

Morning News Script

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Vice-President, Jagdeep Dhankhar, has said, "North-East is on the radar of nation's development." He emphasized that the North-East is significant contributor to unity, economic progress and cultural essence of the nation. Acknowledging the North-East as a very important part of our country, Mr Dhankhar lauded the Look East and Act East Policy which have resulted in exponential growth in communication, connectivity and development of airports in the region. Addressing the gathering at the foundation stone laying ceremony of Meghalaya Skill and Innovation Hub At Shillong yesterday, the Vice-President highlighted that skill is neither discovered nor innovated, it is in fact the optimal exploitation of talent of a person in that specified field which gives the human resource a qualitative cutting-edge. Mr Dhankhar underscored that skilling is no longer a quality, it is our need.

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The government yesterday gave nod to increase the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for rabi crops for marketing season 2025-26. Information And Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw briefed media about the Cabinet decisions taken under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi. Mr. Vaishnaw said, the government also approved construction of Varanasi-Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya multi-tracking project including a new rail-cum-road bridge across the Ganga River in Uttar Pradesh. The Minister said, the project cost will be two thousand 642 crore rupees and will be completed in four years. The Union Cabinet approved three percent increase in Dearness Allowance (DA) for Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) for pensioners. Mr Vaishnaw said, increase in DA and DR will benefit over 49 lakh central government employees and over 64 lakh pensioners. The combined impact on the exchequer on account of both DA and DR will be over nine thousand 448 crore rupees per annum.

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Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Rural Development, Kevisa Kense said there is a paradigm shift with things being fully

digital requiring an educated person to hold the position of VDB Secretary and Village leadership. Addressing the event- "Rural Development Success Year of Thetsümi Village 2024" held at Community Hall Thetsümi Village in Phek district yesterday , Mr Kense commended the work done by Thetsümi Village on their collective endeavours in developing their village. VDB Secretary Mesevekha Doulo, said the day is momentous occasion and a proud day for Thetsümi village as they celebrate Rural Development success years fulfilling the desire of the people through various developmental Schemes undertaken by the department of Rural Development Government of Nagaland. On the occasion Commissioner and Secretary Rural Development, Kevisa Kense inaugurated the View Tower, Main Water Reservoir Tank and Footsteps. Various other projects were inaugurated virtually by officers from the Department.

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The Forest Department held a meeting with GBs and chairmen from 10 villages of Wokha yesterday at Governor's Camp, Liphayan. A meeting was held to address the ongoing human-elephant conflict in the areas. The village leaders voiced their concerns and urged the department to take swift action. Wildlife Warden Tokaho Kinimi informed that there are currently 446 elephants in Nagaland as per the 2017 census, with a new count scheduled. He mentioned that habitat loss, which has reduced elephant territory from 150 square kilometers to under 50, has forced elephants to raid farms for food. A state action plan has been submitted, and an elephant corridor project is underway to mitigate the conflict, he informed. DFO Wokha, Suman W M Sivachar, acknowledged the staffing shortages in the forest department and said that recruitment is in process.

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In Manipur, an unidentified armed miscreant looted over rupees six lakh in cash from the United Co-Operative Bank (UCO) located at Kakching Bazar in Kakching district. According to a Police report, the incident took place around 3.00 PM yesterday when a masked man with a pistol sneaked into the bank and overpowered the bank staff and security. Later, he fled away after looting rupees six lakh forty nine thousand and nine hundred twenty from the bank. The Police filed a case and assured that the culprit will be arrested soon.

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