

Morning News Script

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Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan' campaign is not merely a government scheme but a public movement, providing valuable information to farmers. Interacting with legislators from various states virtually yesterday, he said training programmes will be focused on lower costs, higher yields, sustainable agriculture, and profitable farming. Mr Chouhan noted that the core mantra is 'One Nation, One Agriculture, One Team', and shared that 2 thousand 170 teams have so far conducted 4 thousand 416 visits across over 7 thousand villages.

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In a significant political development, all seven legislators of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) in Nagaland have merged with the ruling Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP). Making the announcement last evening, Parliamentary Affairs Minister KG Kenye, said the move boosts the NDPP's strength to 32 in the 60-member Assembly.

Mr Kenye said the move aligns the legislators with a state-centric party better suited to address local issues, citing constraints within the NCP's national structure for the shift. He ruled out any immediate change in seat-sharing arrangements with coalition partners. On potential cabinet reshuffles, Mr Kenye maintained that the prerogative lies with the Chief Minister.

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Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), Sharingain Longkumer, has passed an official order approving the merger of the seven NCP legislators with the NDPP. The NCP legislators are Namri Nchang, Picto Shohe, Y. Mhonbemo

Humtsoe, Y. Mankhao Konyak, A. Pongshi Phom, P. Longon, and S. Toiho Yeptho. In the order, the Speaker noted that constitutional requirement for a valid merger mandates consent of at least two-thirds of the legislature party's members. As 100 percent of the NCP have agreed to the merger and the NDPP has accepted it, the Speaker declared the merger valid, and effective from May 31.

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In Mokokchung district, a Tiranga Yatra was held yesterday to celebrate the spirit of national unity and honour the sacrifices of the Indian Armed Forces. Speaking on the occasion, Advisor for Information & Public Relations, Imkong L. Imchen, condemned the terror attack in Pahalgam, and lauded India's response through Operation Sindoor, calling it a reflection of the nation's strength and unity.

Mr. Imchen also paid tribute to the armed forces for their dedication in safeguarding the country. The Yatra commenced from Imkongmeren Sports Complex and concluded at Main Police Point, with participation from Ex-Servicemen, security personnel, students, and civilians, who marched with slogans, banners, and the national flag

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Prānāyāma consists of developing awareness of one's breathing followed by willful regulation of respiration. It helps in developing awareness of one's mind and helps to establish control over the mind. This is done by developing awareness of the "flow of in-breath and out-breath" through nostrils, mouth and other body openings, its internal and external pathways and destinations. We will know more on Pratyāhara sadhana in our next series.

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And, The northeastern states have been hit hard by rainfall disrupting normal life in the past two days. Heavy rain-induced landslides, house collapse and drowning claimed at least 27 lives in the past 24 hours. Out of the victims, nine died in Arunachal Pradesh, six in Meghalaya, five each in Assam and Mizoram, and one each in Tripura and Nagaland. Due to the rains and landslides, road communications were severely affected in many areas. The India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall over the Northeast region till Monday.

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