

## Evening News Script

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:::THE HEADLINES:::

1. Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party trending with 13.23 percent in Urban Local Bodies election in Nagaland.
2. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio calls for creating positive environment to enable and increase investments
3. Union Home Minister Amit Shah says country is adopting best practices in Disaster Management.
4. And, National Testing Agency announces fresh dates for UGC-NET, CSIR UGC-NET and NCET examinations.



In the Urban Local Bodies election in Nagaland, Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party, NDPP is trending with 13.23 percent of vote share followed by Independent garnering 10.32 percent till the filing of this report. As of now NDPP has won 92 seats, NPF 12, BJP-eight, INC-five, JDU-five, NPP-four, LJP-two and 39 Independent candidates. The State Election Commission informed that seven women candidates have won in unreserved seats. Nzanrhoni I Mozhui aged 22 from BJP, became the youngest female candidate to win the ULB poll under Ward 1 Bhandari town council and Nathan Kent aged

25 from JDU was the youngest male candidate from Ward-5 under Tseminyu Town Council. while, Sibeule aged 71 from NDPP was the oldest female candidate to win from Ward 6 under Peren Town Council. Earlier, 64 candidates have been declared elected unopposed. The overall poll percentage for all Municipalities after the final update stands at 81.98 percent. The counting of votes to the ULB elections was held in 16 counting centers spreading across 10 districts.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has congratulated Shoppers Stop on launching its first store in Nagaland. In a social media post, he said it's coming the state is a sign of progress and development. Rio call upon the people of Nagaland to create a positive environment to enable and increase investments that will boost the economy.



Union Home Minister, Amit Shah has said that country is adopting best practices in Disaster Management and Nation Disaster Response Force (NDRF) should always aim for Zero Casualty in the wake of any disaster. Speaking at the flag-in ceremony of Mountaineering Expedition Vijay, Shah said, today, not only in India but wherever there is a disaster in the world, people of the country and the world look towards NDRF. He said, no matter how adverse the situation is, if a NDRF Jawan is standing there, then the morale of the people trapped in the disaster increases manifold. The Union Home Minister said, the Narendra Modi government has left no stone unturned in modernizing the NDRF. On the occasion, Shah announced that the Government has approved Risk and Hardship Allowance for NDRF Jawans.



The National Testing Agency (NTA) has announced fresh dates for cancelled and postponed examinations. In a notification issued, the NTA said the UGC-NET June 2024 examination will now be held between 21st of August and 4th of September. The University Grants Commission-National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET) was cancelled a day after being conducted on 18th of this month as the Education ministry received inputs that the integrity of the exam was compromised. The UGC-NET is a test to determine the eligibility for the award of Junior Research Fellowship, for appointment of assistant professors and admission to PhD courses. Joint CSIR-UGC-NET June-2024 Examination which was postponed as a preemptive measure will now be held from 25th to 27th of July. The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) UGC-NET is accepted for PhD admissions in Chemical Sciences, Earth, Atmospheric, Ocean and Planetary Sciences, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, and Physical Sciences. The National Common Entrance Test (NCET) for admission to the four-year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP), which was also postponed, will now be conducted on 10th of July. The NTA said that the All India Ayush Post Graduate Entrance Test 2024 will be held as per its actual schedule on 6th of next month. The NTA has advised the candidates to visit its official website [www.nta.ac.in](http://www.nta.ac.in) for further information.



The Press Information Bureau (PIB) Kohima, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), today conducted a one-day media workshop ‘Vartalap’ at Kohima focusing on Three New Criminal Laws. The three new criminal laws discussed are Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA) 2023. Addressing the event as Special Guest, Editor of NEPS News, Oken Jeet Sandham expressed

reservations about the new criminal laws in light of Article 371 (A), which grants special status to Nagaland, potentially creating conflicts. He also highlighted the unresolved Naga Political Issue and emphasized that criminal law, unlike civil code, deals with law and order complexities. Sandham further discussed challenges posed by laws like the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) and sedition laws, which can infringe on people's rights and press freedom. He however, expressed delight that all the outdated criminal laws were replaced although the new laws are similar yet some kind of punishments were reduced. Resource Person, DIG (Range) Kohima, Uniel Kichu emphasized that the criminal justice system, originally based on the Indian Penal Code of 1860 and the Criminal Procedure Code 1973, has evolved over time through a series of amendments. He explained that the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) 2023 (Indian Justice Code), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023 (Indian Citizen Security Code), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA) 2023 (Indian Evidence Code) were recently passed by Parliament. Kichu underscored the importance of these new laws in adapting to changing times, particularly advancements in science and technology. He highlighted the need for systematic, simple, transparent, fair, and just laws as foundational principles envisioned by the new codes. The police officer noted that 75 percent of prisoners are undertrials due to delays in the justice system, emphasizing the urgency of the reforms included in the new laws set to take effect from 1st July. Earlier, Assistant Director of PIB Kohima, K Sonikumar Singh, delivered the opening remarks, clarified that the names of the new laws are in Sanskrit, not Hindi, replacing old British laws. The event was attended by media officials, students from Kohima Law College, and students of journalism and mass communication.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with people of the country and abroad in the 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on Akashvani at 11:00 AM tomorrow. It will be the 111th episode of the monthly

radio programme. It will also be the first episode after Modi assumed charge of the Prime Minister for the third consecutive time. The programme will be broadcast on the entire network of Akashvani and Doordarshan, AIR News website and newsonair mobile app. It will also be live streamed on the YouTube channels of AIR News, DD News, PMO and Information and Broadcasting Ministry. Akashvani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast.



The Central Bureau of Investigation, CBI is conducting searches at seven different places in Gujarat including in Ahmedabad and Godhra districts in connection with the case related to alleged irregularities in NEET- UG exam. On Thursday, CBI had arrested two individuals in Patna in the case.

