

## Evening News

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- First Session of 18th Lok Sabha begins with oath-taking of newly elected MPs
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says government will make constant efforts to build consensus to serve country
- Centre imposes wheat stock limits to ensure food security, stability in prices until March 2025
- And, two teachers arrested in Maharashtra's Latur in NEET-UG paper leak case



The first session of the 18th Lok Sabha began today with newly elected MPs taking oath as members of the House. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is the leader of the Lok Sabha, was the first to take oath. Pro-tem Speaker Bhartruhari Mahtab administered the oath to Modi. This was followed by the oath of the panel of chairpersons appointed to assist Mahtab in running the proceedings of the Lok Sabha till the election of the Speaker. BJP MPs Radha Mohan Singh and Faggan Singh Kulaste took oaths as members of the chairperson panel. However, Congress MP K Suresh, DMK MP TR Balu and Sudip Bandyopadhyay of TMC skipped oath-taking proceedings as members of the panel. Later, Union Ministers Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, Nitin Gadkari, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Manohar Lal, Piyush Goyal, Jitanram Manjhi, Dr Virendra Kumar, Kiren Rijiju, Chirag Paswan, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Annapurna Devi, and others took oath as members of the Lok Sabha. Besides Hindi and English, several MPs took oath in regional languages, including Telugu, Assamese, Bangla, Malayalam, Gujarati, Sanskrit, Kannada, Odia, Dogri and others. The first session of the 18th Lok Sabha has been adjourned for the day, and will meet again tomorrow at 11am.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the 18th Lok Sabha session is beginning today with the resolve of building Viksit Bharat and asserted that his government will make constant efforts to serve the country and fulfil aspirations of the people by taking everyone together. Briefing media outside Parliament ahead of the session, Modi said majority is required to run the government but to run the country, a consensus is of utmost importance. He added his government wants to speed up decisions by taking everyone together and by maintaining the sanctity of the Constitution. He observed that the country needs a responsible opposition. Modi added that the countrymen do not want disturbances, and expressed confidence that MPs of the 18th Lok Sabha will try to fulfil these expectations of the common man.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that for the NDA government, reforms are a means to improve the lives of 140 crore Indians. In a social media post, Modi said after the introduction of Goods and Services Tax- GST, goods for household use have become much cheaper. He said, this has resulted in significant savings for the poor and common man. Modi said the government is committed to continuing this journey of reforms to transform people's lives.



To manage overall food security and prevent hoarding and unscrupulous speculation, the Centre has imposed stock limits on wheat applicable to traders, wholesalers, retailers, big chain retailers, and processors in all states and union territories. Secretary of the Department of Food and Public Distribution Sanjeev Chopra, said that for traders and wholesalers, the stock limit of wheat will be three thousand metric tonnes; for retailers, it will be 10 metric tonnes; and for big chain retailers, the stock limit will be ten metric tonnes for each outlet and three thousand metric tonnes at all their depots. Chopra said the stock limits will be in force until March 31, 2025. He added that the government will review the stock limits based on the requirements to ensure that the price of wheat remains stable. Chopra also rejected media reports about a shortage of wheat and clarified that there is no shortage of wheat in the country.



The recent NEET-UG paper leak scam tentacles have reached Maharashtra, with the arrest of two coaching institute teachers and an ITI instructor from Latur after the

state Anti Terrorism Squad and Latur Police investigations in the past two days. The two teachers, identified as Sanjay T Jadhav and Jalil U Pathan, were arrested late on Sunday as more evidence surfaced against them. An ITI instructor, Iranna M Kongalwar has also been nabbed even as Latur Police set up a Special Investigation Team to probe the case. One more accused, identified as Gangadhar from Delhi is reported to be absconding. The SIT has formed multiple teams to unravel various aspects of the case. The Shivajinagar Police Station filed an FIR in the case on Sunday, invoking Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act and other laws. Till now, police have detected WhatsApp messages exchanged among the accused, and further investigation is underway.



To ensure peaceful conduct of the upcoming Urban Local Body elections on June 26, Deputy Commissioner Wokha Ajit Kumar Ranjan has placed various restrictions within Wokha and Bhandari Towns. In compliance with State Election Commission directives, the DC has instructed all campaign workers and activists who are not voters or residents of Wokha or Bhandari Town to leave the wards and areas with immediate effect until the elections are concluded. On polling day, assembly of up to five people and movement between different wards will be prohibited. Voters bound for polling station, officials and magistrates on duty, security and emergency services are exempt from the restrictions. The DC cautioned that any violation will be dealt with under the Nagaland Municipal Act 2023 and applicable laws.



As part of Campaign on Preventing and Combating Child Trafficking in 100 bordering and adjoining Districts of India, a one-day Sensitization workshop was organised at Tuensang today. Addressing the event as resource person, Advocate Guwahati High Court, Kohima Branch, Tongpang L. Jamir, said human trafficking impacts more than 50 million people every year. Nagaland is in a transition point where trafficking happens due to its international boundary with Myanmar and state boundaries with Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur, he said. Jamir cited poverty, lack of employment and pursuit of a better life as main reasons for human trafficking. Noting the prevalence of domestic child abuse in our society, he called for increase in awareness on the matter, and highlighted various features, preventive measures and legal provisions tied to child trafficking. The workshop was organised by District Administration Tuensang in collaboration with National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and State Commission for Protection of Child Rights. It

was attended by various sections of the society including police, government officials, NGOs, tribal leaders, student and church groups.



Kiphire today held the monthly meeting of the district planning development board under the chairmanship of MLA C. Kipili Sangtam. Among others, the meeting discussed proposal for PHED Department at Seyochung, Road Extension from NH - 202 to District Hospital Kiphire, Adaptation of Schools and Approval of Local Area Development Schemes 2024 – 25, and forwarded them to the respective authorities for final approval. Meanwhile, Deputy commissioner Temsuwati Longkumer also proposed acquiring land for setting up government office and quarters.

