

## Evening News Script

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### :: THE HEADLINES ::

- Preparations in full swing for swearing-in ceremony of the new Government at the Centre tomorrow
- Congress Working Committee passes resolution to appoint Rahul Gandhi as Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha
- Executive Director of Rubber Board, Vasanthagesan says 10,000 hectares of rubber plantations remain untapped scientifically in Nagaland.
- Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton condemns the tragic assassination of Gaon Bura of New Market, Abdul Kayum Talukdar.

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Preparations are in full swing for the swearing-in ceremony of the new government at the Centre. President Droupadi Murmu has invited Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi to form a new government. The swearing-in ceremony will be held at 7:15 PM tomorrow at Rashtrapati Bhawan. The President will be administering the Oath of Office and Secrecy to Modi and members of Union Council of Ministers. Earlier, an NDA delegation led by BJP President JP Nadda also met the President

and submitted a letter stating that Narendra Modi had been elected leader of the BJP Parliamentary Party. Letters of support from NDA constituent parties were also handed over to the President. Several leaders from neighbouring countries have been invited to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Narendra Modi, who is set to become the Prime Minister for a third consecutive term. Leaders from India's neighbourhood and Indian Ocean region will attend the ceremony as distinguished guests. Leaders have started arriving in New Delhi for the swearing-in ceremony. Meanwhile, Delhi Police has taken stringent measures to ensure safety and security during the event.

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The Extended Congress Working Committee (CWC) has unanimously passed a resolution requesting Rahul Gandhi to assume the role of Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. Addressing a press conference following the CWC meeting in New Delhi today, Senior Congress leader K.C. Venugopal said that the CWC believes Rahul Gandhi's leadership will build a strong and vigilant opposition. Earlier, in the opening remarks at the meeting of the extended CWC, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge congratulated all the newly elected members of the Congress who fought and won the elections despite adverse circumstances. He said, in Manipur, from where Nyay Yatra started by the Congress, it won both the seats and also got seats in Nagaland, Assam, Meghalaya. He said that across the country, Congress party got immense support from the people for saving democracy and the Constitution. Kharge said that together with I.N.D.I.A bloc partners, the party will work unitedly and together in and outside Parliament.

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The Rubber Tappers Training program was inaugurated today at the Toka MPCS Limited Training Centre in Ikishe, Dimapur. The program will employ and train 175 Naga students from all districts of Nagaland, equipping them with skills in rubber tapping. The event was graced by Executive Director of Rubber Board, Vasanthagesan, where he mentioned that the board is dedicated to training and supporting rubber growers across India. Mentioning that there are 13 lakh rubber growers in India, he however said, in Nagaland, 10,000 hectares of rubber plantations remain untapped scientifically. He said, potential for rubber production in India is significant, with the tyre industry alone generating exports worth one lakh crore annually and the Rubber Board aims to extend training and support to enhance rubber tapping and production in Nagaland. Vasanthagesan said, Rubber board have two activities which are very important, one of which is the ongoing expansion of rubber plantations in Nagaland in partnership with the tyre industry, where, 5000 hectares of land have been allotted to Nagaland which can also be revised. Secondly, he mentioned that there are 17,000 hectares of untapped trees available for which tappers have to be trained.

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Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton has expressed sadness and outrage over the tragic assassination of the Gaon Bura of New Market, Abdul Kayum Talukdar, in Dimapur. In a social media post, Patton said, this heinous act of violence, which took the life of Talukdar, is an attack on peace and security in our society. He urged the authorities to conduct a swift and thorough investigation to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice. Patton further expressed solidarity with the grieving family and community during this difficult time.

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National Testing Agency (NTA) has said that the whole process of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET-UG) 2024 has been very transparent and the integrity of the examination throughout the country was not compromised. Addressing media in New Delhi over the issues raised by the candidates regarding higher marks and number of toppers, Director General, NTA Subodh Kumar Singh said that there was no paper leak. He said, the issue concerning the NEET exam is related to six centres out of 4,750 centres and only 1,600 candidates who have lost their time due to wrong distribution of question papers. He said, a high powered committee has been formed to revisit the grace marks awarded to these candidates due to loss of time. DG, NTA Subodh Kumar Singh said that panel headed by a former UPSC chairman will submit its recommendations within a week and after that NTA will decide further. He also said that results of the affected candidates will not impact the admission process.

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The Indian Army has got 355 young officers in a prestigious passing-out parade held at the Indian Military Academy in Dehradun today. This ceremony marked their integration into the esteemed ranks of the Indian Army. Lieutenant General MV Suchindra Kumar, GOC Northern Command, graced the occasion by taking the salute. He underscored the evolving nature of warfare, shaped by technological advancements and modern tactics. On this occasion, Gentleman Cadet Parveen Singh was bestowed with the prestigious Sword of Honor award. A total of 394 Gentleman Cadets, hailing from India and abroad, successfully completed their training, including 39 cadets from 10 friendly foreign

nations. In the Order of Merit, Gentleman Cadet Parveen Singh clinched the top spot, followed by Gentleman Cadet Mohit Kapari in the second position and Gentleman Cadet Shaurya Bhatt secured the third position.

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A four-day capacity building on meat production under state plan 2023-24, sponsored by Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, which commenced on 5th June at Chief Veterinary Officer's office, Mon culminated successfully. Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. Lhuveta Nyekha presented a brief introduction and keynote address on Hygienic Meat Production and Consumption. Resource persons of the programme, Dr. Manjan Konyak, Dr. Sikhambo, Dr. Y. Yawing Konyak and Dr. Pangdun Konyak spoke on Scope of Piggery and Poultry rearing, site selection and Housing Management for pigs, Selection of Breed in Pigs, Feeding Management in Pigs. They also highlighted on Care and management of Gilt and Sow during pregnancy and farrowing, Care and management of newborn piglets, Diseases and Health care in Pigs. The resource persons also talked about management and health care of poultry. Altogether, 50 progressive farmers from the district availed the training programme.

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India Meteorological Department has predicted fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rainfall accompanied with thunderstorm, lightning & gusty winds likely over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura and Sub-Himalayan

West Bengal & Sikkim during the next 7 days. Meanwhile, Kohima today recorded a maximum temperature of 25.8 degree Celsius and a minimum temperature of 16.4 degree Celsius.

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