

:::THE HEADLINES:::

- Nagaland Police recruitment rally begins tomorrow; Dimapur Commissioner of Police assures transparent process
- CBSE launches counseling support for class 10 and 12 students to address exam-related stress
- Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan emphasizes languages as unifying force
- Union Minister Piyush Goyal says eliminating malnutrition is essential for building Viksit Bharat

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The state-wide Nagaland Police recruitment rally 2026 begins tomorrow with more than 30,000 aspirants competing for 1,176 constable posts. In Dimapur, Chümoukedima and Niuland districts, a total of 3,377 candidates have applied for 144 posts allocated among 14 Naga tribes. Addressing the media today, Commissioner of Police Dimapur Aotula T Imchen said the recruitment is being monitored by a six-member district-level screening committee. She asserted that the process will be transparent, fair and in line with the rules.

She said elaborate arrangements and security measures have been put in place to ensure the smooth conduct of the rally over six days.

Appealing for discipline and patience, the Commissioner reiterated the department's commitment to selecting the most deserving candidates to serve the people.

The rally will continue till January 13, excluding Sunday.

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The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) today launched a Psycho-Social Counseling Support for Students to address examination-related stress. The first phase of free services for examinees of class 10th and 12th will continue till 1st of June this year. This initiative is aimed at addressing examination-related stress and emotional well-being, enabling students to

approach their forthcoming exams, scheduled to begin from 17th February with confidence, balance, and mental clarity. Students can dial toll free number 1800118004 and access round-the-clock support in Hindi and English through the Interactive Voice Response System.

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Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said India's languages connect and unite the nation's society. Mr Pradhan today released 55 rare and valuable literary works, representing country's five classical languages. These are Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, and Odia. The Minister highlighted that the move is part of larger national efforts to place India's linguistic heritage at the centre of education, research and cultural pride. He said, India is a country of immense linguistic diversity, and emphasized the responsibility to ensure that the historical, cultural and literary wealth is preserved.

The books have been published by the Central Institute of Indian Languages.

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Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal today said that eliminating malnutrition is essential for building a Viksit Bharat and securing the country's long-term social and economic future. Addressing a CSR Conclave on Nutrition organised by the National Dairy Development Board in New Delhi, Mr Goyal said that malnutrition is a complex challenge that requires coordinated action. He said, Corporate Social Responsibility provides a unique opportunity to link business with social impact, particularly in addressing malnutrition. He emphasised that the fight against malnutrition must be pursued as a collective national responsibility, involving government, corporates, communities and individuals. The Minister underscored the central role of the Ministry of Women and Child Development in addressing the root causes of malnutrition. He said that ensuring proper nutrition during pregnancy and early childhood is crucial, as malnutrition often begins even before birth. Mr Goyal noted that adequate nutrition for pregnant women and children during their formative years significantly improves long-term health outcomes.

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Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Jitin Prasada has said that Artificial Intelligence is bringing major transformation in human life. Addressing the Regional AI Impact Conference 2026 in Jaipur today, he said, AI is now being widely used across all sectors, leading to enhanced capacity building. He said, the Centre has allocated a budget of more than 10 thousand crore rupees for the India AI Mission. Mr. Prasada added, the mission is focused on promoting the use of AI to bring comprehensive changes in the fields of healthcare, agriculture, and education.

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Leading medical experts in the country have warned against excessive use of antibiotics and the resulting problem of antimicrobial resistance. Head of the Department of Microbiology at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, AIIMS Dr. Bimal Kumar Das, asserted that many bacteria have become resistant to commonly used antibiotics, making them ineffective.

Director of Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Sandeep Bansal, highlighted that the matter has become a serious issue.

In his last month Mann Ki Baat programme, Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged the people to use antibiotics rationally with proper advice of Doctors.

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In sports... Nagaland men's team today defeated Sikkim 55-27 in their round-robin match of the 75th Senior Nationals Basketball Championship played at Chennai. Displaying strong defence and controlled play, Nagaland secured a convincing win. Earlier in the tournament, Nagaland beat Andaman and Nicobar 60-23, but went down to Assam 50-41 in their opening match.

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And, In weather... India Meteorological Department has forecast dense fog conditions during morning hours in isolated places across Nagaland, and the other northeastern states till 10th of January. During the next five days, Nagaland is expected to experience dry weather, with mostly clear skies. Kohima today recorded minimum temperature of 4.8 degree Celsius and maximum of 14.2 degree Celsius. Temperature in Dimapur ranged between 11.5 degree Celsius and 20.6 degree Celsius.

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