

## Morning News Script

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The 72nd Plenary of the North Eastern Council (NEC) to be chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah will be held today in Agartala. The plenary will be attended by Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Minister of state for DoNER, Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Governors, Chief Ministers and top officials from several Ministries including DoNER and also from the eight northeastern states. Our Agartala correspondent reports that intensive security is put in place in Agartala because of the VVIP movement in the city.

**AGARTALA CORRESPONDENT Voice Cast- The all crucial NEC plenary that lays emphasis on the accelerated growth of the region will be held today at the Pragya Bhavan in Agartala. In addition to presiding over the plenary, Union Home Minister Amit Shah will chair the Bankers Conclave which will see participation of government undertaking and private banks and a meeting of North East Space Applications Centre, NESAC. As a prelude to the main Plenary, a thematic and technical session chaired by the Minister of State for DoNER Dr Sukanta Majumder was held last evening. Kunal Shinde, Akashvani News, Agartala.**

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President Droupadi Murmu said the country is giving high priority to the emerging technologies in Indian defence systems, for enhancing the efficiency and global competitiveness. The President made these remarks while awarding President's Colours to the College of Defence Management (CDM), Secunderabad yesterday. The President emphasized the need to be adaptive towards absorption of emerging and disruptive technologies and lauded the role that CDM is playing in preparing the future strategic leadership towards imbibing the same. She also urged the defence forces to contribute towards the Self Reliance and Atmanirbharta initiative. The President also released the 'Special Day Cover' and a commemorative medallion on the occasion.

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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved Minimum Support Price for Copra for 2025 season. Briefing media in New Delhi yesterday , Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, the NDA government has taken a series of decisions for the welfare of farmers. He said this reflects the NDA government's commitment towards improving the lives of farmers. MSP for Fair Average Quality of milling copra has been fixed at 11 thousand 582 rupees per quintal and for ball copra at 12 thousand 100 rupees per quintal. The financial implication for this decision would be 855 crore rupees. NAFED and NCCF will be the central nodal agencies for Copra. Mr Vaishnaw said that the state governments will have a big role in it, so this procurement will be done with the cooperation of the state government corporations.

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The inauguration and dedication of the newly upgraded office building of Wokha Town Council (WTC) was held yesterday. Addressing the event as special guest, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister In-charge of Home and Border Affairs, Y.Patton urged the elected councillors and government nominees to prioritize the welfare and development of the town and the district. He encouraged them to adopt the Nagaland Municipal Act 2022 as a guiding framework for ensuring effective governance and service delivery. Mr Patton urged the members of WTC to remain united and work collectively in implementing development programmes, ensuring the inclusion of all members, and thereby setting a positive example for other municipal councils in the state. Advisor to the Chief Minister, Dr. Chumben Murry, advised the members to focus on making Wokha town a smart town by judiciously adopting and implementing available funds and programmes.

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In line with the directive from the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, Government of India, a workshop marking the Good Governance Week was held at the DC's Conference Hall in Phek yesterday. The event was organized to promote transparency, public participation, and the effective delivery of government services. Deputy Commissioner of Phek, John Tsulise Sangtam, addressed the gathering. During the workshop, presentation on Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme, activities of NECTAR projects and mechanisms of grievance redressal were highlighted by officials from respective departments. It was informed that public could approach the Deputy Commissioner's office four days a week for three hours each day to report grievances or seek assistance. However, Wednesdays and Saturdays are restricted days for grievance meetings.

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