

Morning News Script

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Unidentified armed miscreants shot dead Gaon bura of New Market, Dimapur Abdul Kayum Talukdar last night. The incident occurred at around 9:00 PM near Axis Bank, Signal evening bazaar. A member of Muslim Council Dimapur informed that the victim was shot on the chest from a close range. The two armed assailants who came in a car reportedly fled away. The victim was immediately rushed to Faith Hospital but was declared brought dead. The New Market Business Welfare Committee has condemned the murder and has urged authorities to thoroughly investigate and ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice without delay.

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Filing of nominations for the upcoming elections to the Municipal and Town councils in Nagaland began yesterday. State Election Commission said that 17 candidates filed their nomination on the first day. Altogether, 11 male and six female contenders have filed their nominations. The nominations filed included three from East Dimapur Town Council, one each from Tuli, Jalukie and Aghunato town councils, nine from Bhandari and two from Satakha. These consisted one candidate fielded by LJP, eight by NPF and eight independents.

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Eastern Nagaland People's Organization (ENPO) has said that its stance to abstain from the forthcoming Urban Local Bodies (ULB) elections is an exercise of the democratic right to free speech and assembly under the constitution. In response to the show cause notice issued by the State Election Commission, ENPO said its actions and statements were in no way intended to infringe upon or interfere with the individual rights of the electorate, or to contravene any legal or constitutional provisions governing the conduct of elections. The ENPO's stance is rooted in a deeply felt conviction of the demand for the creation of Frontier Nagaland Territory (FNT). It reiterated that the decision to vote or abstain from voting is a personal one, and the ENPO's public declarations are intended to inform and encourage a collective

expression of its aspirations on the collective demand for FNT without imposing any undue influence on the individual voter. Emphasizing that ENPO does not possess any mechanism to enforce its resolutions or orders, it said the organisation operates solely on the basis of voluntary participation and consensus among the people of Eastern Nagaland. All its actions and declarations are driven by collective will and mutual agreement, rather than any form of coercion or enforcement capability. The resolutions and statements issued by ENPO reflect the genuine and uncoerced consensus of the Eastern Naga people, and underscores their dedication to foster a participatory and inclusive approach to address the concerns and aspirations of the community, the body said.

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Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Ajit Ranjan, has set up an Area Team to initiate clean-up and removal of plastic waste at Doyang lake on mission mode. The team has been tasked to assess the spots and amount of solid waste pollution. It will assess the resources and machinery required for cleaning and disposal of the waste, and submit the action plan. The execution will begin today and be completed in two to three days. The team consists of eight members and will be headed by EAC Sungro, Pukha Lam as the overall coordinator and area commander for the task.

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Nagaland Health Minister P. Paiwang Konyak has emphasized the vital need to tackle drug use and addiction in the state. He was addressing the first meeting of the reconstituted State Council on AIDS (SCA) on Thursday. The minister stressed the importance of early HIV testing and detection among pregnant mothers to initiate timely treatment and protect new born babies. He encouraged leveraging social media platforms for widespread dissemination of HIV awareness. The minister further assured that SCA will conduct regular meetings to provide political and administrative support at the highest level for HIV/AIDS response in the state. It may be mentioned that the first body of SCA was formed in 2008 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister, and carried out only two meetings in 2009 and 2012. It was then reconstituted on 22nd June last year with the Health Minister as Chairman. The meeting was followed by launching of seven 'Health on Bikes, reaching the unreached' meant for the seven districts of Kiphire,

Mon, Peren, Phek, Shamator, Wokha, and
Zunheboto.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio attended the NDA Parliamentary Meeting yesterday. In a social media post, Rio congratulated Narendra Modi on being unanimously elected as the leader of the NDA Parliamentary Party, and being appointed as PM-designate. The Chief Minister also extended his best wishes.

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