

Morning News Script

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The Wokha administration has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with three national research institutions to promote scientific farming, technological integration, and sustainable agricultural practices. The agreement, signed yesterday at the Banana Festival 2025, involves ICAR–National Research Centre for Banana in Tamil Nadu, IBSD in Imphal, and CSIR–NEIST in Jorhat. Deputy Commissioner Vineet Kumar emphasized the festival’s alignment with the One District One Product initiative and Wokha’s potential for banana-based enterprises.

(S/B:) The festival is showcasing over 100 stalls featuring banana species, by-products, and local innovations. New initiatives launched include Yuthi Delights, the Banana Growers Network, and Banana Chocolate. It also hosted a National Workshop on Banana Plantation and Value Addition. The event will continue till tomorrow with buyer-seller meets and technical training to promote rural development.

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The Naga People’s Front (NPF) has expressed deep concern over an incident on October 20 along the Indo-Myanmar border near Longwa village in Mon district. Reports indicate Indian security forces carried out an operation targeting the residence of a senior NSCN-K (YA) leader in Khammoi village, Myanmar, resulting in multiple deaths and injuries. The NPF expressed grief over the loss of lives and called for a thorough investigation to prevent further tensions and misunderstandings. The party urged authorities to prioritize peace, stability, and humanitarian concerns in the area.

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A two-day Conference of Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) organised by the Election Commission of India assessed the preparedness of offices of the CEOs of all States and Union Territories for the nationwide Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise. The meet began yesterday in New Delhi and was presided over by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. The meeting is being held as a follow up on the SIR preparedness conference organised last month during which all the States and Union Territories gave detailed presentations on the number of Electors, qualifying date of last SIR and Electoral Roll as per the last completed SIR.

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National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will deploy Network Survey Vehicles in 23 states covering 20 thousand 933 km for the collection, processing and analysis of Road inventory and Pavement condition data of National Highway stretches. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highway informed that the surveys will be carried out using a 3D laser-based NSV system capable of automatically capturing and reporting road defects, like surface cracking, potholes and patches, without any human intervention. The Ministry added that the data collected will be uploaded on NHAI’s AI-based portal Data Lake, for analysis by a dedicated team of experts at NHAI.

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The GST Bachat Utsav, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and launched on the 22nd of last month, is benefiting people across all sections of society. Today, our correspondent brings a report on the GST reforms that will boost the economy of Ladakh.

(VC-Under the revised tax structure, GST on handloom products including pashmina wool, namda rugs from Leh and Kargil have been reduced from 12 percent to 5 percent. This move has improved income stability for local herders and artisans, increasing the potential for export growth, and encouraging the revival of traditional handicraft practices. Meanwhile, the tax rate on hotel rooms priced up to seven thousand five hundred rupees has been reduced from 12 percent to 5 percent. This step has also supported the growth of eco-tourism and local homestay economy.)

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Adroit Boys Sechü Zubza edged past Tehok FC 1-0 to win the opening match of the 9th edition of Captain N. Kengurüse Memorial Football Tournament 2025 at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima. Both sides displayed strong tactical discipline, with Neikedozo of Adroit Boys scoring the winner in the 60th minute. In today's match Auyang FC Tuensang will take on Lüshe FC Phek, while Head Hunters FC will face Detroit FC.

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