

Evening News Script
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THE HEADLINES :-

- Parliament passes Bill to establish first IIM in Guwahati
- Lok Sabha passes Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill 2025
- Centre releases nearly 55 crore rupees to Nagaland under PM Awaas Yojana-Gramin scheme in 2024-25
- And, Home Minister Amit Shah introduces three bills for removal of jailed PMs, CMs, Ministers

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Parliament has passed the Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025 with the Rajya Sabha approving it today. The bill was passed by with a voice vote as the Opposition staged a walkout soon after it was introduced. With this, the country's 22nd IIM will be established in Guwahati, Assam with an investment of 555 crore rupees. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the new institution will start admitting students from the current academic year.

Taking to X, Mr Pradhan said IIM Guwahati will help address regional disparities in higher education, provide world-class management education and research. He said, it will further contribute to the development of 'Ashtalakshmi' of Northeastern states, in line with the Purvodaya vision for eastern India. This will

be the second IIM in the Northeast after IIM Shillong. The bill was passed by the Lok Sabha yesterday.

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The Lok Sabha today passed the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill 2025. This Bill encourages e-sports and online social games while prohibiting harmful online money gaming services. It has the provision for the appointment of an Online Gaming Authority for coordinated policy support, strategic development and regulatory oversight of the sector. Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, while the bill will support E-sports and online social games, it addresses concerns tied to online money gaming including addiction leading to financial frauds and cheating.

The objective of the Bill is to protect individuals, especially youth and vulnerable populations, from the adverse social, economic, psychological and privacy related impacts of such games.

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The central government has released an amount nearly 55 crore rupees to Nagaland under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) scheme, including PM-JANMAN for the financial year 2024-25. This was informed by Minister of State for Rural Development Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. Under the PMAY-G scheme, Nagaland has been allocated a target of 48,830 houses, out of which more than 48,700 houses have been sanctioned and over 36,200 houses have been completed till date. The minister said the Union Cabinet has approved the extension of PMAY-G till 2028-29 for the construction of 2 crore additional rural houses.

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NDA's Vice Presidential candidate CP Radhakrishnan today filed his nomination at Parliament House. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, J P Nadda, Kiren Rijiju and leaders of NDA allies, including Chirag Paswan of LJP (R), Rajiv Ranjan Singh of JD (U), Praful Patel of NCP, among others, were present on the occasion. Meanwhile, B Sudershan Reddy, the candidate

fielded by the opposition INDIA bloc, will file his nomination tomorrow. The Vice Presidential Election will be held on the 9th of next month.

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The Constitution (One Hundred and Thirtieth Amendment) Bill, 2025, the Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill, 2025, and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2025 were today introduced in the Lok Sabha. These bills were introduced by Union Home Minister Amit Shah amidst the opposition's protest.

The three bills propose removal of elected officials, including the prime minister, chief ministers, and ministers arrested, if they are arrested and detained for 30 days on serious criminal charges. Opposition parties including Congress, AIMIM, and Samajwadi Party opposed the introduction of these bills terming it unconstitutional and anti-federal. Later, the House referred the three bills to a Joint Committee of Parliament for further scrutiny.

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As part of a nationwide drive launched by the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, a one-day Financial Inclusion campaign and KYC re-verification drive was conducted at Viswema Village yesterday. The camp was organized by the State Bank of India, Kohima Branch, and focused on spreading awareness about formal banking and key social security schemes like PM Suraksha Bima Yojana, PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, and PM Jan Dhan Yojana. Participants were apprised on the eligibility, benefits, and enrollment procedures for each scheme. During the camp, local residents actively engaged with officials, seeking clarity on banking and social security services. The nationwide campaign runs from July 1 to September 30.

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The Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Nagaland, has invited applications for the State-Level Award in Handicraft and Tribal Textiles. The award is open to indigenous artisans of Nagaland, aged 18 years and above with at least five years of active engagement in the handicraft or tribal textile sector. Government employees are not eligible. Application forms will be available from the 1st of

September at the Directorate in Kohima. Completed forms, along with samples or articles, must be submitted in person to the office by the end of next month. The directorate said, applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

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And, Nagaland University and the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) recently co-hosted the 'Ecologies of Care' workshop in Kohima focusing on Indigenous philosophies, environmental change, and collaborative dialogue. Prof. Dolly Kikon from UCSC emphasized love for both the land and community, pointing to the Chathe river's ecological decline. NU's Prof. Tiatoshi Jamir highlighted the lack of Indigenous archaeologists and emphasized the significance of the ancient oral tradition of passing folklores. The event featured the launch of the Naga Lithic Worlds exhibition, featuring Naga stone artifacts currently held at Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford University. During the workshop, over 150 participants engaged in discussions on Naga storytelling, burial practices, songs, language, salt production, pottery, and more.

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