

Morning News Script

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Union Minister of State for Law & Justice (Independent Charge) Arjun Ram Meghwal said that consumer protection has been an integral part of governance for ages in India. Participating as chief guest in the valedictory session of a three-day capacity-building training camp on the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, Mr Meghwal highlighted that the Modi government amended the Consumer Protection Act in 2019 to align with the country's business practices and requirements, emphasizing consumer empowerment. He further added that the government is simplifying rules to ensure that consumer grievances are addressed in a time-bound manner and at the least possible cost. Emphasizing the steps taken by the government to empower customers, Mr. Meghwal mentioned that the enactment of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act ensures transparency and accountability by allowing only registered developers to seek bookings after obtaining necessary permissions.

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In a series of successful joint operations by Indian Army, 42 weapons, ammunition and other war-like stores have been recovered from hill and valley regions of Manipur in the districts of Imphal West, Chandel, Thoubal, Kangpokpi and Churcahandpur. In a press release, PRO and Spokesperson, Ministry of Defence said that the operations were conducted, on specific information, in coordination with Manipur police and other security agencies in last few days. The Pro said that Assam Rifles and Manipur Police also recovered a Carbine Machine Gun, a .303 Rifle (modified), four Single Barrel Rifles, seven Pistols, two Sniper Rifles, two Single Bolt Action Rifle, an Improvised Long range Mortar, a 12-Bore Gun and ammunition.

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Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh announced that Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-CSIR has developed an indigenous technology to produce Paracetamol, a widely used pain reliever and fever reducer drug. Addressing the Foundation Day of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in New Delhi yesterday, the Minister said that this innovation aims to make India self-reliant in paracetamol manufacturing and reducing dependence on imported ingredients to make

this drug. Dr Singh also highlighted that there has been a series of indigenous developments like India's 1st Indigenously developed Antibiotic-Nafithromycin to treat both atypical and typical drug-resistant bacteria.

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Three crew members were killed after a helicopter of the Indian Coast Guard crashed at Porbandar Airport Runway in Gujarat yesterday. The helicopter was on a routine training sortie. It had two Pilots and one Air Crew Diver at the time of incident. The Indian Coast Guard said in a statement that the reasons leading to the incident are being investigated by a Board of Inquiry. ICG saluted the three brave souls who laid down their lives in the line of service to the nation.

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Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr Mansukh Mandaviya took part in the "Sundays on Cycle" initiative under the Fit India Movement at his constituency in Porbandar, Gujarat yesterday. The "Sundays on Cycle" initiative was started last month by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, in collaboration with the Cycling Federation of India and MY Bharat, to encourage people to cycle on Sundays to promote fitness and sustainability.

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Government has said that the draft Digital Personal Data Protection, DPDP Rules aim to safeguard citizens' rights for the protection of their personal data. These rules seek to operationalize the DPDP Act 2023 in line with India's commitment to create a robust framework for protecting digital personal data. It also addresses specific challenges like unauthorised commercial use of data, digital harms and personal data breaches. Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw shared the draft rules for consultation and sought people's views. The comments on the draft rules can be submitted by 18th February through the MyGov portal.

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