

## Morning News Script

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India has condemned the attack on a Hindu temple in Canada's Ontario perpetrated by extremists and separatists at Brampton on Sunday. New Delhi has expressed deep concern about the safety and security of Indian nationals in Canada. Strongly condemning the attack Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a social media post, that cowardly attempts to intimidate the country's diplomats are equally appalling. He asserted that such acts of violence will never weaken the country's resolve. Mr Modi called on the Canadian government to ensure justice and uphold the rule of law. This is the Prime Minister's first statement since the controversy related to Canada began.

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Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has highlighted that India is the only country in the world where 11 languages are recognized as classical languages. He said this while chairing the 32nd meeting of the Kendriya Hindi Samiti in New Delhi yesterday. The 'Kendriya Hindi Samiti' is the highest body that provides guidelines for the development and promotion of the Hindi language. Mr Shah emphasized the need to undertake two major initiatives to strengthen Hindi. The first is to develop a long-term policy for the enhancement, preservation, and longevity of Hindi literature and its various grammatical forms. The Home Minister stated that, alongside this, it is also necessary to translate all modern education curricula into Hindi and all other Indian languages. He also stressed making Hindi universally accepted and flexible.

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Aggrieved landowners impacted by the Kohima-Jessami 2-lane road construction project temporarily closed the Kohima office of the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) yesterday afternoon . The closure follows an ultimatum issued on October 25, which passed without a response from NHIDCL regarding pending compensation claims. The landowners claimed that their properties sustained damage from construction linked to packages II, III, IV, and V, despite their multiple request for redress but without success. The closure of the office was peaceful, yet firm

action, indicating the landowners' intent to continue until NHIDCL provides a written commitment on a timeline for compensation. The NHIDCL office will remain closed indefinitely, with the landowners pressing for an immediate response.

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The four day celebration of Tokhü Emong cum Mini hornbill commenced at Wokha public ground yesterday. Speaking at the event , MLA Y. Mhonbemo Humtsoe extended Tokhu Emong greetings, urging everyone to embrace the festival's true spirit. Reflecting on the region's past abundance, he expressed concern over the decline in the community's social and economic standing. Mr Humtsoe, urged for a renewed sense of unity and strength to rebuild and revitalize their shared future. Lotha Hoho Chairman, Mhondamo Ovung, spoke on Tokhu Emong's meaning of reconciliation, forgiveness, and gratitude, asking everyone to honour the festival's true meaning.

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Managing Director, NHHDC Ltd., Dimapur, Prasiele Pienyu yesterday inaugurated the 14 day handloom exhibition at Dimapur. The event is being organized by Nagaland Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation and sponsored by the Office of the Development Commissioner ( Handlooms) Ministry of Textiles, New Delhi. All together 60 participants from Assam, Kashmir and from the various districts of the home state, Nagaland are exhibiting varieties of handloom , khadi and handicraft products. The main aim and objective of the Exhibition is to Develop and promote marketing channels in domestic and export markets and bring about linkage between the two in a holistic and integrated manner. It is also serve to provide marketing opportunities to handicraft artisans .

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