

## Morning News Script

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The tripartite talks on the establishment of Frontier Nagaland Territory (FNT) between the representatives of the Centre, state government and the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO) was held at Chumoukedima police complex yesterday. The three member team from the Ministry of Home Affairs was led by Advisor NE Affairs, AK Mishra and accompanied by Joint Director, MHA Rajesh Kamble and Deputy Director, MHA Vinit Kumar while the officials from the state government was led by Chief Secretary, Nagaland J Alam. The 14 member ENPO delegation was led by ENPO president A Chingmak Chang. Addressing the media after a closed door meeting with the officials, ENPO president, A Chingmak Chang said the talks are going in the right direction and many key issues were discussed with the central team. He however the details cannot be divulge at the moment. There are only few issues which could not draw closer and hoped to come to a reasonable conclusion in the next meeting soon, he added. Mr Chingmak said the demand of ENPO was for separate statehood for which the Government of India has offered the FNT and hoped that the central government would be serious towards its commitment in order to bring about a solution which is acceptable and honourable to the people of Eastern area. The ENPO president said without the Executive, Legislative, and Financial autonomy, they can cannot sign any document and deliberated on the issue with the central team.

The ENPO also demanded the Centre to give one central battalion to facilitate the unemployed youths from the eastern areas and also requested for modernizing the village guard.

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The Supreme Court yesterday ordered the construction and availability of separate toilet facilities for males, females, Persons with Disability (PWD), and transgender persons in all court premises and tribunals across the country. A bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan said that toilets are not merely a matter of convenience, but a basic necessity which is a facet of human rights.

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Israel and Hamas have agreed a Gaza ceasefire and hostage release deal following meetings with Qatar's Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani. The deal is set to begin on Sunday and will last 42 days. Announcing about the deal in Doha yesterday, Prime Minister al-Thani said, it will lead to the release of Israeli captives and surging humanitarian aid to Gaza.

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The grand and divine Mahakumbh is capturing global attention. As part of this, a 21-member delegation from 10 countries will take a holy dip at the Sangam today. The delegation, invited by the Ministry of External Affairs arrived yesterday. A report;

**KUMBH BYTE:** (The international delegation will take a holy dip at Triveni Sangam and enjoy an aerial view of the Mahakumbh area by helicopter today. The international delegation includes representatives from Fiji, Finland, Guyana, Malaysia, Mauritius, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United Arab Emirates)

Meanwhile, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed officials to improve arrangements for the expected 8-10 crore devotees at Sangam on Mauni Amavasya, which is on the 29th of this month. Government has accorded special emphasis on cleanliness, hygiene and clean and quality food for devotees.

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The Centre has approved the creation of two new Reserve Battalions of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) taking the total number of battalions from 13 to 15. In a statement, the Home Ministry said that each new battalion will comprise around one thousand twenty-five personnel of various ranks and will be led by a Senior Commandant level Officer.

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Government's flagship initiative Startup India has completed nine years today. The scheme is intended to catalyse startup culture and build a strong and inclusive ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship in the country. With more than one lakh 59 thousand startups, India has firmly established itself as the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world. It has created over 16 lakh direct jobs across various sectors.

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