

## Evening News Script

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### :: THE HEADLINES ::

- Indian Armed Forces thwart drone infiltration attempts by Pakistan
- Government ramps up efforts to ensure robust functioning of essential systems and services
- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan assures sufficient food reserves in country
- And, Nagaland Education Project—The Lighthouse receives 'CIPS Innovation Award 2024'



Pakistan had attempted infiltration at 36 locations from Leh to Sircreek last night by using around 400 drones. Indian armed forces shot down many of these drones using kinetic and non-kinetic means. In a special briefing in New Delhi, Wing Commander Vyomika Singh said that Pakistani army violated Indian airspace several times over the entire western border with the intention of targeting military infrastructure. She said, not only this, they also fired heavy caliber weapons along the Line of Control.

She informed that in response to the Pakistani attack, Indian armed drones were launched at four air defence sites in Pakistan.

Meanwhile, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri affirmed that the response of Indian Armed Forces was proportionate and responsible.



The Central Government has empowered Chief of the Army Staff to call out every officer and personnel of the Territorial Army to provide for essential guard or for supporting and supplementing the regular army. The powers were given to Army Chief under Territorial Army Rule 1948. In a gazette notification, the Defence Ministry embodied 14 Infantry Battalions out of the existing 32 Infantry Battalions of Territorial Army in the areas of Southern Command, Eastern Command, Western Command, Central Command, Northern Command, South Western Command, Andaman and Nicobar Command and Army Training Command. This order will remain in force for three years till the 9th of February 2028.



The Government has asked all media channels, digital platforms and individuals to refrain from live coverage or real-time reporting of defence operations and movement of security forces. In a social media post, the Defence Ministry while citing Information and Broadcasting Ministry's earlier circular said that disclosure of such sensitive and source-based information may jeopardize operational effectiveness and endanger lives. The Ministry cited some past incidents including Kargil War, 26/11 attacks, and the Kandahar hijacking underscoring the risks of premature reporting.



Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the food reserves in the country are sufficient. Mr Chouhan urged the citizens to remain calm at the time of any emergency. He added that there has been a bumper production and the conditions are also favorable for the upcoming crops.

Meanwhile, Consumer Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said that Traders, wholesalers, retailers or business entities engaging in trading of Essential Commodities are directed to cooperate with Law Enforcement agencies. He added that any person indulging in hoarding or stockpiling, shall be prosecuted under relevant sections of the Essential Commodities Act.



The Government is leaving no stone unturned to ensure fool-proof functioning of essential systems and services in the country. Steps are being taken by various

Ministries and Departments for national preparedness and inter-ministerial coordination in the light of recent developments concerning national security.

*Union Health Minister JP Nadda today held a review meeting with Senior officers of his Ministry on health infrastructure and preparedness. A similar kind of meeting is going to be chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to review the cybersecurity preparedness of banks and financial institutions. Public Sector Banks have informed that ATMs, Cash Deposit and withdrawal Machines and all digital services are fully operational and are available for public use. On the other hand, Indian Oil Corporation has assured that there are ample fuel stocks across the country and its supply lines are operating smoothly. It has also urged people to avoid panic buying and unnecessary rush to ensure uninterrupted fuel access for all. With Anand Kumar, Diwaker, Akashvani News.)*



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today extended wishes to Pope Leo XIV from the people of India. In a social media post, Mr Modi noted that Pope Leo XIV's leadership of the Catholic Church comes at a time of great significance in promoting the ideals of peace, harmony, solidarity, and service. The Prime Minister said that India remains committed to continued dialogue and engagement with the Holy See to further the shared values. Meanwhile, Nagaland Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio has also congratulated Pope Leo XIV on election as the head of the Catholic Church. Dr Rio hoped that his papacy will be guided by wisdom, strength, and compassion, as he leads the Church and works to advance peace, dialogue, and unity among all nations and faiths.



The Performance Incentive Grants (PIG) initiative of the Nagaland Education Project—The Lighthouse (NECTAR) has received the 'CIPS Innovation Award 2024' in the education sector. The award was conferred by the Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS), Hyderabad, an autonomous centre under the Administrative Staff College of India, established by the Indian Government to promote innovation in public systems. Through the PIG initiative, NECTAR has supported 1,914 School Management Committees (SMCs) and School Management and Development Committees (SMDCs) across Nagaland to improve learning environments in government schools, and enhance the sense of ownership and responsibility among the community. NECTAR acknowledged the

community's cooperation, and expressed gratitude to the SMCs and SMDCs for their dedication.



A new health program, 'Access to Care – Nagaland: A Wellness Initiative,' has been launched to enhance early detection and prevention of Non-Communicable Diseases such as cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and stroke. Speaking at the launch event in Kohima yesterday, Commissioner & Secretary of Health and Family Welfare, Anoop Khinchi, called the initiative a timely step in combating rising lifestyle-related diseases and underscored the importance of early detection.

The initiative is a joint effort by Doctors For You, Siemens Healthiness, and the State NP-NCD Cell, with support from the Health & Family Welfare Department.

