

## Morning News Script

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The Government has directed the Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) to immediately suspend the reporting of television rating points for news TV channels for four weeks. According to the directive, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting said, some TV news channels are displaying unwarranted sensationalism and speculative content amid the ongoing Israel-Iran conflict. The Ministry said, such coverage can potentially create panic among the general public, especially people with friends and family in the affected areas or those living there. The directives said, the suspension would remain in force for four weeks or until further directions, whichever is earlier.

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A meeting of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) for Dimapur district was held yesterday at the DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur, under the chairmanship of Lok Sabha MP S. Supongmeren Jamir. Addressing the meeting, Mr. Jamir emphasized that implementation of government schemes should be implemented judiciously and that the selection of project areas and beneficiaries should be carried out carefully so that the schemes genuinely benefit the deserving people. He also advised the officials that matters which cannot be resolved at the district level could be taken up with the state-level committee headed by the Chief Minister. Mr Jamir expressed hope of establishing a world-class railway station in Dimapur, stating that discussions have already been held with the concerned department. Advisor for Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Excise, Moatoshi Longkumer, noted the district's urban challenges and limited land for expansion, calling for improvement of existing infrastructure.

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The Court of the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kohima, Mezivolu T. Therieih, has convicted Lezo Seletsu 49 years for murdering his 33-year-old brother at Pfuchama village under Kohima district on 20 August 2023. According to the prosecution, the accused fired at the victim with a firearm, causing fatal injuries. After the incident, he absconded but was later arrested, and the firearm was recovered during the investigation conducted by UBSI Chiwasie Nyusou of Khuzama Police Station. During the trial, five prosecution witnesses and two defence witnesses were examined. The State was represented by Special Public Prosecutor Sashimongla Jamir. The Court observed that the victim was retreating when the accused brought a firearm from his house and shot him from behind, rejecting the plea of private defence. The act was held to fall under Section 300 IPC, proving intent to cause death. The Court convicted the accused under Section 302 IPC and sentenced him to rigorous life

