

## Morning News Script

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah yesterday said that the government is in the process of installing anti-drone systems within the next six months to curb the smuggling of narcotics and weapons through drones. Addressing BSF personnel at the Sanchu border outpost in Rajasthan's Bikaner district, the Home Minister said while threats originating across the border remains crucial, equal attention must be paid to internal elements aiding such threats within the country.

Mr Shah said, strict legal action should be taken against those involved. He stressed that since drones land in the Indian territory, close coordination with the local police and civil administration is essential to identify those receiving such consignments and to neutralise the threats effectively.

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A District Task Force meeting on the Stop Diarrhoea Campaign 2026 and Routine Immunization was held at the DC Conference Hall in Kohima yesterday under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner B. Henok Buchem. The DC stressed the need to address stigma and misconceptions surrounding diarrhoea and healthcare practices, especially in remote areas where awareness and access to medical services remain limited. DPO Reproductive Maternal Newborn Child Adolescent Health Plus Nutrition, Dr. Khrievilhou Nakhro informed that the Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight campaign will be conducted from June 16 to July 31, targeting children below five years, caregivers and vulnerable communities. He highlighted the importance of ORS and Zinc in preventing child deaths due to diarrhoea and said ASHAs, CHOs and ANMs would conduct awareness drives, handwashing demonstrations and ORS-Zinc distribution across the district. Dr. Nakhro also shared that Kohima district achieved over 100 percent coverage in key immunization targets during 2025-26, including Measles Rubella vaccination and full immunization coverage.

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In view of the transition to a 100 percent registration of Births and Deaths in the State, all Birth and Death registrations in Nagaland will be carried out through online system with effect from 1st of June. The State Economics and Statistic Department clarified that all Birth and Death Certificates issued manually before 1st June 2026 will remain valid for all official purposes, and citizens will not be required to obtain fresh certificates due to digitization. The department also stated that digitization of manually issued certificates will continue across the State, while delayed registrations through the online system will follow the procedures

already notified earlier. Citizens have been advised to ensure that all future registrations are completed only through the online registration system. Meanwhile, District Registrars, Registrars and Registration Units have been directed to facilitate a smooth transition and provide necessary assistance to the public during the transition period. For any clarification or support, citizens may contact their respective District Registrars or Registration Units.

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Containment measures have been intensified after fresh outbreaks of African Swine Fever (ASF) were confirmed in Medziphema, Tseminyu, and Phek districts. The viral disease, which severely affects pigs, has led district administrations to declare infected and surveillance zones in the affected areas. In Medziphema, samples collected from pigs in Ward-9 tested positive for ASF, prompting authorities to enforce a one-kilometre from the outbreak epicentre as infected zone and a ten-kilometre surveillance zone. Restrictions have been imposed on the transport, slaughter, sale and distribution of pigs, pork and pork products. Similar preventive measures are in place in Tseminyu following confirmed ASF cases in Tseminyu village, where several pig deaths were reported. In Phek district, Khuza village has been declared an infected zone, while surrounding villages have been placed under surveillance. The district administration has banned the slaughter, import, export and movement of pigs and pork products until further orders. District Authorities have appealed to farmers and the public to promptly report any unusual illness or deaths among pigs to the nearest Veterinary Officer or Department. It also warned that strict action will be taken against anyone violating the containment regulations.

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