

## Morning News Script

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11<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

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Portfolios have been announced for the new Union Council of Ministers. Union Minister Rajnath Singh has been retained as Defence Minister and Amit Shah as Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation while Nirmala Sitharaman will continue to be the Finance Minister and Dr S Jaishankar as External Affairs Minister. Nitin Gadkari also retained the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. Piyush Goyal has retained the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and Dharmendra Pradhan has been again given the responsibility of Education Minister. BJP President J P Prakash Nadda will be the new Health and Chemical and Fertilizers Minister while former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan is the new Agriculture and Rural Development Minister. Ashwini Vaishnaw will be the new Minister of Information and Broadcasting. He will also continue to hold the charge of the Rail Ministry. Kiren Rijiju will be the new Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Annpurna Devi has been handed the portfolio of Women and Child Development. LJP leader Chirag Paswan will be the Minister of Food Processing Industries whereas Jyotiraditya Scindia is the new Communications and DoNER Minister. JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy has been given the responsibility of the Heavy Industries Ministry and Steel Ministry. Sarbananda Sonowal will look after the Port, Shipping and Waterways Ministry.

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The government has approved the proposal for providing assistance for construction of three crore additional rural and urban households under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. A decision in this regard was taken in the first cabinet meeting of the newly-formed NDA government in New Delhi yesterday. The central government has been implementing the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana since 2015 to provide assistance to eligible rural and urban households for the construction of houses with basic amenities.

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Today is the last date for filing of nomination for ULB elections to three Municipal Councils and 36 Town Councils in the state. The filing of nomination will come to close at 3:00 this evening. Till yesterday, a total of 394 individuals have filed their nominations, of which 144 women are

in fray for the ULB elections. According to State Election Commission, no nomination has been filed from any of the 14 town councils in the six eastern districts. So far, 142 candidates from NDPP , 39 BJP candidates, 26 Congress, 18 NPP , 14 NPF, 5 NCP candidates, 9 JD (U), 5 LJP candidates, 1 RPI (A) , and 135 independents have filed nominations .

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Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has condemned the attack on his advance security team. Singh said, ambush to Advance security team of CM is direct attack to the Chief Minister and people of Manipur. He assured that Government will leave no stone unturned to nab the culprit. The advanced security carcade team of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, came under attack by some unknown armed miscreants near Kotlen Sinam village along National Highway 37 in New Keithelmanbi of Kangpokpi District yesterday morning. Singh also visited the injured driver who had sustained bullet injuries and was admitted to a private hospital in Imphal for further treatment. Meanwhile, the security forces are conducting search operations in and around the incident sites. Moreover, tight security measures have been put in place along NH 37 for free movement.

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Chief Secretary Nagaland, J. Alam yesterday inaugurated Chief Secretary's Residential Conference Hall at the Chief Secretary's residential Complex, Kohima. Addressing the gathering, Alam said, the new conference hall was designed to cater to the needs of the Government and development for its citizens. He expressed hope that the conference hall will be of service and convenience to the many more Chief Secretaries that will be heading the State. Assistant Chief Engineer (CAWD), Sungtiba Amer said, the project commenced on 20th November last year and got completed on 22nd May 2024. Amer added that the RCC building slope roof structure with a conference hall and one pantry covers a plinth area of 840.72 square feet.

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