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1. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar says sustainable development should be nation's guiding principle
2. India cuts off water flow to Pakistan from Baglihar Dam in the wake of Pahalgam terror attack
3. India-Japan discuss regional, international security situation
4. And, Election Commission to launch single-point App for all electoral-related activities

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Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar stressed that sustainable development should be the nation's guiding principle. Addressing students at the Forestry College in Sirsi in Karnataka today, he highlighted the need for harmony between development and environmental conservation.

Mr Dhankhar emphasised the symbiotic link between economy and ecology, urged field-based learning, and called forests the Earth's lungs. He warned against climate neglect and praised students as guardians of the Western Ghats. The Vice President also lauded the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, planting a tree in memory of his mother.

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In yet another strong step against Pakistan in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack, India has stanchd the flow of water through the Baglihar Dam on the Chenab River. India has cut off water flow to Pakistan from the Baglihar Dam following through on its decisions not to allow a "single drop" from going to the neighbouring country from the Indus rivers. India is also planning similar measures at the Kishanganga Dam on the Jhelum River. The hydroelectric dams Baglihar in Ramban district in Jammu division and Kishanganga in north Kashmir offer India the ability to regulate the timing of water releases.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held a bilateral meeting his Japanese counterpart General Nakatani in New Delhi. Both sides condemned terrorism in all its forms and emphasised the need for global cooperation in this regard. In his opening remarks, Mr Singh thanked the government of Japan for their strong expression of solidarity with India in the wake of the Pahalgam terrorist attack.

During the meeting, the Ministers reaffirmed their commitment towards contributing to regional peace. Welcoming the growing diversity and frequency of defence exercises between the two countries, the Ministers agreed to enhance their scope and complexity. Both sides also agreed to enhance industry cooperation, including exploring collaboration in areas such as automation, Artificial Intelligence, Cyber and Space.

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Election Commission of India (ECI) will soon launch a single-point App ECINET for stakeholders. The new one-stop platform will integrate and reorient over 40 of ECI's existing mobile and web applications. The Commission is developing a new user-friendly digital interface for electors and other stakeholders such as election officials, political parties and the civil society. ECINET will have an aesthetic User Interface and a simplified User Experience by providing a singular platform for all electoral-related activities. This move is also designed to alleviate the burden

of the users for downloading and navigating multiple Apps and remembering different logins. ECINET will also enable users to access relevant electoral data on their desktops or smartphones. To ensure that data is as accurate as possible, the data on ECINET will be entered solely by the authorized ECI official.

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Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, District Level Coordination Committee, National Tobacco Control Programme, Kohima B. Henok Buchem, has issued a directing for strict enforcement of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) 2003. It calls upon all village councils, municipal and town wards, government departments, educational institutes, commercial establishments, and general public to fully comply with key provisions of the Act.

Under the COTPA Act, smoking is banned in all public places, and "No Smoking" signs must be prominently displayed in these areas. All forms of tobacco advertising and promotion including point-of-sale displays, hoardings, and sponsored events are banned. Retailers are prohibited from selling tobacco to anyone under 18 years, or sell tobacco products within 100 meters of any educational institution. Authorities have been directed to ensure full compliance and report any violations or implementation challenges to the District Nodal Officer, District Tobacco Control Cell, Kohima.

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Deputy Commissioner Peren, Hiazu Meru has called for coordinated preparedness among all departments and agencies ahead of the monsoon season. Chairing the monsoon preparedness-cum-quarterly meeting of District Disaster Management Authority today, Mr Meru stressed upon assessing the district's readiness and improve vulnerable areas. He urged departments to prepare for worst-case scenarios, highlighting that landslide-prone and sinking areas pose serious risks to commuters. He called for special attention in maintaining roads to ensure they remain motorable during the monsoon season. The DC also advised the Food & Civil Supplies Department to stock up essential items, and the Chief Medical Officer to ensure adequate medicine supplies for health emergencies.

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Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Pakon Phom, has informed of the scheduled vegetation clearance for 132kV and 66kV transmission lines under Transmission Division, Mokokchung from 5th May to 10th of this month. In this regard, there will be total shutdown of power from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on these days. The ADC appealed for cooperation from the public during the shutdown period.

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In a significant performance, the Nagaland wrestling team won five gold and one bronze in the All India Traditional Wrestling Pankration Federation National Federation Cup 2025 which culminated yesterday. Three wrestlers from Nagaland Wrestling Association participated in the four-day long Federation Cup in Senior Men Belt and Mas Wrestling held at Jaipur, Rajasthan. Kezhaseluo-o Pienyü won Gold in both Belt and Mas Wrestling in the 100 plus Kg category, Venu Vadeo also bagged Gold in both Belt and Mas Wrestling in the under 100 Kg, and Nlumrai Hegwang won Gold in Belt Wrestling and Bronze in Mas Wrestling in the under 80 Kg category. Meanwhile, all three wrestlers were accorded Qualified National Referee License.

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Selection trials for the Under-14 Khelo India Centre football teams for both boys and girls from Niuland District will be held on May 10. The trials are open to all bona fide residents of Niuland District. Aspiring footballers need to carry their original Aadhaar card for verification at the time of selection. The trials will begin at 9:00 AM in Khughovi Village Ground. For further information, interested candidates may contact Football Coach, Kivilu K Kiba, at 7005524853.

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And, India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy rainfall accompanied with thunderstorm and lightning over the Northeastern states till Thursday. The weather body said fairly widespread to widespread, light to moderate rainfall with gusty winds of up to 50 kilometer per hour is likely over the region during the next seven days.

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