

Morning News Script

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The filing of nominations for the election of the Bharatiya Janata Party's national president will take place today. According to the poll schedule released by Party's National Returning Officer and MP, K Laxman, nominations can be filed between 2 PM to 4 PM. The whole election process will take place at the party headquarters in New Delhi.

VC-As per the election schedule, scrutiny of nomination papers will be conducted between 4 PM and 5 PM, followed by the withdrawal of nominations, which will remain open until 6 PM this evening. After the completion of the nomination process, polling, if required, will take place tomorrow. The official announcement of the new BJP national president will be made on the same day. The BJP's national president is elected by an electoral college comprising representatives from the party's national council and state councils. At present, the post is held by Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda. Mr Nadda was appointed as the BJP's National Working President in June 2019 and was later elected unopposed as party president in January 2020, succeeding then President Amit Shah)

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The government has issued strong rebuttals to misleading claims being made regarding the Viksit Bharat G RAM G Act. Calling the opposition's criticism of the act factually incorrect and misleading, it noted that the Viksit Bharat-G RAM G Act, 2025 guarantees at least 125 days of wage employment to every rural household. It said that claims about the right to work being taken away are politically motivated. The government further underlined that the act says that employment must be provided within 15 days, failing which unemployment allowance is mandatory. On wages, the government said that the Act clearly provides that every person who has worked under the Scheme is entitled to wages at the notified wage rate for each day of work. It said that under the act, wage rates will be notified annually and remain higher than MGNREGA rates and guarantee payments to be made weekly or within a fortnight. Responding to concerns on agricultural-season restrictions, the government said that the 125-day employment guarantee remains fully intact. It also rejected claims of centralisation, calling them baseless, and said contractors are explicitly prohibited. On funding, it said the scheme follows a structured 60:40 and 90:10 cost-sharing pattern and is not an arbitrary burden.

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A delegation of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research met Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Bhagirath Choudhary in Dimapur to discuss initiatives aimed at strengthening agriculture and animal husbandry in the North Eastern Region. Led by delegation comprised Director, ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun, Dr Girish Patil S. the ICAR team briefed the minister on various initiatives and activities being undertaken by ICAR institutions to promote agriculture and animal husbandry in the region. The minister discussed on the challenges faced by farmers in Nagaland and underlined the immense potential of natural farming practices in the state

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A 15 member mediapersons' team from Ahmedabad, Gujarat arrived in Nagaland yesterday on a five days tour to the state. The team which included 13 senior journalists and two officials were received by, Assistant Director, PIB Kohima K Sonikumar Singh and, Field Exhibition Officer, CBC Kohima, P Sophie. The five days tour sponsored by PIB Ahmedabad is part of the media exchange programme of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. On arrival to Kohima, the media team visited the Cathedral . The team will be visiting Khonoma village and ICAR Mithun Research Centre at Medziphema today.

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And, The selection trials for induction into the Indira Gandhi Academy, Kohima, and the State Sports Hostel, Dimapur, for various disciplines under the under-14 age category will commence from Wednesday for the academic session 2026. As part of the selection process, trials for Archery (Boys and Girls), Wrestling (Boys and Girls), and Football (Girls) for Indira Gandhi Academy, Kohima, will be held on January 21 at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima, starting from 10:00 AM. Meanwhile, the selection trails for Sepaktakraw (Girls), Athletics (Girls) and Football (Boys) for the State Sports Hostel, Dimapur will be held on January 22 at IG stadium from 10:00 AM onwards. Application forms will be issued on the spot upon arrival, and registration will be completed on the same day. Candidates are required to produce their Aadhaar card, birth certificate, marksheets of the last two academic years, a latest passport-size photograph, and an entry fee of 100 rupees on the day of selection.

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