

Morning News Script

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Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton said that the police force has sent a clear message that Nagaland will not be a safe haven for drug traffickers and peddlers. Taking to social media post, Patton said the recent seizure of drugs worth 16 crore rupees is a major victory in the battle against the menace of narcotics. He said that this crackdown is a continuation of numerous other successful operations where kingpins have been arrested and huge drug hauls seized. He urged all citizens to stand united with the police force in the War Against Drug. Patton appealed citizens to share any information that could aid the investigations. The Deputy Chief Minister expressed appreciation to Nagaland Police personnel, led by DGP Nagaland Rupin Sharma for the relentless efforts in the War Against Drugs.

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Polling is being held today for the sixth phase of the Lok Sabha polls in 58 Parliamentary Constituencies. In this phase, eight Lok Sabha seats in Bihar, all ten seats in Haryana, four seats in Jharkhand, all seven seats in Delhi, six in Odisha, 14 seats in Uttar Pradesh, eight seats in West Bengal and one Parliamentary Constituency in Jammu and Kashmir are going to polls. Voting has begun at 7 AM. Prominent leaders in the fray for this phase from the BJP includes Dharmendra Pradhan, Maneka Gandhi, Sambit Patra. From the Congress, Deepender Singh Hooda, Raj Babbar and Kanhaiya Kumar. From Samajwadi Party Dharmendra Yadav and PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti. Elaborate arrangements have been made by the Election Commission to ensure smooth and hassle free voting in these areas. State Chief Electoral Officers, District Election Officers and State machineries have been advised to take adequate measures to manage hot weather conditions

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Indian Meteorological Department, IMD said that a cyclonic storm, developing in the Bay of Bengal, is expected to hit the coasts of West Bengal and neighboring Bangladesh as a severe cyclonic storm tomorrow. In this regard, National Crisis Management Committee met

under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba to review preparedness for the impending cyclone in Bay of Bengal. IMD Director General said that the cyclone is likely to intensify further into a severe cyclonic storm by tonight. Thereafter, it is very likely to cross Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal coasts around tomorrow midnight as a severe cyclonic storm with wind speed of 110-120 kilometre per hour gusting to 130 kilometre per hour. The severity will remain for almost 24 hours till the morning of 27th May and then will lose intensity. Meanwhile, National Disaster Response Force has deployed 12 teams and kept five additional teams on standby. Rescue and relief teams of the Army, Navy and Coast Guard along with ships and aircrafts have been kept in readiness.

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Indian Meteorological Department has issued an orange alert for Nagaland and other northeast states. IMD said that Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura is likely to get heavy to very heavy rainfall tomorrow. It said isolated heavy to very heavy with extremely heavy falls is likely on 27th May and heavy to very heavy rainfall on 28th May, 2024.

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The Supreme Court refused to issue directions to the Election Commission on a plea for uploading polling booth-wise voter turnout data on its website during the Lok Sabha elections and favoured a hands-off attitude amidst an ongoing electoral process. A vacation bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Satish Chandra Sharma adjourned the hearing on the application and said it will be heard after the Lok Sabha elections are over. It said the 2024 elections are spread over seven phases out of which five are already over and the sixth is on May 25.

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Doordarshan Kisan (DD KISAN) is going to become the first government TV channel of the country to launch two AI anchors - AI Krish and AI Bhoomi. Agriculture Ministry said DD Kisan is coming with a new look and a new style amongst the farmers of India on Sunday

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In IPL Cricket, Sunrisers Hyderabad stormed into the final defeating Rajasthan Royals by 36 runs in the second Qualifier match at MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai last night. Sunrisers Hyderabad will now face Kolkata Knight Riders in the summit clash at MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai tomorrow.

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