

## Morning News Script

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Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio has asked the Advocate General, Nagaland, K.N. Balgopal, to intervene in the detention of 45 Naga youth in Mohali Jail, Punjab. The Chief Minister discussed the issue with the Advocate General and directed him to depute his team to take urgent necessary actions for the release of the innocent Naga youths who are falsely implicated in this case. Rio also directed the Resident Commissioner in-charge of Nagaland House, New Delhi to be in touch with the families of the innocent Naga youth and extend all necessary help required for them. The Chief Minister further asked the parents and relatives of the youths to contact the Government and provide all information and cooperation to expedite the release of these innocent Naga Youths.

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The Union Ministry of Education has constituted a High-Level Committee of Experts to ensure the transparent, smooth, and fair conduct of examinations by the National Testing Agency (NTA). The seven-member committee, chaired by former ISRO Chairman Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, has been tasked with recommending reforms in the examination process of NTA to enhance efficiency and prevent breaches, improve data security protocols, and review the structure and functioning of the agency. The panel will evaluate existing processes, suggest improvements, and define clear roles and responsibilities within the NTA. The committee will also assess the current grievance redressal mechanisms and propose enhancements. The committee has been given two months to submit its report to the Ministry.

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The first session of the 18th Lok Sabha will begin on Monday. During the session, the oath and affirmation of newly elected members will take

place. Senior BJP MP Bhartruhari Mahtab, who has been appointed as Protem Speaker, will administer the oath to the newly elected Lok Sabha MPs. The election of the new Lok Sabha Speaker will be held on the 26th of this month, while President Droupadi Murmu will address the joint sitting of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha on the 27th of June. The session of the Rajya Sabha will commence on the 27th of this month. The Parliament session will conclude on the 3rd of next month.

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President, Dimapur Congress Committee, Kutoho Chishi appealed the circle officer and law enforcement agencies to check on ministers and MLAS who come along with youths to cast their votes on pretext of polling station visitation. Addressing a press conference yesterday in Dimapur, Chishi said voter's slips should be handed to the public and not be held by the council members and GBs. Chishi also appealed all the council members and GBs of each ward to be vigilant on voting day and prohibit people from outside of their polling station to come and cast their votes.

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Residents of Government High School Colony, Wokha took an independent initiative to repair the roads in their locality. Chairman of the Colony, Mhonyamo Kikon said the road from Government High School Colony to Civil Hospital Wokha, was in dire need for a repair as it was riddled with potholes, some of which are nearly one foot deep. Kikon pointed out that the road is used by students, office going people, and patients going to the hospital. He said the road posts various challenges and hazards for commuters who have to use the road. Kikon said about 200 volunteers, including elderly residents, youths and children, joined the effort yesterday and the road was repaired with no support from government.

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Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant has declared the stretch from Razhü Point Junction to Deputy Commissioner's Office (Via Old NST/New NST/Y-Junction) as No Parking Zone on 25th and 26th

June. This has been necessitated in view of the ULB elections to Kohima Municipal Council. The DC further said that during the Dispatch and Receipt of election Polling Parties on the above mentioned dates, Traffic Restrictions will be imposed as per requirement and has requested the General Public to bear the inconvenience and extend cooperation. The DC added that defaulting vehicles will be towed at the expense of the vehicle owners and also liable to be penalized under relevant sections of the law

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