

## Morning News Script

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The Nagaland Tribes Council (NTC) has alleged in the last one year from April 2016 to March 2017, 11 departments have drawn an amount of Rupees 2355 crores, 38 lakhs and 64 thousand purportedly for public distributions and infrastructural projects excluding departmental and establishment expenditures. NTC in a release yesterday informed that in this connection PILs have been filed against 11 Government departments by ST Yapang and Odi Jamir. The Council said the interim order was passed yesterday after the court held its first hearing on the petition filed against Roads & Bridges department that has drawn Rupees 342 crores 32 lakhs and 8 thousand. The R&B department was directed to start implementation of the projects with the money drawn so far. The Court maintained that the Department of R&B should wake up and restore the condition of Road and Bridges in Nagaland, the NTC revealed. It further expressed concern that an opposition less Government in Nagaland has brought devastation to the system of governance as no restriction is observed in the utilisation of funds, but made free for the elected representatives in connivance with the bureaucrats to rob every sanction of money meant for public welfare. The NTC added that it would continue to support the petitioners in their endeavour till justice is delivered to the suffering masses.

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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA yesterday gave its approval to the Scheme of providing budgetary support under Goods and Service Tax Regime for the eligible industrial units located in hill States of Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and in North Eastern States including Sikkim. A budgetary support of 27,413 crore rupees for the scheme has been approved for the period from 1st July 2017 till 31st march 2027 for such industrial units located in these

states which availed the benefit of Central Excise exemption prior to coming into force of GST regime. Upon repeal of the Central Excise duty laws, the Government has decided to refund the central share of CGST and IGST to the affected eligible industrial units for the residual period in the States of North Eastern region and Himalayan States. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion will notify the Scheme, including detailed operational guidelines for implementation of the scheme within 6 weeks. It is estimated that total number of 4284 eligible units located in the States will be benefitted from the scheme.

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Energy efficient LED bulbs, tubelights and ceiling fans will be sold at petrol pumps across the country. The consumer can purchase LED bulb at 70 rupees, tubelight at 220 and 5 star rated ceiling fans at 1200 rupees. Energy Efficiency Services Limited yesterday signed an MoU with oil marketing companies - Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited in New Delhi for distribution of UJALA Energy Efficient Appliances through Petrol Pumps. Speaking on the occasion, Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said, the three oil marketing companies have over 53 thousand petrol pumps and the products will be available across the country in the next 6 month.

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All trains to the Northeast from rest of the country have been cancelled till 20<sup>th</sup> of this month due to damages on tracks as a result of floods in Assam, West Bengal and Bihar, officials said yesterday. Northeast Frontier Railway chief public relations officer Pranav Jyoti Sharma said in a statement that the Railway Board has directed all zonal railways to cancel trains travelling from various parts of the country beyond Malda town and Katihar till August 20.

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Various public bodies of Akuluto and VK areas under Zunheboto district has decided to lift the bandh under their jurisdiction. In a meeting held yesterday at VK Town with officials of National Highways, the organizations have decided to call off the bandh after being assured by the concern department to execute the work at the earliest.

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