

Morning News Script

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Five NPP MLAs in Nagaland merged with the Naga People's Front (NPF), with the legislators later submitting documents pertaining to their merger before the Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly. According to a statement issued by NPF, the merger took place at Dimapur in the presence of Chief Minister and NPF president Neiphiu Rio, NPF adviser and secretary general Achumbemo Kikon and other senior party leaders yesterday. The five legislators are A Nyamnyei Konyak of Moka Assembly Constituency, Nuklutoshi of Arkakong, C Kipili Sangtam of Seyochung-Sitimi, Dr Tseilhoutuo Rhutso of Kohima Town and Benei M Lamthiu of Thonoknyu seat. The NPF said the five MLAs had merged voluntarily with the regional party, expressing faith in Rio's leadership and subscribing to the ideology and policies of the NPF. Welcoming them into the party, Mr Rio said their decision to join the NPF, which he described as representing the identity and aspirations of the Naga people, would further strengthen the regional party.

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President Droupadi Murmu yesterday said Mahatma Gandhi's message of peace and non-violence has become even more relevant in the atmosphere of war and conflict prevailing in many parts of the world. In her message on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, President Murmu paid tribute to the Father of the Nation on his 157th birth anniversary. She said Mahatma Gandhi's life and ideals are widely respected by the global community. The President said India is advancing towards the national goal of becoming Viksit Bharat by the year 2047. She added that priority is being given to the values of empathy and inclusion to ensure that no citizen is deprived of the benefits of development. President Murmu stated that this vision reflects the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi's ideal of 'Sarvodaya', based on the principle of the welfare and upliftment of all.

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Three central government officials were killed and another person injured after their vehicle plunged into a deep gorge near Sateek village, around 30 kilometres south of Aizawl, yesterday evening. The accident occurred when the four were returning to Aizawl from Sialsuk village in Aizawl district. The deceased have been identified as Additional Director General of the Press Information Bureau's Regional Office in Imphal, Dr Engam Pame; Director of DD News Mizoram, Nampibou Marinmai, who had also served as PRO, Defence, at DPR Headquarters; and H. Lianvela, a Multi-Tasking Staff member of the Central Bureau of Communication, Aizawl. The driver of the vehicle sustained serious injuries. The exact cause of the accident is yet to be ascertained. Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw has expressed deep sorrow over their tragic demise. Condolences have also poured in from various sections of society and colleagues in the media and information services.

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Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will visit the residences of electors issued notices for being unmapped or having logical discrepancies in their electoral records to collect and upload the required documents as part of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

The Deputy Commissioners (DCs) and District Election Officers (DEOs) of Chumoukedima, Dimapur Kohima and Mon informed that such electors need not appear personally before the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) or Assistant ERO for hearings. We have a report:

Meanwhile, the DCs & DEOs have urged electors to cooperate with BLOs and provide the necessary documents for smooth conduct of the revision.

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The Nagaland government has constituted a State Level Committee on SARFAESI and Credit Mobilisation to examine legal issues relating to security interests and facilitate greater credit flow in the state. The committee, headed by the Finance Commissioner, comprises officials from the Law & Justice Department, IDAN and State Level Bankers' Committee, besides representatives of major banks. It will examine the implementation of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in Nagaland in the context of Article 371(A) and the Supreme Court's 2025 judgment on the issue, and recommend an appropriate security instrument. The committee has been asked to submit its report to the state government within 90 days.

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