

## Evening News Script

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::THE HEADLINES::

1. NEET (UG) 2026 re-exam to be held on June 21; Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan assures transparency in exam process

2. Petrol and Diesel prices hiked by three rupees per litre

3. IDAN Chairman Abu Metha urges students to embrace digital skills

4. And, Akashvani Kohima marks 90 years of broadcasting with musical concert

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The National Testing Agency (NTA) has announced that the medical entrance exam NEET-UG-2026 will be re-conducted on 21st of June. Earlier, the exam which was held on 3rd of this month was cancelled due to alleged paper leak and CBI is investigating the matter. The NTA also requested candidates and parents to rely only on official channels. Meanwhile, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan today said that students are the priority of the government and the Centre is sensitive towards them. Briefing Media in New Delhi, Mr Pradhan assured fairness and transparency in exam process.

**(S/B PRADHAN )**

The Education Minister admitted that NTA requires definite reforms and said that steps will be taken to strengthen the examination system to prevent future irregularities. He added that NEET UG examination will be conducted in Computer Based Test mode from next year instead of existing OMR based mode.

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Oil companies have raised the petrol and diesel prices by three rupees per litre each amid spike in global energy prices. Petrol price has risen to 97.77 rupees per litre, while diesel prices have increased to 90.67 rupees per litre in New Delhi. Similar hike in oil prices was also seen in other metro cities including Mumbai, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Chennai. Meanwhile, Indraprastha Gas Limited has increased the prices of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) by 2 rupees today. After the price hike, the new rate for 1 kilogram CNG in Delhi is 79.09 rupees. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju said that as the world battled rising fuel costs after the West Asia conflict, India stood apart. In a social media post, he said, while several countries witnessed hikes ranging from 20 per cent to nearly 100 per cent, India limited the increase to just 3.2 percent for petrol and 3.4 per cent for diesel.



The fourth edition of EduConnect: Connecting Education to Opportunities was held in Dimapur today. The event was organized by the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland, IDAN, in collaboration with Cryptex Solo as platform for youth to explore higher education and career options. Addressing the event, IDAN Chairman Abu Metha highlighted the importance of education and technology in building successful careers. He urged students to embrace continuous learning, acquire digital skills, and use social media responsibly. Mr Metha also emphasized that modern education offers diverse career pathways beyond traditional professions and called for dedication and integrity in all pursuits.

**(S/B METHA -)**

A key feature of the event was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between IDAN and Atria Institute of Technology. The agreement will facilitate academic cooperation, skill development, student engagement programs, and the Atria-IT Scholarship for meritorious students from Nagaland. IDAN will evaluate applications for the Scholarship and submit the first shortlist by June 15.



Nagaland Legislative Assembly Speaker Sharingain Longkumer attended the first meeting of the 'Committee of Presiding Officers to frame the uniform Model of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of Legislative Bodies' held in Mysuru from May 11 to 13. He was accompanied by the NLA Secretary and other officials. An official

release today said, the meeting was chaired by Uttar Pradesh Speaker Satish Mahana. Following discussion, the committee resolved to seek views and suggestions from Speakers of various State Legislative Assemblies on the proposed Uniform Model Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business across the country, before finalizing its report for submission to the Lok Sabha Speaker. The meeting also decided that the Secretaries of UP, Maharashtra, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, and Nagaland would hold a separate meeting to identify areas where uniformity of rules can be implemented.



Advisor Agriculture Mhathung Yanthan today inaugurated the newly constructed Primary Health Centre building at Old Aree Village during his official constituency tour to the Sungro Range. The new building was constructed under the Local Area Development Programme. During the tour, the Advisor also conducted a general meeting with Heads of Departments and the public to review various government schemes. He urged villagers to actively engage with departmental officials and make full use of government programmes for improving livelihoods and sustainability. He noted that lack of awareness on welfare schemes remains a major challenge in rural areas. The Advisor also visited Government Middle School during the tour.



Akashvani Kohima marked 90 years of Akashvani's service to the nation with a musical concert held at the Nagaland College of Music and Fine Arts (NCMFA) Auditorium in Kohima this evening. The event featured performances by the NCMFA Choir, Manchai Phom and Naga folk singer Seyievinuo Chuzho and her team Seyie Intrepid, presenting patriotic songs and tribal fusion music. In her welcome address, Head of Programme Ella Kayina highlighted the uniqueness of tribal music broadcast on Akashvani Kohima, describing it as a reflection of the people's traditions and identity.

**(S/B ELLA -)**

Ms Kayina stressed the need to promote tribal music and encourage artists to upgrade their skills through mentoring and auditions conducted by Akashvani. She also noted that Meghalaya remains the only state in the North East with higher-graded tribal folk artists, and called for greater efforts to develop such talent in Nagaland. The programme was

attended by Padma Shri Neihunuo Sorhie, officials from PIB Kohima, faculty of NCMFA, and staff of Akashvani Kohima.



The third edition of the Nagaland Potato Festival 2026 was held today at Jakhama Village Ground, showcasing the agri-trade potential of potato cultivation in the state. The festival was inaugurated by Minister for Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse. She said, the festival is not only a celebration of potatoes, but is also a celebration of the farmers, the land and the growing potential of Nagaland's agri-trade sector. In his keynote address, Deputy Project Director, ATMA Kohima, Dr. Keviu Shüya highlighted the importance of potato farming and its trade opportunities in the state. The festival featured multiple stalls displaying local potato products and agricultural innovations.

