during the first level checking. Later in the day the district also conducted National Quiz 2017-18 for school students under the aegis of Election Commission of India. The winners will represent the district at the State level Quiz competition.

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