

Morning News Script

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Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang, who also serves as the Minister Incharge of Planning & Transformation and National Highways, has reiterated his strong commitment to the sustainable development of National Highway projects in the state. He said, sustainable road connectivity remains one of the top priority of present dispensation under the leadership of Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, and as Minister Incharge of National Highway, he intended to implement the same on ground without any compromise on quality and workmanship. A press release from the Deputy CM office stated that Mr Zeliang continues to closely oversee ongoing projects through regular onsite inspections. To further improve coordination, quarterly meetings with all implementing agencies in the state will now be held on a monthly basis, whenever required. The meeting will also include officials from the Regional Office of MoRTH, Guwahati, and the Ministry, particularly for matters requiring immediate attention and intervention, as per discussions with Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari in October this year. It informed that the first coordination meeting for 2025 will be held in January, involving the NPWD (National Highway), NHIDCL, and BRTF, to review the status of ongoing projects under their supervision. Following the successful National Highway tour conducted by the Deputy Chief Minister from 11th to 14th last month, which covered six districts and inspected all ongoing projects under NPWD (NH), Mr Zeliang will begin inspection of NHIDCL projects in January 2025, with BRTF projects to follow shortly.

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The Government yesterday accused the opposition of distorting the remarks of Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Dr B R Ambedkar. Prime Minister Narendra Modi hit back at the Congress over its allegation against the remarks saying Amit Shah has exposed the Congress' dark history of insulting the architect of the Indian Constitution. Senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah also hit out at the Congress accusing the party of presenting facts regarding his speech in the Rajya Sabha yesterday in a distorted way. Briefing media at the party headquarters in New Delhi last evening, Mr Shah condemned this, alleging the Congress of being anti-BR Ambedkar and against reservation and the Constitution.

Talking to media, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge hit out at the Home Minister over his comments. He alleged that through his remarks, Mr. Shah has insulted the architect of the Constitution.

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Ministers of State for Health and Family Welfare, Prataprao Jadhav and Anupriya Patel sensitized the Members of Parliament from across party lines on the 100-day Intensified TB Elimination Campaign at Parliament Library building yesterday. The MPs were informed about the campaign objectives, key activities being undertaken, and their role in supporting the campaign. Around 250 MPs were present at the event and pledged to support campaign efforts and drive community mobilization efforts in their constituencies. Addressing the gathering, the Union Ministers underscored the important leadership roles of the MPs in achieving the goal of TB elimination. They urged the MPs to monitor the 100 days

intensified anti-TB campaign in their respective constituencies, raise awareness and reduce stigma around the disease.

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Lance Naik Visekule of South Traffic Control and traffic constable S. Benjamin Patton from North Traffic Control were honored with the best traffic award. They were awarded during an advent Christmas cum felicitation of best traffic award organised by the Nagaland Contractors & Suppliers Union in Kohima yesterday. They received citation and cash award of 10,000 rupees each. NCSU president Pele Khezhie lauded the hard work and commitment of traffic personnel in the capital, acknowledging the significant role they play in manning traffic regulations. SP Kohima Teisovisie Metha lauded the NCSU for instituting the award since 2013 and encouraging the traffic personnel of the capital district to do better. Mr Khezhie and Mr Metha extended Christmas and New Year greetings to all. The ceremony also featured a Christmas message from Pastor Jonathan Mesen of the Rengma Baptist Church, Kohima.

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