

Morning News Script

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Union Cabinet has approved the Terms of Reference of 8th Central Pay Commission. Briefing the media after the Cabinet meeting in New Delhi yesterday , Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the Commission will make its recommendations within 18 months from the date of its constitution. He informed that the Commission will comprise one Chairperson, one Part-time Member, and one Member-Secretary.

The Government had announced formation of the 8th Central Pay Commission in January this year to examine and recommend changes in the Salaries and other benefits of Central Government employees. The Cabinet also approved the Nutrient Based Subsidy rates for Rabi Season 2025- 26 on Phosphatic and Potassic fertilisers.

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Nagaland is all geared up to host the much-anticipated National Red Run 3.0 on October 30, an event aimed at promoting awareness on HIV, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and the importance of healthy living. Organised by the Nagaland State AIDS Control Society (NSACS) in collaboration with the Nagaland Olympics Association and the Nagaland Athletics Association, the run will flag off from the Agri Expo, 4th Mile, Chümoukedima at 5:30 AM. Addressing media persons in Chümoukedima yesterday , Project Director of NSACS, Dr. Ahu Sekhose said the Red Run 3.0 is a flagship initiative designed to raise awareness on HIV and STIs, promote active lifestyles, and encourage collective action for health and well-being. The competition will include the 10 km Category featuring state-level champions from 35 States and Union Territories, with each represented by two boys and two girls, while Open (General) Category will cover a 2 km route.

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In view of the National Red Run 3.0 tomorrow, Police has issued traffic advisory to ensure the safety and convenience of runners and road users. Several temporary traffic diversions and restrictions will be enforced along National Highway-29 on Thursday morning. The entire right-hand stretch of NH-29 from Agri Expo (4th Mile) to 7th Mile Junction will remain closed to all vehicular traffic during the event. To minimize disruptions, the police department has devised a plan to allow traffic flow on one side of the lane while the marathon takes place on the other side. The event which will start at 5:30 AM is expected to conclude by 7:00 AM, after which traffic will resume as usual.

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A grocery shop owner from Niuland district, Hekuto, has welcomed the reduction of taxes under the new GST reforms. He said the lower GST rates have made it easier for customers to purchase goods at more affordable prices. Mr Hekuto also thanked the government for easing the financial burden on the public by reducing product costs through the new tax system.

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Fifty students were awarded with certificates yesterday for successfully completing a two-month beauty and wellness crash course, a programme designed to provide vocational certification alongside academic qualifications. The course was organized by Skill Development Committee Dimapur Government College and funded by the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Nagaland. Skill Development Committee Convenor Dr. Maongkala Longchar underscored the growing opportunities in the beauty and wellness industry, encouraging students to apply their newly acquired skills toward meaningful employment and entrepreneurship.

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