

Morning News Script

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Polling has concluded peacefully for the Assembly Elections in Assam, Keralam, and the Union Territory of Puducherry. Voters yesterday cast their votes for the 126 seats in Assam, 140 seats in Keralam and 30 seats in Puducherry. In Assam, 85.40 percent polling was recorded. In Keralam, 78.05 percent voter turnout was recorded. In the Union Territory of Puducherry, 89.83 percent voting was recorded. In the Bye Elections held in Bagalkot in Karnataka, 68.70 percent voting turnout was recorded. In Nagaland's Koridang Assembly Constituency in Mokokchung district, the polling percentage stood at 82.21 percent. In Tripura's Dharmanagar seat, 80.04 percent voting was recorded. Counting of votes will take place on the 4th of next month.

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Following the successful completion of polling for the bye-election to the 28 Koridang Assembly Constituency with 82.21% voter turnout across 30 polling stations yesterday, the EVMs and VVPATs have been securely stored in strong rooms. According to the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland the strong rooms are under strict Election Commission protocols, including videography, presence of candidates/representatives and observers, two-tier armed security, and 24/7 CCTV monitoring. Reserve machines were stored separately. Candidates have been informed to monitor security arrangements, with access to CCTV displays. She said that the strong rooms will be opened on counting day in the presence of candidates/representatives and observers under videography.

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The Nagaland Adoption Awareness Programme on promoting non-institutionalized rehabilitation of Divyaang children was held in Kohima on Wednesday, with participation from stakeholders across all 17 districts. Speaking on the occasion, Additional Director of Social Welfare T. Aoakhum Longchar emphasized recognizing abilities over limitations and called for compassionate, responsible adoption, while Secretary Yongchingkumla stressed that social attitudes remain the biggest barrier and urged greater awareness and empathy. We have a report:

Organised by State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) under Mission Vatsalya, the programme focused on inclusive adoption and family-based care for children with special needs. A short film, "Not Perfect but Precious," highlighted acceptance and the importance of family care. Officials also reviewed district-level scenarios, challenges, and best practices, stressing stronger community-based rehabilitation and coordination.

During the technical session, Junior Professional of CARA, Ritu Rani Bhankur explained Adoption Regulations 2022, addressing legal procedures, safeguards, and common concerns of adoptive parents.

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India has recorded its highest-ever annual solar capacity addition of around 45 Giga Watt in the financial year 2025-26. In a social media post, Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi said that this achievement reflects India's unwavering commitment to energy security, sustainable development, and the vision of a Viksit Bharat. Mr Joshi said that Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra have led this extraordinary growth, powering India's transition towards a cleaner, greener and more self-reliant future.

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Joint Secretary in the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Satyaprakash T. L., yesterday said the concerned departments are working in close coordination to ensure uninterrupted supply of essential pharma inputs in the country. During an inter-ministerial briefing in New Delhi on the West Asia crisis, Mr Satyaprakash said that global supply chains of pharma inputs have been disrupted due to the crisis.

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The Chief of the Army Staff, General Upendra Dwivedi, has said that India is progressing towards domain jointness, as was seen during Operation Sindoor. He was speaking in Bengaluru today as part of the Ran Samvad tri-services forum on multi-domain operations. He emphasized that the three wings of the army, air force, and navy are moving towards domain integration and fusion when cybersecurity, space applications and information campaigns are part of one theatre command.

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And, Indian women's team delivered a historic performance at the Asian Boxing Championships 2026, finishing on top of the medal chart with a total of 10 medals, including four gold, two silver, and four bronze in Ulaanbaatar, Mangolia. India will be looking to finish the tournament strongly today, with two men boxers in the finals.

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