

THE HEADLINES :-

- **Union Home Minister Amit Shah says North East is witnessing unprecedented development under leadership of PM Modi**
- **Supreme Court stays its own order on new Aravalli range definition; Union Minister Bhupender Yadav welcomes the decision**
- **ICMR Director General Dr Rajiv Bahl urges responsible use of antibiotics only on doctors' advice**
- **Assam Rifles DG, Vikas Lakhera says youth participation is key to nation-building**



Union Home Minister Amit Shah today said that Assam and other northeastern states have seen tremendous development under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the last 11 years. He was addressing a public rally at Nagaon district in Assam today. Speaking after inaugurating redeveloped Mahpurush Srimanta Sankardeva Abirbhav Kshetra at Batadrawa Than in Nagaon district, the Union Home Minister said, north east is witnessing peace and development now.



The Supreme Court has stayed its own order issued on 20th November on the Aravalli hills and the Aravalli range definition. A vacation bench of the Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices JK Maheshwari and AG Masih has also ordered the formation of a new expert committee to examine issues that require to be examined in terms of the definition of Aravallis. In its ruling today, the Supreme Court said that clarifications are necessary on the definitions approved earlier, and the direction of the apex court in the 20th November verdict be kept in abeyance. The Court has also issued notice to the Centre and the four Aravalli States, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Delhi and Haryana, seeking their response to its suo motu case on the issue.



Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav has welcomed the Supreme Court decision to stay on its own order concerning the Aravalli range, and the formation of a new committee to study issues. In a social media post, Mr Yadav said the government is committed to providing all assistance sought from his Ministry for the protection and restoration of the Aravalli range. The Minister said, as of now, a complete ban on mining remains in force for new mining leases as well as the renewal of existing ones.



On Prime Minister Narendra Modi raising the issue of antimicrobial resistance in his Mann Ki Baat programme, Indian Council of Medical Research, (ICMR) Director General Dr Rajiv Bahl said that antibiotics should only be used when needed and prescribed by doctors. Talking to reporters in New Delhi today, Mr Bahl said, overuse or irrational use of antibiotics for infections like pneumonia can lead to resistance, making them less effective. He said, several states have taken significant steps to ensure that antibiotics are not sold over the counter and are only dispensed with a prescription. *(Byte - Bahl 1m 4s)*

In his Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani yesterday, Prime Minister Modi cautioned that antibiotics should not be taken mindlessly. He said antibiotics should be used only on the doctor's advice and urged everyone to refrain from using medicines at their own discretion. *(Byte - Modi 48S)*



Director General of Assam Rifles, Vikas Lakhera, interacted with a group of 20 students from Dimapur, participating in the Rashtrakatha Shivir 2026, at Pransla in Gujarat. During the interaction, DG Lakhera underscored the vital role of youth in nation-building and urged the students to remain steadfast in moral values while working towards collective progress. The students expressed enthusiasm and gratitude for the opportunity to interact with distinguished leaders and to engage with peers from diverse regions of the country. The Rashtrakatha Shivir 2026 was inaugurated yesterday at Pransla, Gujarat, fostering national unity and cultural harmony among students from across India. The Rashtrakatha Shivir 2026 continues to serve as a platform fostering unity, knowledge, and inspiration among India's youth.



Vice-Chancellor of Nagaland University Prof. Jagadish K. Patnaik, along with HoD and scholars from the Dept of Political Science, Nagaland University attended the 62nd All India Political Science conference and International Seminar, in Odisha. Organised by the Indian Political Science Association and Kalinga Institute of Social Science Bhubaneswar, Odisha the event was held from 27th to 28th December and were attended by Vice-Chancellors from different universities, senior professors and delegates from across the country. During the Conference, the scholars from Nagaland University presented research papers in different panels.



The Commissioner of Police Dimapur has informed that document verification for the recruitment of constables will take place on 5th and 6th of January for candidates from Dimapur, Chumoukedima and Niuland districts. The verification is for candidates provisionally selected for the Physical and Medical Standards Test, scheduled from 7th to 13th January. The process will be held at at NAPTC, Police Complex Chumoukedima, starting from 8:00 AM. According to the schedule, all female candidates irrespective of tribe and male candidates belonging to Sumi, Pochury, Tikhir, Rengma , Khiamniungam, Phom and Chang tribe will undergo verification on January 5. Verification for male candidates belonging to Ao, Lotha, Angami, Sangtam, Chakhesang, Yimkhiung and Konyak Tribe will be conducted on 6th January. Candidates must bring self-attested photocopies of all mandatory documents. Those who were unable to upload their Indigenous Inhabitant Certificate, Scheduled Tribe Certificate or Backward Tribe Certificate on the recruitment portal must produce both original and photocopies during verification. Applicants are advised to download their admit cards from the recruitment portal. For queries, candidates may contact the Helpdesk at 70850 55017.



Akashvani Kohima has invited applications for engagement of Part Time Correspondents for Chumoukedima, Longleng, Meluri, Mon, Noklak, Peren, Phek, Shamator, Tuensang, Tseminyu and Zunheboto district. Necessary details and application proforma can be accessed from www.newsonair.gov.in under the 'vacancies' section. Applications must be submitted on or before 2nd of January 2026.



In weather, the India Metrological Department has forecast dense fog very likely at isolated pockets of Dimapur, Kohima, Phek, Wokha, Mokokchung, Longleng and Mon districts tomorrow. Meanwhile, dry weather conditions are expected to prevail across Nagaland till January 7.

