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Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, last evening on a two-day visit aimed at further strengthening bilateral ties between India and Uzbekistan. He was warmly received by Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev at the airport. Today, the two leaders are scheduled to hold detailed discussions on the entire gamut of bilateral relations and review progress in key areas of cooperation. Prime Minister Modi is also expected to visit the Shastri Memorial in Tashkent and the Mahatma Gandhi Centre at the Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies.

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More than 94 percent of Enumeration Forms have been distributed across Nagaland under the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. According to the latest status report released by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, 12 lakh 88 thousand 134 forms had been distributed as of 4 PM yesterday, out of a total of 13 lakh 57 thousand 208 electors. Among the districts, Longleng has recorded the highest distribution rate at 99.97 percent, followed by Wokha at 99.95 percent and Mokokchung at 99.87 percent. Meanwhile, Mon has the lowest distribution rate at 84.82 percent, while Shamator stands at 87.9 percent. Meanwhile, 4 lakh 91 thousand 346 forms, or 36.2 percent, have been digitized, while 799 forms have been submitted online by electors. Under Phase three of the SIR, booth level officers are conducting house-to-house exercise, with the distribution and collection of forms scheduled until September 14.

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A consultative meeting on capacity building for Village Level Functionaries (VLFs) was held in Kohima on Friday, aimed at strengthening the delivery of government schemes at the grassroots level. Seven village representatives, including Village Council Chairmen and VDB Secretaries, from Tuensang, Peren, Phek, Wokha, Tseminyu, Chümoukedima and Kohima participated in the programme. Addressing the inaugural session, Additional Chief Secretary and Director General of ATI, V. Shashank Shekhar, said VLFs have an important role in disseminating information and facilitating coordination between the government and villagers to ensure that government schemes and programmes reach the intended beneficiaries. Discussions focused on identifying practical issues and improving coordination and service delivery in villages. The meeting was attended by officials from several departments, including Home, Election, Police, Social Welfare, Education, Health, Rural Development, Agriculture, Finance, and others.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the 137th episode of Mann Ki Baat on Akashvani at 11 AM today. The programme will be broadcast across the entire Akashvani and Doordarshan network, the AIR News website, and the Newsonair mobile app. It will also be live-streamed on the YouTube channels of AIR News, DD News, the PMO, and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Akashvani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast.

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Nagaland will host the 2nd Mr Northeast Bodybuilding and Physique Championship 2026 in Kohima on September 12. Organised by the Nagaland Bodybuilding and Fitness Association, under the aegis of the Indian Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation and the Northeast Bodybuilding Federation, the championship is expected to bring together 60 to 80 athletes from all eight Northeastern states. Briefing the media yesterday, the organisers said the championship will feature nine categories across Men's Bodybuilding, Men's Sports Physique and Women's Model Physique.

The three-day event will begin on September 11 with athlete registration and weigh-ins, followed by the main competition on September 12.

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And, The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority has forecast rainfall activities across several districts in the coming few days. For today, Meluri, Niuland and Wokha are likely to receive moderate to heavy rainfall, while Chümoukedima, Dimapur, Kiphire, Kohima, Mon, Noklak, Peren, Phek, Tseminyu and Zunheboto may experience scattered light to moderate rain. Mokokchung and Tuensang are also expected to receive light rain.

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