

Morning News Script

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The Election Commission yesterday said that it will soon initiate the technical consultations with regard to linking voter ID with Aadhaar. The technical consultations will take place between UIDAI and experts of the Election Commission. This decision was taken during the meeting held by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar with secretaries from the Home Ministry, the Legislative Department, and the CEO of UIDAI in New Delhi. In a statement, the Commission said that it will take action as per the provisions of as per Article 326, Representation of the People Act, 1950 and relevant Supreme Court judgements, for linking EPIC with Aadhaar. As per Article 326 of the constitution of India, voting rights can only be given to a citizen of India while an Aadhaar card only establishes the identity of a person.

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Lok Sabha and India AI Mission yesterday signed an MoU in New Delhi in the presence of Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Union Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. Speaking to the media, Mr Vaishnaw said, a data set called the AI Kosh will be created, which will enable the translation of extensive debates in the Lok Sabha into any language. The Minister also said this agreement aims to utilize AI technology to create an extensive AI-based linguistic repository.

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Nagaland's Legislator, Jwenga Seb has been appointed as the new President of the Nagaland unit of the Janata Dal (United) - JD (U) with immediate effect. The announcement was made yesterday following the earlier resignation of N.S.N. Lotha from the post. According to an official communication from JD(U) General Secretary Afaq Ahmad Khan, the party has accepted Lotha's resignation. However, he will continue to contribute to the party's growth in Nagaland and across the Northeast as a National Executive Member. The party expressed confidence in Seb's leadership, stating that they believe the Nagaland unit will grow stronger under his guidance.

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The Nagaland Contractors' & Suppliers' Union (NCSU) has raised serious concerns over the delay implementation of PMGSY-III road projects in the state. In a press statement, the NCSU stated that it had objected to the implementation of the projects through the FDR method due to difficulty posed by the topography and also demanded one contractor one work for execution of the 40 project works in the State. With only six months remaining to complete the projects, the NCSU expressed concern over the likelihood of meeting the 18-month deadline. The union also asserted that it is not against the contractors executing the work but focused on ensuring the successful implementation of the projects for the benefit of villagers. The NCSU has urged the Department of Roads & Bridges to fulfil its commitment to completing the projects on time and install the FDR machines at all 40 sites. The union also called for strict adherence to the norms outlined in the NIT for the successful execution of the road works, warning that it would take action if these criteria are not met.

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A personnel from the Wokha Fire Station went missing yesterday while battling the raging wildfire near the Vankhosung Helipad in Wokha. The missing individual has been identified as Sub-Inspector M. Pentick Konyak, who has not been located despite ongoing and intensive search efforts. The search operations have been ramped up, with teams from the State Disaster Response Force, home guards, civil defense personnel, DEF, and volunteers from Wokha village all working tirelessly in an attempt to locate Mr Konyak. Meanwhile, the situation remains critical as massive wildfires continue to erupt in multiple locations. More details are awaited.

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The Kohima Forest Division in collaboration with Divisional Management Unit Kohima, DMU, Nagaland Forest Management Project organized an Awareness on Forest Fire & Cleanliness Drive at Government Middle School, Phesama yesterday. During a brief presentation on Forest Fire, Capacity Building, IEC & Documentation Expert, NFMP, DMU Kohima, Shekali Holo, highlighted on natural and man-made causes of forest fires. She also briefed the students on the preventive measure for forest fire such as keeping ignitable objects far from the fire, careful disposal of hot charcoal, dousing campfires till cold and other precautionary measures. Data Entry & Computer Operator, DMU Kohima,

N. Manikho, emphasised the importance of creating boundaries for jhum burning and the establishment of fire lines to prevent the spread of fire. Later, a cleanliness drive was conducted within the school premises.

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