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- Vice President CP Radhakrishnan urges youth to be drug-free for a Viksit Bharat
- Startup Nagaland signs MoU with two tech incubators to boost innovation and entrepreneurship
- Tuensang hosts Poanglüm Mini Hornbill Festival; Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton urges preserving rich traditions
- Physical and medical screening completed for Nagaland Police recruitment



Vice President CP Radhakrishnan today said that the vision of a Viksit Bharat can only be realized when the youth of the country is drug free, healthy and purpose-driven. Addressing the University of Delhi's Drug Free Campus Campaign in the National Capital, the Vice President said that the campaign aligns strongly with the government's Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan. Mr Radhakrishnan underlined that substance abuse is a social challenge, a public health concern and a threat to country's demographic dividend.



Startup Nagaland under the Department of Industries & Commerce today entered a Memorandum of Understanding, MoU, with two new technological incubators, namely NITI Incubation Centre and Aboriginal Business Technology Incubator. The partnership aims to establish a technology-driven startup incubation centre to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and digital transformation in Nagaland. The MoU was signed at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce in Kohima in the presence of Director P. Tokugha Sema.



The Poanglüm Mini Hornbill Festival of the Chang community was held today at Tuensang. Addressing the inaugural programme, Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton described Tuensang as the 'mini Nagaland,' where many tribes coexist. Conveying Poanglüm greetings, he highlighted the Chang community's role in promoting peace and harmony in the district. He also noted the historical significance of the district, and stressed the importance of preserving the rich culture and traditions of the community. The Deputy CM also mentioned that the demand of the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation has been forwarded to the Government of India. The Chief Host of the festival was Minister Bashangmongba Chang. The event was attended by Minister C.

L. John, Advisors Kazheto Kinimi and A. Pangjung Jamir, along with other dignitaries. Highlights of the festival included log pulling, cultural presentations, and indigenous games such as tug of war and Naga wrestling.

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The statewide physical and medical standards test for constable recruitment under the Nagaland Police recruitment rally 2026 concluded today. In Dimapur, Chümoukedima and Niuland districts, Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Aotula T. Imchen, informed that out of a total of 3,377 applicants, 2,020 candidates appeared for the tests over the six days.

Commending the candidates for their efforts, Ms Imchen appreciated the cooperation of all stakeholders for the smooth and transparent conduct of the recruitment rally. A total of 144 vacancies were notified for the three districts. Meanwhile, in Shamator district, the recruitment rally recorded the participation of 577 candidates, out of which 187 qualified for the written examination. The written tests will be conducted on January 20, with further details to be announced soon.

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External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar has stressed that resilience, innovation, cooperation, and sustainability will be the key priorities during India's chairship of BRICS 2026. Speaking at the launch of logo, theme and website for the BRICS Summit, Mr. Jaishankar said, these priorities will provide a coherent framework across the grouping's three foundational pillars, political and security, economic and financial, and cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

The Minister said, India will seek to bring together the potential of BRICS countries for the greater global welfare during the Summit.

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Chief of Defence Staff Anil Chauhan (CDS) today emphasised that the active participation of young citizens is crucial in shaping a Sashakt and Surakshit Bharat. Addressing the National Cadets Corps Republic Day Camp 2026 in New Delhi, the CDS called upon the youth to align their path and destination to achieve the nation's destiny, with an element of nationalism. He said that choosing the right path, guided by national values and commitment, will enable cadets to fulfil their aspirations while contributing towards national development.

Highlighting the role of armed forces, General Chauhan said that serving the nation in uniform is not just a career but a lifelong commitment to duty, honour and sacrifice.

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Prime Minister's flagship platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, PRAGATI, has marked a significant milestone with the successful conduct of its 50th meeting. Since its launch by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, PRAGATI has transformed governance by enabling real-time monitoring and resolution of key infrastructure projects and public grievances through direct Prime Ministerial review. The platform exemplifies cooperative federalism, bringing together the Centre, States, and Union Ministries on a single digital interface. Today, in this special series, we take a look at the 4.5 kilometre long Patna-Ganga Rail cum Road Bridge in Bihar.

(V/C- The Patna-Ganga Rail cum Road Bridge, popularly known as J P Setu, was conceived as a transformational multimodal infrastructure intervention across the River Ganga at Patna in Bihar. The project was sanctioned in November, 2001 at a cost of three thousand 774 crore rupees. The project encountered significant on-ground challenges like land-related constraints, encroachments, resettlement and rehabilitation. Due to the delay in execution of the project, its cost increased by five times. The project was reviewed during the PRAGATI meeting by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 25TH March 2015. During the meeting, Mr Modi directed to handover the land to railway and expeditiously disbursement of compensation. With focused monitoring and timely resolution of implementation challenges, the project achieved 100 percent physical progress and was completed on 4th March 2022. The Bridge fundamentally transformed connectivity across the river Ganga, reduced logistics costs for agricultural produce, industrial goods, and essential commodities and strengthens regional supply chains and market access.)

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The Nagaland Board of School Education has revised the date of examination for the Computer Science and Informatics Practices 2026. According to an official notification, the exams for both Class 11 promotion and Class 12 will now be held on March 5 this year, instead of the previously scheduled March 4. However, routines for the rest of the subjects remain unchanged. The Board has directed all heads of institutions to inform the students about the revised date.

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