

Morning News Script

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National Test Agency, NTA has postponed the UGC NET December 2024 exam which was scheduled on Wednesday. In a statement, NTA said, it has received representations to postpone the UGC NET examination on account of Pongal, Makar Sankranti and other festivals on 15th January. The new date of the exam will be announced later. NTA said the examination scheduled on 16th January will be conducted as per the earlier schedule.

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President Droupadi Murmu has said that livestock plays an important role in the rural economy and rural household income. The President said this while virtually inaugurating Cow Induction, Giftmilk and Market support for Odisha State Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation initiatives of the National Dairy Development Board from Rashtrapati Bhavan yesterday. She said India has a diverse range of livestock breeds and all those breeds have contributed to the rich agricultural heritage of the country. President Murmu highlighted that several measures and policy efforts have been taken by the government for breed development and genetic upgradation of livestock.

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Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, said the central government is keen to promote water sports and tourism in Nagaland. The Union Minister said this at the second meeting of the Inland Waterways Development Council, the apex meet for policy deliberation on the promotion & propagation of inland waterways in India on 11th January at Kazinranga in Assam. He said preparation of DPR is already underway for Noune and Shilloi Lake. Mr Sonowal said preparation of DPR for development of IWT in Doyang Lake is also being considered.

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Member of Parliament Lok Sabha, S Supongmeren Jamir attended the Telecom Advisory Committee meeting of BSNL, Nagaland Business Area, held at the BSNL state branch office in Dimapur yesterday. During the meeting, MP Jamir emphasized the importance of achieving the common goal of providing reliable, robust, and affordable telecom connectivity to the people of Nagaland. General Manager of Nagaland Business Area, BSNL, MG Mufti, provided an overview of the organization's recent achievements in the state, despite facing numerous challenges. He also outlined the future Plan of Action to strengthen BSNL's services in Nagaland. The meeting saw extensive discussions on various issues related to telecom services in the state.

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Union Minister of State for Port, Shipping & Waterways, Shantanu Thakur visited Peren District and interacted with District Officials,

representatives of the Tribal Hohos, Town Councils and Village Councils on 12th of January. Taking note of activities implemented in the district under Centrally Sponsored Schemes, and challenges highlighted, the Union Minister assured that he would intervene and ensure that the issues are resolved. Several proposals like construction of waterways shipping in Barak River, construction of AIIMS Hospital in Peren District and construction of road from Mongleu to Khelma, among others were submitted by the Hohos . Mr Thakur also paid a visit to New Peren Village and Jalukie Town and interacted with the beneficiaries of PMAY-G, Jal Jeevan Mission and PMAY-U.

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Advisor for CAWD and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo, encouraged the youth to pursue sports with dedication, emphasizing the transition of sports from a leisurely activity to a legitimate career option. He made these remarks while addressing the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Sekrüzu Area Sports Association cum 40th Sports Meet, held at Sekrüzu Town in Phek district yesterday. Mr Khamo highlighted that sports now provide not only fame but also financial security and employment opportunities. Highlighting on Chief Minister's Micro-Finance Scheme and the state health insurance scheme, the Advisor urged the youth to take full advantage of these opportunities for their personal and professional growth.

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And, in local sports, the 14th edition of the Lotha Football Championship kicked off yesterday at the Public Ground in Wokha. Organized by the Wokha District Football Association, 14 teams are participating in the tournament. The opening match saw an exciting encounter between Nitsüyan and XI Brother Chukitong, ending in a 2-2 draw.

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