

## Morning News Script

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The Government yesterday said that domestic LPG supply is stable across the country and no dry-outs have been reported at distributorships, amid disruptions triggered by the ongoing West Asia crisis. Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Sujata Sharma stated this while addressing an inter-ministerial briefing in New Delhi. Director of Ports and Shipping Ministry Mandeep Singh Randhawa informed that Indian flagged crude tanker, Desh Garima safely crossed the strait of Hormuz on the 18th of this month.

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Civil Service Day is being observed today across the country. The day is marked annually as an occasion for civil servants to rededicate themselves to the service of citizens and renew their commitment to excellence in public administration. Vice President C P Radhakrishnan will address Civil Servants on the 18th Civil Services Day in New Delhi today. Meanwhile Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extended greetings to all civil servants on the occasion. In a social media post, he acknowledged their vital contribution to the nation's progress, stating that their work strengthens governance and promotes inclusive development. Mr. Rio further expressed hope that civil servants will continue to serve with dedication, integrity, and distinction.

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A two-day district-level training programme for district and charge officers on Census 2027 began at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall in Wokha yesterday. The training aims to equip officials with the necessary skills for the smooth conduct of census operations. Assistant Director, Census Operations Nagaland, Mhathung Rangthang, highlighting roles of census functionaries, legal provisions, and fund management. Sessions were also taken by Statistical Investigators Vaibhav Sharma and Faujdar Singh Yadav on the Census Management and Monitoring System and related operations. Census 2027 in Nagaland will be conducted in two phases, with house listing scheduled from June 16 to July 30, 2026, and population enumeration in February 2027. Officials said the training is key to ensuring accurate and efficient implementation of the census.

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The Department of Art & Culture, yesterday organised a one-day programme on "Sharing of Concept on Living Morung, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Healing Practices and Indigenous Medicinal Knowledge" at Council Hall, Hovishe Village, Niuland. The programme aimed to document, promote and safeguard the intangible cultural heritage of Naga communities. Deputy Director of Art and Culture, Teisovikuolie Therie, said that the morung continues to serve as a vital institution for transmitting indigenous knowledge, including traditional healing practices and medicinal wisdom, from elders to the younger generation. He added that the department is working on creating a digital repository of such knowledge to ensure its preservation for future generations. The event also highlighted the rich repository of indigenous medicinal knowledge and traditional healing systems practiced across Naga villages.

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The Southern Angami Youth Organization (SAYO) has announced a strict prohibition on the adoption of non-local individuals within its jurisdiction, effective from May this year. The organization said the decision was taken to safeguard the integrity and well-being of indigenous communities, following the murder of a 22-year-old woman in Kohima on October 25, 2025. In a notification, SAYO said that no individual or family under its jurisdiction will be permitted to adopt non-local persons. It warned that any violation of the directive will attract strict penalties, including possible exile from the village and cancellation of Schedule Tribe and Indigenous Inhabitants Certificates. The organization also stated that in cases where such adoption is concealed and detected later, the certificates of both the adopted individual and the adopting family will be revoked with immediate effect. SAYO added that it will not extend any support to those who fail to comply with the decision.

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Indian Railways will operate 18 thousand 2 hundred 62 summer special train trips across the country over the next three months to meet the expected surge in passenger demand. The Ministry of Railways said the steps have been taken to ensure smooth and comfortable travel for people during the peak summer season. According to the ministry, a total of 9 hundred 8 summer special trains have been approved for the period between 15th of April and 15th of July which will make these trips.

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