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- Centre and states intensify fuel saving measures following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal
- Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio condemns killing of church leaders in Manipur
- Kohima Police arrest individual in sexual assault case
- IMD says monsoon likely to arrive early this year

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has significantly reduced the size of his convoy during recent domestic visits while retaining all essential security arrangements mandated under the Special Protection Group protocols. According to sources, the reduction in the number of vehicles in the convoy was implemented during his recent visits to Gujarat and Assam. The move comes in line with the Prime Minister's seven appeals to citizens to contribute towards economic resilience by reducing dependence on imported fuel and adopting environmentally sustainable alternatives amidst West Asia crisis. Sources further added that while the convoy size was reduced, all critical security components continued to remain in place to ensure the Prime Minister's safety. Following Prime Minister Modi's appeal, Union Home Minister Amit Shah also reduced his convoy to less than half.

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In Manipur, three civilians were killed and four others injured after unidentified gunmen opened fire on two Bolero vehicles around 10:10 AM today. According to Manipur Police, the incident occurred at Zero Point

located between Kotzim and Kotlen village under Kangpokpi district. The victims were church leaders of Thadou Baptist Association who were returning from a church convention in Churachandpur when their convoy was attacked. One occupant escaped unhurt. A police team from New Keithelmanbi rushed to the area to conduct a spot inquiry. The deceased were moved to Kangpokpi for post-mortem examinations. The injured are currently receiving medical treatment at Shija Hospitals and Research Institute in Imphal West. ManipuR Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh has condemned the attack and appealed the public to refrain from emotional responses or community-based intimidations that could aggravate the situation. The Chief Minister, along with senior ministers and officials, visited the injured and announced that the state government will bear all medical expenses.

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has strongly condemned the brutal killing of a delegation of Kuki church leaders in Manipur. In a social media post, he described the incident as 'barbaric violence against innocent lives' and unacceptable in any civilised society. Mr Rio expressed condolences to the bereaved families and the church community during this time of grief.

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Kohima Police have arrested an individual in connection to an alleged sexual assault case. According to the complaint lodged with the Women Police Station, the incident occurred yesterday evening, when the person allegedly entered the residence of two female victims at Kisama, assaulted them, and attempted to commit rape. One of the victims sustained grievous injuries and was shifted to Bethel Hospital for treatment. A case has been registered under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the POCSO Act.

The accused, identified as 28-year-old Seyienei-u has been arrested and is in police custody. Investigation is underway, and Police have appealed to the public refrain from spreading unverified information. In a separate incident, Kohima Police responded to a fatal road accident at Jakhama village this morning, where a motorcyclist was reportedly run over by a dumper truck. Acting on information, Police intercepted the vehicle at PHQ point and took the driver into custody. The deceased has been identified as 30-year-old Viboto Hibo of Viswema village. Further investigation is underway.

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The Central Bureau of Investigation has arrested five persons in connection with the alleged paper leak related to the NEET UG-2026 examination. The five accused, three from Jaipur, one from Gurugram and one from Nashik and several other suspects are being examined. The agency today carried out searches at multiple locations across the country based on emerging leads. During the searches and arrests, several incriminating materials and electronic devices, including mobile phones, have been seized.

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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved increase in Minimum Support Prices for 14 Kharif Crops for Marketing Season 2026-27. Addressing media after the Union Cabinet meeting in New Delhi, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, the government has increased the MSP of Kharif Crops to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce. He said, for the Kharif season, the estimated payout to the farmers will be two lakh 60 thousand crore rupees.

The Union Cabinet also approved a Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects with a financial outlay of 37 thousand 500

crore rupees.

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The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) today announced the Class 12 board examination results. Students can check their result on the official website, DigiLocker and UMANG App by mentioning Roll number. CBSE informed that while over 17 lakh 68 thousand students appeared in the exams, more than 15 lakh 7 thousand students have passed. The overall pass percentage this year is 85.20 percent. The pass percentage for girls is 88.86 percent, while for boys it is 82.13 percent.

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Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) under the Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change conducted a two-day workshop on SHG Livelihood Scale-Up and Market Linkages at SEFTI, Dimapur on May 12 and 13. The workshop focused on formulating a strategic roadmap to transition the project from primary activities to scalable, cluster-based secondary activities for Self Help Groups (SHGs), while ensuring long-term sustainability through institutionalized management frameworks and market linkages. Addressing the event, Additional PCCF & Chief Project Director Senthil Kumar, said NFMP has reached 185 villages and 440 SHGs across 11 districts. It has disbursed more than 2 crore rupees through the Revolving Fund support, enable SHGs to generate over 6 crore rupees in earnings. He noted that the project is nearing its final phase with two years of implementation remaining. Altogether 70 participants from all 11 District Management Units, Field Management Units and Facilitating NGOs under NFMP attended the workshop, which included technical presentations, experience-sharing and plenary sessions aimed at strengthening livelihood and market integration.

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India can witness early arrival of southwest monsoon this week. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said, conditions are becoming favourable for the advance of southwest monsoon likely over parts of south Bay of Bengal, Andaman Sea and Andaman and Nicobar Islands towards the end of this week. According to IMD, the Southwest monsoon normally sets in over Kerala around 1st of June every year. Meanwhile, the Met Department has forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall in isolated places across the northeast region till May 19. Nagaland is likely to experience scattered to fairly widespread, light to moderate rainfall with thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds till the 17th of May.

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