

## Morning News Script

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Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla said that the northeastern region has recently witnessed a significant shift towards development. Addressing the Annual Conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, India Region Zone-3 in Aizawl, yesterday, Birla said, the construction of railway lines, roads and air connectivity are essential for the economic growth of the Northeast. He further said that the Northeast region has a big role in fulfilling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to develop the country.

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Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Kevithuto Sophie has informed that the Road Over Bridge near Hotel Tragopan on NH-29 will be closed to all vehicular movement starting from 1st October. A traffic advisory in this regard informed that the closure will continue until the rehabilitation work is completed. Sophie said that the closure of the Road Over Bridge has been necessitated due to the upcoming rehabilitation work. All vehicles have been advised to take alternate routes as the bridge will be completely cut off from both sides with effect from 6 AM on October 1. The advisory said that changes may be made to the traffic plan as required based on traffic conditions.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on Akashvani at 11 AM tomorrow. It will be the 114th episode of the monthly radio programme. It will also be the fourth episode since Modi assumed office as Prime Minister for the third consecutive term. The programme will be broadcast across the entire Akashvani and Doordarshan network, the AIR News website, and the Newsonair mobile app. It will also be live-streamed on the YouTube channels of AIR News, DD News, the PMO, and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Akashvani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast.

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The two day State Level Youth Festival and Battle of the Bands for Schools organized by Youth Resource and Sports Department culminated at RCEMPA, Jotsoma, with MLA Dr Tsielhoutuo Rhutso gracing the validictory programme as special guest, yesterday. Speaking at the programme, Dr Rhutso emphasized on the need to move beyond tribal divisions in order to overcome challenges to the social fabric of Naga society. He called upon the younger generation to be at the forefront of change, working to ensure that merit and talent are recognized across all communities. The MLA underscored the importance of education, skill development, and entrepreneurship among the youth. He called upon the youth to contribute to society by creating opportunities and reducing dependency. In the Battle of the Bands, Gears Four of Model Higher Secondary School Kohima emerged as the Champions.

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Tuensang District Football Team has clinched the title of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Inter-District Football Championship, Dr. T Ao Trophy 2024. In the final match played at the Loyem Memorial Astro Turf Ground, Tuensang district Football team defeated Peren District 2-1, yesterday. Gracing the closing ceremony as Special

Guest, Minister of PWD, Housing and Mechanical Engineering, P Bashang Chang emphasized on the importance of Dr T Ao Trophy. He said that the tournament is not just a competition but a platform that empowers, unites, and uplifts communities. Chang said that Dr. T Ao's legacy is a testament to the perseverance, leadership, and humility needed to reach great heights. Highlighting the ongoing efforts of the state government to improve sports infrastructure, the Minister acknowledged the contribution of Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio in developing the Loyem Memorial Astro Turf Ground, Tuensang. Chang said that the state government is committed to setting up sports infrastructure across the state through various government schemes. Chang lauded all the 16 participating teams and encouraged the young athletes to continue pursuing excellence. He also commended the Nagaland Football Association and the Tuensang District Football Association for successfully organizing the event.

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