

Morning News Script

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Nagaland Government has banned unauthorized money collections by non-governmental organizations, associations, unions, or any other private and community organizations. This decision was made against the backdrop of unauthorized taxes, membership fees, subscriptions, contributions, donations, charges, levies, tolls, or any other forms of monetary collection on state and national highways, as well as in market places. The state government stated that similar instructions have been issued time to time to prevent and curb such unauthorized financial activities by the Unions, NGOs etc. The government therefore reiterated that any individual or organization found engaging in these illegal activities will face prosecution under Sections 188 and 384 of the Indian Penal Code. In this regard, Home Commissioner Nagaland has instructed the Director General of Police and the Commissioner, Nagaland to issue directives to the respective District administrations and police authorities to ensure strict compliance and enforcement of the ban and uphold the law across the state.

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Voting concluded peacefully for the fifth phase of Lok Sabha elections yesterday. Over 60 per cent voter turnout was recorded till 11.30 AM. Forty-nine Parliamentary Constituencies spread over six States and two Union Territories were covered in this phase. These include, 14 seats in Uttar Pradesh, 13 in Maharashtra, seven in West Bengal, five each in Odisha and Bihar, three in Jharkhand along with one each in Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. With the conclusion of this phase, polling for General Elections is now completed in 25 States and UTs and 428 Parliamentary Constituencies. Polling is also complete for State Legislative Assemblies of Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Andhra Pradesh and 63 assembly seats of Odisha State Assembly. Meanwhile, intense campaigning is in full swing for the remaining phases of the election. With just two days left for campaigning for the sixth phase, all political parties are trying their best to garner support from voters.

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A 42 year old Naga woman was reportedly trampled to death by wild elephants while her husband was seriously injured at Daldoli forest under Karbi Anglong district in Assam on Monday around 2:30 pm. The deceased has been identified as Imsubenla Lemtur and her injured husband Katoba Imsong is undergoing medical treatment at a private hospital in Dimapur. Confirming the incident, SDPO Bokajan informed that the incident took place when the couple went to the forest which is located near Sunday bazaar to collect firewood. The dead body was retrieved from the forest around 4PM with the assistance from the Assam forest personnel , Assam police

and villagers. The body was handed over to family members after completing the necessary formalities.

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Academy, Oscar and Golden Globe Award-winning composer Padma Bushan Dr. A.R. Rahman unveiled the first look and teaser, of a feature documentary titled 'Headhunting to Beatboxing' at the ongoing 77th Cannes Film Festival in France. Rahman unveiled the film along with Advisor to Chief Minister and Chairman Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), Abu Metha and Chairman of Task Force for Music & Arts, Theja Meru. 'Headhunting to Beatboxing', directed by Rohit Gupta and produced by AR Rahman, delves into the intriguing journey of rhythm and sound, charting music's growth through generations. Sharing about the feature documentary, Rahman said, 'Headhunting to Beatboxing' is a celebration of the universal rhythm that unites humanity in its diverse expressions. Also speaking at the event, Metha said, the film is a collaboration of many creative minds, especially the TaFMA and masterfully captured by director Rohit Gupta.

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Eight coaches from Nagaland completed the World Association of Basketball Coaches Level-1 coaching programme held at Dimapur recently. It was organised by the FIBA Regional Office-Asia in collaboration with the Basketball Federation of India (BFI) and the Nagaland Basketball Association. The initiative is part of FIBA Regional Office-Asia's ongoing efforts to develop mentors and aspiring coaches which saw enthusiastic participation from Nagaland. The weeklong program featured comprehensive classroom sessions coupled with practical on-court training, ensuring participants could effectively apply the concepts they learned. This blend of theoretical and practical instruction is also designed to equip coaches with the necessary skills and knowledge to enhance their coaching efficacy. All eight coaches from Nagaland—Salew Kadete, Chumbenthung Humtsoe, Sharman Lama, Reena Rai, Imyangluba Lemtur, Marshal Pashel, Rolio Z Lohe, and E Rainbow Patton successfully completed the course.

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