

Morning News Script

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Home Minister Amit Shah has said that the three new criminal laws will ensure time-bound justice from the Sessions Court to the Supreme Court by 2029. Chairing a Parliamentary Consultative Committee meeting of the Ministry of Home Affairs in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, he highlighted that the new criminal laws are accelerating investigations and increasing conviction rate. Mr Shah also mentioned that an investment of 30 thousand crore rupees will be made over the next five years to establish a network of forensic labs across the country. He added that by 2029, every state will have a forensic university or a Central Forensic Laboratory. Addressing a public event yesterday, the Minister highlighted that the three criminal laws are dedicated to affordable, accessible and time-bound justice.

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The Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, has informed that the physical and medical standards test for constable recruitment will be conducted from January 7 to 13 at the NAPTC Police Complex in Chümoukedima. According to the schedule, the tests will be carried out in two shifts at 6 AM and 10 AM. All female candidates of all tribes will report on January 7 in the first shift, followed by Angami male candidates in the second. On January 8, Ao candidates will report in the first shift, and Chang candidates in the second. On January 9, Lotha candidates will attend the first shift, while Rengma male candidates will report in the second. Sema candidates, including Sema Kiphire candidates, will report in both shifts on January 10 and 12. On the final day, the early shift will cover candidates from Chakhesang, Khamniungan, Konyak, and Phom tribes, while Pochury, Sangtam, Tikhir, Yimkiung, and Zeliang candidates will report at 10 AM. All candidates are required to bring their admit card and a valid proof of identity.

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Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilisers, JP Nadda, yesterday said that the government's policies are guided by the goal of making the lives of farmers easier and more secure. Addressing the Chintan Shivar camp in New Delhi, he highlighted the farmer-friendly measures taken by the government to achieve a record fertiliser production, along with necessary imports this year. He added that the government will work to tackle issues such as the balanced use of fertilisers and the diversion or misuse of fertilisers for non-agricultural purposes. On the occasion, Minister of State Anupriya Patel said that the Chintan Shivar will help generate ideas that will aid in making India a developed nation by 2047.

During the camp, 15 different groups engaged in deliberations, including self-sufficiency in fertiliser production, farmer awareness and improving the fertiliser ecosystem through digital means.

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On to sports... In cricket, Nagaland defeated Arunachal Pradesh by 9 wickets in their last group match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy Plate. Arunachal posted 244 runs in 50 overs, which Nagaland chased down in 39.2 overs. Joshua Ozukum gave a brilliant performance with 140 runs off 114 balls, and was awarded Player of the Match. Despite the win, Nagaland missed out on the final of the trophy, as Manipur also beat Meghalaya to secure second place on the points table. The final will be played between Manipur and Bihar on January 6.

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In Basketball, Nagaland men will take on Assam today in their opening match at the 75th Senior Nationals Basketball Championship. The match begins at 11:30 AM at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai and will be streamed live on YouTube channels of Basketball Federation of India and SportsCast. Nagaland team is led by captain Thejangulie Mekro.

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And in weather... Nagaland will continue to experience dense fog during night and morning hours till the 6th of January. India Meteorological Department said similar conditions are also expected over Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura during the period.