

Evening News Script

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:: THE HEADLINES ::

- Parliament adjourns following uproar over delimitation issue
- Governor La Ganesan advocates for education that fosters social responsibility
- Nearly two-thirds of funds allocated to DoNER Ministry during 2023-24 not unutilized
- And, 2nd edition of Khelo India Para Games begins



Both the Houses of Parliament have been adjourned for the day following DMK and some other opposition MPs protest over the proposed delimitation of Lok Sabha and assembly constituencies. In the Lok Sabha, when the House met after the second adjournment at 2 PM, it was adjourned for the day as DMK MPs were again seen wearing T-shirts in protest of the proposed delimitation. The Presiding Officer objected to the attire of protesting members. As noisy scenes prevailed, the House was adjourned for the day.

Earlier, the House witnessed two adjournments. Speaker Om Birla said he would not allow the violation of rules and asked the opposition members not to wear T-shirts with slogans. He also urged them to leave the House, but the members created noisy scenes. The Rajya Sabha also witnessed four adjournments over the issue. When the House reassembled after the third adjournment at 2 PM, Deputy Chairman Harivansh adjourned the House for the day amid deadlock.



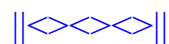
Governor La Ganesan has stressed upon the need of education institutions shaping students into socially conscious citizens with a national outlook. He said this during the inauguration of the newly constructed Jadonang Boys hostel of

Zeliangrong Heraka School in Tening. The Governor said, the school's philosophy of fostering emotional and cultural integrity, while bridging tribal and non-tribal communities through service aligns with the nation's core value of Unity in Diversity. Reflecting on the school's progress over its 40 years, he said the school now enriches the lives of students from 23 villages across Nagaland, Assam, and Manipur. The Governor also commended the Janjati Vikas Samiti Nagaland for nurturing the school in empowering the tribal community through education while preserving their cultural heritage.

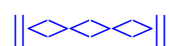


Nearly two-thirds of the funds allocated to the Ministry for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) during the financial year 2023-24 remained unutilized. In 2023-24, only 1,976.76 crore rupees of the total 5,892 crore rupees allocated were used. Highlighting this in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today, Minister of State for DoNER, Dr. Sukanta Majumdar cited several reasons for the underutilization, including unspent balances with state governments which hindered the release of fresh funds.

To improve utilisation of allocated funds, Dr Majumdar said, web-based systems have been introduced to streamline project approval processes and submission of claims, while framework for fund release has also been streamlined. He added, Project Quality Monitors and Third-Party Technical Inspections are ensuring timely execution of projects. The Minister said, these steps have resulted in expenditure of 3397.91 crore rupees, or 84.82 percent of the revised estimates for 2024-25, already booked till February 2025.



Minister for Higher Education and Tourism, Imna Along and Advisor for School Education & SCERT, Dr. Kekhrie Yhome yesterday discussed on language exchange potential with Director of Education Division, Peters Chen, and Education Assistant, Sampriiti Rajkhowa, of Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India, in New Delhi. During the meeting, they discussed collaboration in the field of Mandarin language, education, and job opportunities, particularly through scholarships, internships, MoUs, and exchange programs.



Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram has said that the government is implementing various schemes to increase the literacy rate among Scheduled Tribes (ST). He said the literacy rate of STs remains lower than that of the overall population. In a written reply in the Lok Sabha, Mr Oram said, over the years there has been a significant improvement in ST literacy and the gap is gradually narrowing. He said the Department of School Education and Literacy has been implementing Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan since 2018-19 to bridge the gender and

social category gaps at all levels of school education. The Minister said, the Scheme also targets identified Special Focus Districts based on adverse performance on various indicators of enrolment, retention, and gender parity.

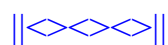


Deputy Commissioner Longleng has informed the detection of an African Swine Fever (ASF) outbreak in Yachem Village, resulting in the death of several pigs. To prevent the further spread of disease, Movement and Trade of pigs, piglets, pork, or pig-derived products have been prohibited in the infected zone encompassing 12 kilometer radius from the affected farm. Further, the DC called for strict monitoring of pig farms, markets, and slaughterhouses, urging the prompt reporting of any suspected ASF cases to the local veterinary Department. The DC also warned that failure to comply with these measures could lead to legal action under relevant laws.



Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya officially inaugurated the 2nd edition of the Khelo India Para Games at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi, today. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Mandaviya emphasized the importance of the Khelo India initiative in promoting the growth and development of sports across the country. He stated that under the Khelo India programme, the sports ecosystem in India is evolving rapidly and leading to significant improvements in athletes performance.

The Minister extended his best wishes to the para-athletes participating in the Khelo India Para Games 2025. The event will take place in Delhi until 27th of this month. More than 1,300 para-athletes will compete in six disciplines including para archery, para athletics, para badminton, para powerlifting, para shooting, and para table tennis.



India Meteorological Department has forecast intense weather along with hailstorms and squally winds over many parts of the Northeast region till Sunday. The weather body said, scattered to fairly widespread light or moderate rainfall accompanied with thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds of up to 50 kilometer per hour is likely over Nagaland, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura during the next five days.

