

Morning News Script

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Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar will visit the Islamic Republic of Iran today . During his visit, he will attend the official ceremony to pay condolences on the tragic demise of Iranian President Dr. Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi, Foreign Minister Dr. Hossein Amir-Abdollahian and other Iranian officials in a helicopter crash on the 19th of May.

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Union Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt said that the geopolitical landscape is ever-evolving, and it is imperative for the Armed Forces to be adaptive and innovative in their approach. Speaking at a seminar-cum-exhibition on 'Historical Patterns of Indian Strategic Culture' in New Delhi yesterday Bhatt underlined the importance of recognizing the strength of the nation's defence which lies not only in its military might, but also in the ability to adapt to changing circumstances and leverage the cultural heritage as a source of power. Speaking on the occasion, Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Pande said that Project Udbhav has revealed substantial intellectual convergences between eminent Indian and Western scholars, highlighting the resonance between their thoughts, philosophies and perspectives.

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Secretary, Higher Education Sanjay Murthy yesterday launched the portal for nominations for National Awards to Teachers (Higher Education) 2024. The awards will be conferred on teachers of technical and non-technical higher education institutions and Polytechnic Institutions. The Ministry of Education said that the selected awardees will be felicitated on 5th September, Teachers' Day to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of former President Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The award is open to all the faculty members of colleges, universities, higher educational institutions and polytechnics. The Ministry said, the nominee should be at least five years of full-time teaching experience at the Undergraduate and Post-graduate level. The last date for submission of nominations is 20th of June.

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The department of Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland has informed all the empanelled hospitals and beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Jan

Arogya Yojna (PM-JAY) and Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) that the National Health Authority (NHA) has recently migrated to a new IT portal for claims processing and the state has also onboarded a new insurance company as insurer for the new scheme. CEO, Nagaland Health Protection Society, Thavaseelan K said that with the migration and onboarding of new Insurer, there have been some IT issues in processing claims and making claims payment to the hospitals. The issues have been resolved and claims payment processing has been re-initiated. All empanelled hospitals are requested to continue providing services under PM-JAY and CMHIS without disruption as claims payments are being processed, it added.

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In Manipur, the State Government has filed an FIR against the Kuki militant group- Kuki National Front (Military Council) for renaming and turning a sacred hill into its camp. The case has been filed after a photograph in which the militant group put up a signboard at the foothill of Thangjing Ching located in Bishnupur district calling the place a Kuki Army camp. The Thangjing Ching is a sacred and pilgrimage site for the followers of Sanamahism religion belonging to the Meetei community.

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The 16th edition of the State Level Catch Them Young (Under-14) Sepaktakraw Tournament a day event concluded last evening at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima. Mon and Dimapur districts securing top honors. In the boys' category, Mon district claimed the gold medal, followed by Dimapur with silver and Mokokchung taking bronze. In the girls' category, Dimapur secured the gold, Kohima won silver, and Wokha received bronze. During the closing ceremony, Commissioner and Secretary to the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Kesonyü Yhome praised the progress of Sepaktakraw in Nagaland, highlighting the state's achievements on national and international stages. He reiterated the State Government's commitment to the development and upliftment of sports, assuring gradual but definite progress. The tournament, organized by the Department of Youth Resources and Sports, saw participation from 15 districts, with over 300 athletes competing in the tournament.

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