

Morning News Script

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The Government has withdrawn the temporary regulatory measures governing the sale and distribution of Petrol and Diesel. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas said that with effect from 1st July, 2026 the temporary measures will be lifted from Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel through retail outlets of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies. According to the statement, during the period of disruptions arising from the West Asia crisis, the government continued to shield retail consumers from the sharp increase in international fuel prices by maintaining stable retail prices of petrol and diesel.

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The Government has introduced the Improvement Notice Mechanism, under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 through the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026. Under the new mechanism, businesses committing specified first-time procedural or regulatory non-compliances will be given an opportunity to rectify the deficiency before penal proceedings are initiated. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs said that the reform aims to promote Ease of Doing Business by encouraging voluntary compliance, reducing unnecessary litigation and supporting a more trust-based regulatory framework, while maintaining strong consumer protection. The Ministry highlighted that under the new mechanism, a Legal Metrology Officer can issue an Improvement Notice to businesses committing specified first-time procedural or regulatory violations, giving them reasonable time to correct the deficiencies.

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The 1.5 crore rupees Superintendent of Police Office at Police Reserve, Zunheboto, constructed in 2019, has remained non-operational due to multiple infrastructural shortcomings, despite being virtually inaugurated in August 2023 by Deputy Chief

Minister for Home and Border Affairs, Y. Patton. Superintendent of Police Zunheboto Dr. Kupe Kupfo said the office has not shifted to the new building due to the absence of proper boundary fencing, which poses a security risk for sensitive police records. Dr. Kupfo also highlighted poor network connectivity at the site, saying reliable internet and communication systems are essential for effective policing and emergency response. He added that requests have been made to telecom service providers to install mobile towers, but progress has been delayed due to earlier land-related issues. In addition, the building lacks essential facilities such as a proper signal room and guard room, while the available office space is inadequate for smooth functioning.

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The Meriema Village Youth Organisation (MVYO) has announced restrictions on the entry of government-registered vehicles within its jurisdiction from July 1. In a letter addressed to the Deputy Commissioner of Kohima, the organisation stated that it was compelled to impose the restrictions due to the failure of the concerned authorities to act on its representations submitted to the Chief Engineer, PWD (National Highways), on March 23 and June 12, seeking the immediate repair of the NH-2 stretch within Meriema jurisdiction. The MVYO alleged that despite repeated representations, no effective action had been taken by the authorities concerned, compelling the organisation to restrict the movement of all government-registered vehicles within the village jurisdiction until appropriate action is initiated. However, it clarified that the restrictions would not apply to police vehicles, paramilitary force vehicles, ambulances, or other emergency medical service vehicles. The MVYO requested the Deputy Commissioner to take note of its decision and extend the necessary cooperation. It also urged the concerned department to address the issues raised in its representations at the earliest in the interest of the public.

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A Delhi court yesterday extended the judicial custody of 10 accused in the NEET-UG 2026 paper leak case being investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) till July 11. The accused were produced before the Rouse Avenue Court through

video conferencing on the expiry of their earlier judicial custody. The CBI has so far arrested 13 accused in the case and is investigating an alleged network involved in procuring and circulating NEET-UG question papers ahead of the examination.

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