

Morning News Script

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The government has refuted a social media post claiming that the Indian Post Office is giving away 20 thousand rupees to people through a lucky draw. The Fact Check Unit of the Press Information Bureau has informed that the claim is completely fake and that the Indian Post Office has no connection to any such subsidy or lucky draw. The Unit urged people to beware of online fraud being carried out in the name of a recognised body and asked people to avoid clicking on any suspicious links or webpages. It asked citizens to report such fake claims by calling +91 8799711259 or through an email at factcheck@pib.gov.in.

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Atoqa Tea Company Limited based at Nikheku village, Niuland recently launched the Nagaland Gold tea under the brand Northeast Brews at Atoqa tea factory. Deputy Chief Minister, Nagaland T.R. Zeliang while launching the product said that marketing was crucial in sustaining any industrial unit and added that such innovative ventures would encourage other local agro based manufacturing units and strengthen the state economy. General Manager, K Awomi informed that the product would soon be put in the retail shelves in the state and other northeast states.

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The GST Bachat Utsav began on 22nd of last month following a reduction in GST rates across multiple sectors, benefiting citizens across the country. Our correspondent brings a report on how the new GST reforms in the automobile sector are helping citizens.

V/C: "The next-generation GST reforms have provided relief to the automobile sector by lowering the tax on vehicles, easing access to mobility for a wide spectrum of users. Under the new tax structure, the tax on two-wheelers up to 350 cc has been reduced from 28 per cent to 18 per cent, making two-wheelers more affordable. To strengthen the public transportation system in the country, the government has reduced GST on buses and minibuses with a seating capacity of more than 10 persons to 18 per cent from the previously taxed 28 per cent. Talking to Akashvani News, Sandeep Kulkarni, a car buyer, said that after the tax reduction, vehicle prices have decreased, and he saved 1 lakh rupees on purchasing a new car."

These reforms have boosted demand, supported manufacturers, and made everyday mobility more accessible for people across the country.

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The two-day Conference of Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) organised by the Election Commission of India began at India International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Management in New Delhi yesterday. The conference, presided over by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, was attended by Election Commissioners Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi.

V/C: During the conference, they assessed the Offices of the CEOs of all States and UTs for the nationwide Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise. The Commission also assessed the progress made on the directions previously issued to the CEOs to map the current electors with the electors as per the last SIR in the State and UT. The Conference is being held as a follow-up on the SIR preparedness conference organised last month during which all the States and UTs gave detailed presentations on the number of Electors, qualifying date of last SIR and Electoral Roll as per the last completed SIR.

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Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025 was announced yesterday, the country's highest recognition for outstanding and inspiring contributions in science, technology, and innovation. India's renowned astrophysicist and science communicator, Professor Jayant Vishnu Narlikar will be given the Vigyan Ratna award posthumously. Eight scientists have been selected for the Vigyan Shree award. Under the Vigyan Yuva category, 14 young scientists have been selected across various disciplines, while the Vigyan Team award is being given to Team Aroma Mission CSIR for its contributions in Agricultural Science.

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On to sports, India yesterday swept two gold medals in the girls' singles events at the Badminton Asia Under-17 and Under-15 Championships 2025 at Chengdu in China, with Shaina Manimuthu and Diksha Sudhakar winning in their respective age groups. This was also India's best-ever tally from a single edition of the Badminton Asia Under-17 and Under-15 Championships.

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and, Indian lifter Priteesmitha Bhoi established a new Youth World Record at Asian Youth Games in Bahrain yesterday. Competing in the girls' 44kg event, she successfully lifted 92kg in the Clean & Jerk. This exceptional lift, combined with her other successful attempts, gave her a total weight of 158kg, securing the gold medal for the country.

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