

Morning News Script

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Information and Broadcasting Ministry has instituted a new section as part of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024 for young filmmakers called the "Best Debut Indian Film Section 2024." The 55th IFFI is slated to be held in Goa from November 20th to 28th. These selections will highlight the creative vision and unique storytelling approaches of young filmmakers, providing a platform for new talent and showcasing the work of emerging directors. Entries for the "Best Debut Indian Film Section" are open now, and the last date of submission is September 23rd.

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The Manipur government yesterday extended the ban on mobile internet services in five districts for another five days, till September 20, even as it relaxed curfew prohibitions in four districts for a few hours in the morning. The Home Department, in an order extending the ban, said that the decision was taken in view of the prevailing law and order situation. After incidents of violence and student protests for two days, the state government on September 10 suspended the mobile internet service in five districts -- Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, Bishnupur, and Kakching till September 15. Commissioner, Home, N. Ashok Kumar, in Sunday's order, said, State government, after reviewing the prevailing law and order situation and its possible co-relation with the general operation of internet suspension in the last fortnight, decided to continue suspension of internet and mobile data services including VSATs, and VPN services in the territorial jurisdiction of Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, Bishnupur, and Kakching districts of Manipur for another 5 days with effect from September 15.

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Eid Milad-un-Nabi, the birthday of Prophet Muhammad, is being celebrated with religious fervour in various parts of the country today. "Milad Mehfil" and "Seerat Conferences" will be held highlighting the life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad. Milad processions are also being organised to mark the occasion.

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ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun, Medziphema and Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Government of Nagaland signed a landmark Letter of Understanding (LOU) for promoting scientific Mithun production and fodder development. The LoU was signed on September 14 by Director of ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun, Dr Girish Patil S, and Director of the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Dr Achila Ao, in the presence of Advisor for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Kazheto Kinimi and the important department officials from both the departments. Director of the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Dr Achila Ao said, this partnership marks a significant milestone in the advancement of the scientific Mithun production and fodder development for promoting farmers and furthering livestock farming activities in the state of Nagaland in particular and the entire North East states in general.

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Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan 2024 will start tomorrow and continue till 2nd October. The theme for this year is Swabhav Swachhata-Sanskaar Swachhta. The campaign includes mega cleanliness drives at various sites such as tourist locations, public buildings, commercial areas, water bodies, zoos, sanctuaries, and community and public toilets through shramdaan and collective action. All central government ministries and states are planning various citizen engagement activities across the country. This year's campaign is built around three key pillars under the whole of society approach. These are Cleanliness Target Units (CTU) Shramdaan activities, Swachhata Mein Jan Bhaagidari, and SafaiMitra Suraksha Shivir. The campaign will engage citizens, industries, NGOs, development organisations, urban local bodies, panchayats and various stakeholders nationwide.

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Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, DPIIT is set to launch a digital platform – BHASKAR- aimed at strengthening India’s startup ecosystem. The Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry, BHASKAR initiative, is a platform designed to centralize, streamline, and enhance collaboration among key stakeholders within the entrepreneurial ecosystem. This initiative aligns with Government’s vision to transform India into a global leader in innovation and entrepreneurship. Commerce and Industry Ministry said in a release that BHASKAR will bridge the gap between startups, investors, mentors, and other stakeholders, allowing for seamless interaction across sectors.

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