

Morning News Script

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release the 17th installment of more than 20 thousand crore rupees under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh this evening. The installment will be released to nine crore 26 lakh beneficiary farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer. During the event, the Prime Minister will also grant Certificates to more than 30 thousand women from Self Help Groups as Krishi Sakhis. Meanwhile, an event is also organised in 50 selected Krishi Vigyan Kendras, KVKs including Dimapur. Union Minister of State (independent charge) of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Jayant Choudhary will attend the event at KVK Dimapur where he will interact with the Farmers. PM-KISAN scheme launched on 24th February 2019 to supplement the financial needs of all land-holding farmers subject to certain exclusion criteria of higher income status.

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah yesterday chaired a high-level meeting in New Delhi to review the security situation in Manipur. During the meeting, Shah asked for strategic deployment of central forces to restore peace and harmony in the state. The Minister directed to take strict action as per law against those committing violence. He said, that the Home Ministry will soon talk to both the groups, Meitei and Kuki, so that the gap between the two communities can be bridged. Home Minister Shah said, Central government is fully committed to ensure the security of the people of Manipur. He directed state Chief Secretary to ensure proper health and education facilities for displaced people and their rehabilitation.

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Nagaland Government has constituted a Fact-Finding Technical Team to examine in detail the construction of the ongoing Kohima-Mao (National Highway-2) road. The team would be headed by the Chief Engineer, PWD (National Highway) as convener, the District Administration/Representative, Kohima, Executive Engineer, PWD (NH), Kohima Division; and three representatives from concerned NGOs as members. In a notification issued by the Nagaland Works and Housing Department (Work branch) on June 15 stated that the team will assess and examine whether the ongoing construction of the road is as per the Detailed Project Report or contract agreement. It will have to investigate all aspects of work quality and safety audit, as well as find the reasons for the undue delay in the completion of the road project. The team can also look into any other relevant issues as deemed necessary and fit. Additionally, it directed to the Executive Director (P), National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), Kohima to provide all relevant documents, DPR, and records as sought by the team. While, the General Manager, NHIDCL of the Kohima-Mao Road, was also directed to accompany and assist the team during the site visits. Further, the team after examining the issues raised by the SAPO and SAYO in detail, will complete the work and submit the report within three weeks from the issue of the notification. Meanwhile, following the proactive steps and intervention by the State Government to resolve the matter, the Southern Angami Public Organisation (SAPO) appealed to the Southern Angami Youth Organisation to temporarily withhold the proposed highways traffic closure.

The SAPO expressed appreciation to the State Government for the constitution of a fact-finding team to investigate the ongoing construction of the Kohima-Mao road project.

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will keep the Raebareli seat and vacate Wayanad Lok Sabha seat. Talking to reporters in New Delhi, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge said, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will fight from Wayanad Lok Sabha in Kerala. Kharge said that the party has decided that Rahul Gandhi should retain Rae Bareli's seat since it is close to the gandhi family.

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The Department of Telecommunication has initiated targeted actions to protect citizens in response to reports of fraudulent activities involving mobile numbers in electricity KYC update scams. Ministry of Communications said, the department has directed all Telecom Service Providers for Pan India IMEI based blocking of 392 mobile handsets misused in cybercrime and financial frauds. It has also directed them for re-verification of 31,740 mobile connections linked to these mobile handsets. The Ministry said, failure in re-verification will result in immediate disconnection of reported numbers and blocking of associated handsets.

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