

## **EVENING NEWS**

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### **THE HEADLINES**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi invites cooperation in areas like start up, innovation, educational and vocational trainings.
- Education Minister Yitachu says sports should be a ground to interact and communicate.
- International Day of Drug Abuse and Illicit trafficking observed in Nagaland.
- Asetkong Kaketshir Telongjem Mungdang condemns June 23<sup>rd</sup> murder; warns consequences if justice was denied.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that growth of India presents a win-win partnership for both India and the United States. Addressing a CEO roundtable meet with US Business leaders in Washington last evening, Mr. Modi said US companies have a great opportunity to contribute to the partnership. Mentioning about GST, the Prime Minister said, that Centre alone has initiated 7000 reforms, which indicates country's quest for global benchmarks. He invited cooperation in areas like start up, innovation, educational and vocational training. The CEOs at the roundtable applauded reform measures and steps taken by the government to improve ease of doing business. Several CEOs showed their willingness to be partners in Skill Development and education initiatives. They also expressed their support for various flagship initiatives of the Government.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump will hold delegation level talks later tonight. During the meeting of the leaders, focus will be on the ongoing cooperation, including counter-terrorism and defence partnership in the Indo-Pacific region, besides trade and commerce. Regional security is expected to be high on the agenda. Mr Modi described the two countries as mutually reinforcing engines of growth and innovation in an uncertain global economic landscape.

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The first edition of Kohima District Inter-School Football Tournament, jointly organized by Royal Club Kohima and School Education Department kick off today at Kohima Local ground. Speaking at the inaugural programme, Minister for School Education & SCERT, Yitachu said today the state needs people who

could give back to society so that the state can move towards development. In this regard the Minister lauded the Royal club Kohima for organizing the tournament to provide a platform for young talents. Stating that there is more scope in the field of football for the young generation, he said the game should be encouraged among them. Exhorting the players, Yitachu said simply participating in the tournament should not be the goal but it should be a ground to interact and communicate with each other, saying coming together is the beauty of the game. The Minister said the school education department should actively participate in the tournament and support such initiative in future for the betterment of the students. Altogether, 24 teams from both private and government schools in Kohima are participating in the tournament.

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The Islamic followers of Nagaland today celebrated their biggest festival Eid Ul Fitr with mass prayers, exchanged greetings, gifts and feasting. In Kohima, Eid Ul Fitr was celebrated by Muslim community at the Kohima Jama Masjid, where several thousand Islamic followers joined the mass prayers, which was administered by the Pesh Imam of Kohima Jama Masjid, Moulana Mohammad Billaluddin Ahmed. In Dimapur also mass prayers were held in two separate mosques due to inclement weathers.

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With the rest of the world Nagaland observed the International Day of Drug Abuse and Illicit trafficking under the theme, "Listen First." Addressing the occasion as the Chief Guest in Kohima today, Member Nagaland Legislative Assembly Dr. Neikeisalie Kire said Drug use in Nagaland has existed for more than past two decades and that there are many challenges to contain the issue. These challenges have to be dealt with professional help in the form of drug detoxification and rehabilitations, Dr. Nicky added. Meanwhile, the Access to Rights and Knowledge (ARK) Foundation in a press release expressed displeasure that the State Government has not materialized any contents of the "The Nagaland State Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Policy 2016" which was launched on the 26th June last year. The policy talks about sensitization for mass awareness, educating the youth, availability and easy accessibility of treatment, strengthening of health care system, setting up infrastructure, effort to provide de addiction and rehab facilities in all districts, establishing mid way home and others. However, it lamented that the Government has not conducted any activities mentioned in the policy in the last one year. The ARK Foundation therefore urged the Government to take serious note of the contents of the policy and make strategies accordingly. It also

further advised the policy makers to make budgetary allocations to the social welfare, Health Department, and other relevant departments to start implementing the contents of the policy.

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The Asetkong Kaketshir Telongjem Mungdang (AKTM) Students' Conference has strongly condemned the brutal murder of Sentilong Aier, a bonafide member of the AKTM, on the night of June 23 at Mokokchung town. Late Sentilong, hailing from Mopongchuket village under Asetkong range of Mokokchung, was a Ph.D scholar at Nagaland University. In a condemnation note AKTM President, Alapong T. Jamir and General Secretary, Jongshiyapang Aier stated that the brutal murder of late Sentilong has come as a shock. AKTM while appreciating Mokokchung police for apprehending the culprits within hours of murder has stated that the AKTM has full faith on the Mokokchung police and judicial system to deliver justice. Stating that no stone should be left unturned to punish the guilty and for justice to prevail, Asetkong Kaketshir Telongjem Mungdang cautioned that it would take its own course of action if justice was denied. Meanwhile, the AKTM has expressed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for solace.

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Trolley service for catering, polite uniformed staff and on-board entertainment are some of the changes slated to be introduced in Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains from October this year. Aiming at enhancing the experience of passengers travelling by these premier trains, the Indian Railways has undertaken a complete makeover exercise in 30 trains - 15 Rajdhani and 15 Shatabdi - at an estimated cost of 25 crore rupees. Targeting the festive season which begins from October, railways have launched a three-month programme under Project Swarn to refurbish coach interiors, improving toilets and cleanliness in coaches. The project also envisages strengthening of security system in trains with adequate escort personnel by Railway Protection Force.

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Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Vijay Goel has congratulated Shrikanth Kidambi on winning the Australian Open Badminton Super Series. In a message Goel said, "Srikanth's performance has been truly exceptional and his recent wins have made the nation proud. He said, the Government is committed towards development of every game and Sports Ministry along with SAI will provide complete support to all players and support staff, Mr. Goel added. Minister Goel also reiterated that the Ministry's doors are open 24x7 to provide help, support and best facilities to our sportspersons. Apart from Cricket, the Sports Ministry has

**taken various initiatives to engage the youth in sporting activities like Slum Youth Marathon, football, hockey, kabaddi, wrestling and even motorsports, Mr. Goel added. The Minister said that the idea is to create sports culture and buzz across India that will surely help find talented young players and train them for the future.**

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