

Morning News Script

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Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system was successfully flight-tested yesterday from Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha. Defence Ministry said, this will enhance the anti-submarine warfare capability of the Indian Navy far beyond the conventional range of lightweight torpedo. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has complimented the DRDO and the industry partners on the successful flight-test of SMART.

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Oil marketing companies have slashed the prices of commercial LPG gas cylinders by 19 rupees per unit with immediate effect. As per the Indian Oil website, the retail sales price of a 19 kg commercial LPG cylinder after the price revision will be 1745.50 in Delhi, 1,859 rupees in Kolkata, Rs 1,698.5 rupees in Mumbai, and 1,911 rupees in Chennai. The prices of non-subsidised, domestic-use LPG were however left unchanged at existing levels.

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The Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) has launched two brand-new MA Programmes from the upcoming academic year. The Institute announced, MA in Media Business Studies and Strategic Communication to be introduced as two-year programmes from the academic session 2024-25. These will be the first ever PG Degree (MA) Programmes at the institute since being declared a Deemed to be University earlier this year. The courses will be taught at the New Delhi Campus of IIMC with 40 seats available in each course.

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Wokha police has arrested one suspect involved in the theft of tower parts of 132 kV Wokha – Sanis Transmission Line near Riphym Old area under Wokha District, resulting to the collapse of the tower transmission. Additional Superintendent of Police, K Soriso, in a press release, informed that the accused identified as Likho Kithan, 32 years old, resident of Tsumang 'A' colony was arrested on April 30. Soriso said, upon receiving the complaint from Power Department, it immediately constituted a team under SDPO Wokha for further investigation. He stated despite being a blind case, the team painstakingly jotted down all the suspects and scrap dealers in the surrounding areas and they were diligently scrutinized. With technical support from the Cyber Crime Cell, DEF Wokha, the police narrowed down on two suspects resulting in the arrest of the main accused. Kithan has been booked under sections 379 and 336 of the IPC, alongwith relevant sections of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act and Electricity Act. The Wokha Police further assured

the public that all effort would be made to apprehend all individuals involved to the case in order to prevent such incidents from occurring in the future.



Deputy Chief Ministers T R Zeliang and Y. Patton has extended greetings to the Ao community on the auspicious occasion of its premier festival Moatsü. Moatsu Greetings. Zeliang said that Moatsu is a major Festival of the Ao tribe, which is celebrated with great fanfare and feasting after seeds sowing for good harvest. He expressed hope that the Moatsu Festival will rekindle the spirit of unity, foster fraternity and love, rejuvenate cultural values and bring prosperity amongst the Ao community. Patton said that the Ao community has always been known for preserving their rich Cultural heritage in this fast changing world and the same goes with their festivals. He believed that this premier Festival of the Ao community will be celebrated with grandeur. On behalf of the state BJP legislators, the Deputy Chief Minister and BLP leader wishes the community a very blessed festival filled with fun and fervor.



Owing to the excessive rain partially washing away the temporary passage constructed parallel to Pongma Bridge, Executive Engineer PWD (Road & Bridges), Mon Division, C. Chinglang Konyak has restricted the plying of heavy vehicles for the safety of all the road users. In a traffic advisory, the Executive Engineer stated that the present condition of the Pongma Bridge is very weak and therefore only light vehicles including mini buses will be allowed to ply through this bridge. He said, the reduced traffic users will be confined only to the Old Pongma Bridge. It also informed that heavy laden vehicles with essential commodities and other construction materials etc to take the alternate route from Mon to Dimapur via Mon- Wakching- Tamlu- Merangkong- Changtongya- Mokokchung- Wokha- Kohima- Dimapur. Further, the Executive Engineer requested the general public to bear with the inconveniences until the bridge is maintained and strengthened to carry heavier loads.

