

## Morning News Script

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The bye-election to the Koridang Assembly Constituency in Mokokchung district will be held today amid heightened security. A total of 22,266 electors, will decide the fate of six candidates, while counting is scheduled for May 4. The candidates in the fray are Daochier I Imchen (BJP), T Chalukumba Ao (INC), I Abenjang (NPP), and three Independents, Imchatoba Imchen, Maj Toshikaba and Imtiwapang Kichu. The seat fell vacant following the demise of veteran politician and Advisor for Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L Imchen. Of the 30 polling stations in the constituency, 17 have been identified as critical and 13 as vulnerable. Security has been put on high alert following pre-poll violence that claimed one life and prompted the imposition of night curfew in parts of the constituency.

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Directorate of Information Technology & Communication(IT&C), Nagaland organized a session on the importance and application of Artificial Intelligence in government departments at Lok Bhavan, Kohima yesterday. The program was organized as part of SADHANA (Strengthening Adaptive Development and Humane Aptitude for National Advancement) Saptah, observed under Mission Karmayogi, as per the directives of the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Director, IT&C, Daniel Krocha, emphasized that Artificial Intelligence (AI) is not intended to replace human beings but to augment human capabilities. Speaking on the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, he highlighted that Nagaland's young population has a unique strength, presenting an unprecedented opportunity to shape technological advancement. Senior Programme Officer, Akumla Aier highlighted several key aspects of Artificial Intelligence. She described Generative AI as a game changer, underscoring its transformative potential across domains. The session also

focused on building a foundational understanding of AI, its role in enhancing public service delivery, and its sector-specific applications.

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The Union Cabinet has approved 41 thousand 534 crore rupees nutrient-based subsidy for Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers for this year's Kharif season. Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw made the announcement while briefing media in New Delhi yesterday about Union Cabinet's decisions. Nutrient-based subsidy rates will be effective from the 1st of April to the 30th of September this year.

Mr. Vaishnaw said, the Cabinet has also given its nod to the second phase of Jaipur Metro, from Prahladpura to Todi Mod in Rajasthan. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has also approved the revision of HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited project cost from 43 thousand 129 crore rupees to 79 thousand 459 crore rupees. The CCEA also approved investment of over 26 thousand crore rupees for construction of Kamala Hydro Electric Project in Arunachal Pradesh.

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Wokha District Administration and CSIR, North East Institute of Science and Technology (NEIST) Jorhat, organized a consultative meeting and capacity-building workshop on floriculture and apiculture in Wokha, yesterday. In the workshop, farmers were trained in beekeeping techniques, including the use of bee boxes and other essential beekeeping items. Bee boxes and related equipment were also distributed to participants. NEIST officials further conducted field inspections to provide hands-on guidance and assess on-ground practices.

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The State Program Management Unit (SPMU), POSHAN Abhiyaan, Department of Social Welfare, Nagaland will observe the 8th Poshan Pakhwada from April 9 to

**23 UNDER the nationwide initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The campaign, being organized the theme, 'Maximizing brain development in the first six years of life', will mobilize anganwadi workers, frontline functionaries, parents, caregivers and communities across Nagaland to promote optimal nutrition and holistic child development. The department of Social Welfare has urged all stakeholders and citizens to participate in campaign and contribute towards building a healthier and well-nourished Nagaland.**

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