

Morning News Script

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The Inter-Ministerial Central Team conducted an on-the-spot assessment in the wake of floods and landslides in Nagaland caused by the monsoon. The team was led by Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Gaya Prasad. The team was assisted by District Disaster Management Authority and Deputy Commissioner Chumukedima, Polan John. The team visited the Tsiedukhru range, National Highway 29, Chumukedima, Sietheke Basa and Sovima. During the inspection Sovima Village Landslide Effected Areas submitted a representation to prevent further deterioration and ensure safety. The representation included construction of retaining walls, reconstruction and strengthening of drainage systems, rebuilding of traditional well footpaths and access structures.

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The Department of Higher Education, Nagaland, has extended the online verification timeline for the Post Matric Scholarship for ST students of Nagaland via the National Scholarship Portal, for the Academic Session 2025-26. It informed that for both fresh and renewal, completion of Verification by the Institutes, as well as correction of Defective Applications by the Students and Institutes should be done by 20th December. The Department further stated that completion of Verification by the State should be completed by 31st January, 2026.

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Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has said that National Cooperative Development Corporation-NCDC has emerged as a strong medium for empowering cooperatives and providing them financial assistance. The Union Minister made these remarks while addressing the 92nd General Council meeting of the NCDC in New Delhi yesterday. Mr. Shah emphasized the need to

promote the circular economy in the sugar mills and dairy sector, which will directly benefit farmers. He highlighted NCDC's significant role in launching the country's first cooperative taxi service, which will greatly benefit drivers. The Union Minister added that the new multi-state cooperative society has been registered, and driver enrolment along with technological development is under progress.

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Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Minister, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia participated in two high-level task force meetings in New Delhi yesterday. These meetings were focused on developing high-performance sports in the North East. During the sports development meeting, Mr. Scindia said that proposals for sports development must follow a 60-40 model, with 60 percent focus on human resource development such as world-class coaching, talent scouting and technology-enabled training and 40 percent on infrastructure. The Union Minister asked all North Eastern States to prepare a comprehensive sports calendar for educational institutions, including inter-state exhibitions, competitions, and exchange programs.

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The 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI 2025) is all set to begin in Goa today. The remarkable event promises to be a grand celebration of global cinema. Over 240 films from 81 countries will be screened during the nine-day mega event. Japan is featured as the 'Country of Focus'. Goa's Chief Minister, Dr Pramod Sawant, inspected the venue last evening, ensuring everything is in order for the event. He will inaugurate 'The WAVES Film Bazaar' around 11 am, hours before the festival opens, with a grand parade.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Johannesburg, South Africa, from November 21st to 23rd to attend the 20th G20 Leaders' Summit. This will be the fourth consecutive G20 Summit held in the Global South. The External Affairs Ministry said in a statement that at the Summit, the Prime Minister will put forth

India's perspectives on the G20 agenda. Prime Minister is expected to speak in all three sessions of the Summit.

