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**Evening News**

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**HEADLINES:**

- **Government calls all-party meet ahead of Monsoon Session starting July 21**
- **Union Cabinet approves Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana to enhance agricultural productivity**
- **Cabinet lauds Shubhanshu's space mission as a step closer to realising India's space station**
- **Lok Sabha MP Supongmeren Jamir urges timely implementation of development schemes**

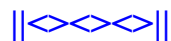


**The Centre has convened an all-party meeting on Sunday ahead of the Monsoon Session of the Parliament. During the meeting, the government will seek cooperation from all political parties to ensure the smooth functioning of both Houses of Parliament. The Monsoon Session will be held from the 21st of this month to the 21st of next month. During the session, several important legislation are scheduled to be taken up for discussion and passage.**



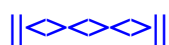
**Union Cabinet has approved Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana to enhance agricultural productivity. The scheme aims to increase crop diversification and sustainable agricultural practices, augment post-harvest storage, improve irrigation facilities and facilitate availability of credit. Briefing media in New Delhi today after the Cabinet meeting, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, one hundred districts will be identified in the country under the scheme, which will be based on three key indicators - low productivity, low cropping intensity, and less credit disbursement.**

**Mr Vaishnaw said, the scheme will help one crore 70 lakh farmers of the country.**

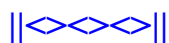


The Union Cabinet also adopted a resolution hailing astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla's space journey. The Cabinet commends the Indian Space Research Organisation and the entire community of scientists and engineers whose relentless efforts have made this achievement possible. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, Group Captain Shukla's space mission took India a step closer to realising its own space station, and significantly elevates India's global standing in space exploration.

The Minister noted that Mr Shukla conducted pioneering experiments during his time in space, which will deepen global understanding of human spaceflight and provide critical inputs for India's future missions.

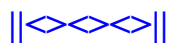


The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has asked schools to establish Oil Boards to promote a healthy lifestyle among students. In a letter to all heads of schools, CBSE has asked them to promote healthy meals and physical activity in schools through the availability of nutritious, healthier food options and activity initiatives. It also asked them to encourage students to use stairs, organise short exercise breaks, and facilitate walking routes. As per the Lancet GBD 2021 obesity forecasting study, the number of overweight and obese adults in India is projected to rise from 18 crores in 2021 to around 45 crores by 2050, making it the country with the second highest global burden.

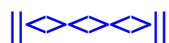


Lok Sabha MP, S. Supongmeren Jamir, has underlined the need for transparent and timely implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes to maximize their benefits for local communities. Chairing the District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting in Phek yesterday, Mr Jamir urged departmental representatives to openly share any challenges faced in executing these schemes to ensure effective solutions and timely execution.

He highlighted the key role of Village Councils and Civil Society Organizations in supporting developmental activities at the grassroots level. Under the MP Local Area Development Scheme 2025–26 'Clean and Green Nagaland' initiative, Mr Jamir encouraged planting of ornamental trees in office and residential areas. During the meeting, the house passed a resolution for each DISHA member and official to plant at least one tree.



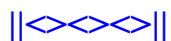
**Director General of the Ministry of Tourism, Suman Billa has emphasised the need to preserve India's fading culinary traditions. Launching the National Young Chef Competition in New Delhi, he said that India's culinary heritage is built on cultural memory and regional techniques. The National Young Chef Competition, a collaborative effort with the Indian Federation of Culinary Associations and the Tourism and Hospitality Skill Council, is themed "Celebrating Indian Culinary Heritage: Blending Tradition with Innovation". It features zonal competitions across India culminating in a grand finale in New Delhi, in January next year.**



**President Droupadi Murmu will confer the prestigious Swachh Survekshan 2024-25 Awards tomorrow in New Delhi. This event will felicitate the cleanest cities of urban India, recognizing the efforts of cities driving the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban forward. This year, a total of 78 Awards will be presented across four categories, including Super Swachh League Cities and top three clean cities in five population categories. Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry said, Swachh Survekshan 2024-25 adopted a smart, structured approach to assess urban cleanliness and service delivery, offering a complete view of sanitation and waste management in cities.**



**Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority is conducting a disaster response training under Yuva Aapda Mitra initiative in Wokha. The program aims to train 700 NCC cadets from across Nagaland in two batches, that is from July 15 to 24 and from July 26 to August 4.**



**Multiple districts in Nagaland conducted their monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meetings today, to review ongoing projects and address key developmental agendas. In Noklak, the board discussed proposals including establishment of new sub-centres at Tukhinkiu, Jejeiking, and Noklak villages, and road construction between Pang and Tukhinkiu. In Zunheboto, Deputy Commissioner Dharam Raj presented a detailed action plan for Viksit Zunheboto 2047, along with updates on central and state government schemes. Deputy Speaker NLA S. Toiho Yeptho proposed introducing integrated B.Ed and B.Sc. courses at Zunheboto Government College. He also called for stricter measures against the rising issue of drug and alcohol abuse. Meanwhile, Meluri DPDB meeting, chaired by Advisor NSDMA Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe, recommended key proposals including upgradation of CHC Meluri to District**

**Hospital, creation of Employment & Skill Development Office, and upgrading AIR transmission frequency. All three DPDBs approved their LADP schemes for 2025–26.**

