

Morning News Script

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The government has decided to increase Minimum Support Price for 14 crops, develop Vadhavan port in Maharashtra, and develop the first offshore wind terminal in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. The government has also taken decisions for development of Varanasi airport and National Forensic Infrastructure enhancement scheme. Briefing media in New Delhi yesterday , Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, the government has taken five major decisions in the Cabinet meeting. Talking about the decisions, Vaishnaw said, the cabinet approved Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 14 Kharif crops for marketing season 2024-25. He said, significant increase in MSP for Paddy, Cotton, Millets, Pulses, Oilseeds will benefit the farmers. He said, the government has decided to develop an all-weather greenfield port at Vadhavan in Maharashtra. Vaishnaw said, two projects will be commissioned in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu having 500 mega watt capacities each. Talking about another decision, Vaishnaw said, the cabinet approved the National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme under which off campus of the National Forensic Science University and Central Forensic Science Laboratories will be established across the country.

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As several parts of the country reel under severe heatwave, the Health Ministry has issued an advisory for state health departments asking them to ensure preparedness and timely response in the face of above normal maximum temperatures causing heat related illnesses. It has asked State nodal officers to disseminate the National Action Plan on Heat-Related Illnesses and implement health action plans at district and city levels. It asked Health facilities to ensure the procurement of ORS packs, essential medicines, IV fluids, ice packs, and equipment for managing volume depletion and electrolyte imbalance. The advisory also urged officials to disseminate daily heatwave warnings from the India Meteorological Department.

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UGC-NET June 2024 Examination has been cancelled by the Ministry of Education. A fresh examination will be conducted later for which the information will be shared separately. The examination has been cancelled after the inputs from Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre indicated that the integrity of the examination may have been compromised. The matter is being handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation for thorough investigation in the matter. The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducted the UGC-NET June 2024 Examination on Tuesday in two shifts across different cities of the country. Yesterday, the University Grants Commission (UGC) received certain inputs from National Cyber Crime Threat Analytics Unit of Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs on the Examination.



A total of 523 intending candidates are in fray for the upcoming elections to urban local bodies, scheduled in the state on June 26. State Election Commission(SEC) informed that 56 candidates from Dimapur Municipal council , 16 from East Dimapur town council , 14 from Niuland town council , 28 from Chümoukedima town council , 20 from Medziphema town , 35 from kohima municipal council ,14 from Peren town council , 20 from Julukie town council , 12 from Tening town council, 27 from Wokha town council, 19 from Bhandari town council , 28 from Zunheboto town council ,15 from Sathaka town council,12 from Atoizu town council ,12 from Aghunato town council,29 from Tseminyu town council ,29 from Mokokchung Municipal council , 6 from Tuli town council,20 from Changtongya town council , 19 from Mangkolemba town council , 25 from Phek town council ,28 from Pfutsero town council, 28 from Chozuba town council and 11 from Meluri town council will be contesting in this election. The SEC also informed that 64 candidates from 21 Municipal and town councils have been declared elected unopposed in the civic polls. Meanwhile, a total of 79 intending candidates, have pulled out of the race including all the 59 candidates from Eastern Nagaland.



In view of the forthcoming Municipal and Town Council Elections in the State, the Nagaland government has declared 22nd of June, that is 4th Saturday as working day only for those Offices and Departments engaged in election works under the Municipal/Town Council areas.

