

Evening News Script

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THE HEADLINES :-

- Indian Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, Axiom-4 crew safely return to Earth from Space Station
- President Murmu, Prime Minister Modi laud historic space mission
- President Droupadi Murmu highlights pivotal role of education in achieving developed India by 2047
- And, Aggrieved landowners of National Highway-29 in Phek announce total blockade of road from July 17

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Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla and three other crew members of Axiom-4 mission safely returned to Earth after their 18-day historic mission aboard the International Space Station (ISS). The SpaceX Dragon spacecraft splashed down in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of San Diego in California this afternoon. The crew will now undergo a seven-day rehabilitation program to adjust to Earth's gravity. Axiom-4 mission's space odyssey began on 25th of last month. During his stay aboard the ISS, Mr Shukla conducted seven India-specific microgravity experiments designed to generate critical data for future planetary missions and long-duration space habitation.

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President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have led the nation in welcoming Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla as he returns to earth from his historic Space mission. The President said, Group Captain Shukla's role in piloting of Axiom Mission 4 to the ISS has created a new milestone for India's space exploration as well as for international collaboration in science and technology. The Prime Minister said, as India's first astronaut to have visited the ISS, Mr Shukla has inspired a billion dreams through his dedication, courage and pioneering spirit. He said, it marks another milestone towards the country's Human Space Flight Mission – Gaganyaan. Meanwhile, Minister of Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh, also congratulated Group Captain Shukla and the Axiom-4 team for their successful mission.

The Minister said, Mr Shukla is expected to return to India on 17th August.

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President Droupadi Murmu today said the national goal of India is to become a global superpower. She said India has come a long way in the fields of infrastructure, healthcare, space, science and technology, artificial intelligence and many others. She said that education will certainly have a pivotal role in nation building and shaping India's future while achieving the goal of a developed nation by 2047. Speaking at the 13th annual convocation of Ravenshaw University at Cuttack this afternoon, Ms Murmu expressed happiness that girl students topped in most of the departments.

President Murmu is on a two-day visit to her home state Odisha since yesterday.

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Aggrieved landowners of National Highway-29, covering Packages 2, 3, 4, and 5, have announced a total blockade of the affected stretch starting 6:00 AM on July 17. Convenor of the Aggrieved Landowners, Kohima–Jessami 2-Lane Road

Construction, Kuveluyi Chuzho, said, the decision comes after the July 15 deadline for payment of damage compensation expired. The landowners said, the blockade will remain until the Deputy Commissioner of Phek personally confirms that the compensatory amount has been received from the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited. A report...

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The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is continuing its investigation into alleged corruption involving Nagaland University Dean Dr. Chitta Ranjan Deb. In a press release today, the CBI confirmed it has registered a case on 12 July against the senior professor for allegedly demanding bribes from vendors in exchange for favorable treatment in supply orders for scientific equipment and consumables. The CBI conducted searches at multiple locations including Jorhat, Lumani, and Agartala, and recovered incriminating documents linked to bribe transactions and tender process.

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In a major initiative to protect the rights of underprivileged children, the state Directorate of School Education, has issued an advisory to identify and enroll children involved in begging into government schools. The advisory follows a directive from the National Human Rights Commission, and calls upon NGOs, Municipal and village councils, churches, student bodies and public to report such children to the Child Helpline at 1098. The initiative aims to identify out-of-school children aged 6 to 14, and children between the age of 3 and 6 years whose parents are involved in begging and are not attending preschool or Anganwadi centers. In Zunheboto district, all education officers have been directed to work with child protection units and welfare committees to ensure admissions of these children under the Right to Education Act.

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As part of ongoing capacity-building efforts by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, a training session for Booth Level Officers (BLO) under 4 Ghaspani-I and 5 Ghaspani-II was held today at Chümoukedima. Deputy

Commissioner Polan John stressed the importance of intensive summary revision in ensuring clean and accurate electoral rolls. Following the training, house-to-house verification will be conducted. All BLOs from Chümoukedima, Niuland, and Medziphema took part in the session, which covered duties of BLOs in Special Intensive Revision and voter enumeration, and use of updated tools.

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In a significant step towards strengthening rural transformation in the region, Nagaland University has launched a new postgraduate, MA, programme in Rural Development and Management. This programme, introduced under the Department of Rural Development and Planning, aims to prepare a skilled workforce capable of addressing the diverse challenges and opportunities in rural landscapes, particularly across Nagaland and the broader North Eastern region. More from our Correspondent-

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Kiphire will host a Mango Festival in Longmatra village to promote local produce and ensure direct market benefits for farmers. Addressing the Kiphire District Planning and Development Board meeting today, EAC Takatemjen said, the festival will feature participation from 13 villages and four varieties of mango. Longmatra, being the gateway of the district, will serve as a hub for self-help groups and entrepreneurs showcasing mango-based products like tea, snacks, and porridge. Advisor, Home Guard & Civil Defence, Fire & Emergency Services, S. Kiusumew Yimchunger, emphasized the status of Kiphire as an aspirational district, and assured full support for initiatives benefiting the region.

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