

## Morning News Script

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Union Tourism Minister for Culture & Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat will be on a two day visit to Nagaland starting today. He is set to be the chief guest at the afternoon session of the Cultural Connect event of the 25th Hornbill Festival 2024 at the Naga Heritage Village in Kisama. The Union Minister is scheduled to visit the War Cemetery in Kohima and inspect the under-construction NEZCC convention center in Dimapur tomorrow. Additionally, the morning session of the Cultural Connect at the Main Arena in Kisama at 10:00 AM will be graced by Minister for Tourism, Sikkim, Tshering Thendup Bhutia, SIMFED Chairman Tenzing Dorjee Bhutia, and the Ambassador of Peru to India, Xavier Paulinich. Other highlights for today include the Disability Pride Fair 2024 and the Log Drum Pulling Programme organized by the Tikhir Tribal Council. Meanwhile, the 25th Hornbill Festival has attracted a total of 17,588 visitors on its second day yesterday. These includes 428 foreign tourists, 4,698 domestic tourists, and 12,462 local visitors. This brings the total number of visitors since the start of the festival to 41,498.

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The government and the opposition parties has reached a consensus to end the deadlock in the ongoing winter session of Parliament, ensuring smooth functioning of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. The breakthrough came during a meeting convened by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla of the Floor leaders of various political parties at the Parliament House yesterday. During the meeting, Mr Birla requested all the members to let the house to function smoothly. The leaders agreed to extend their support to run the house smoothly. Both the Houses of Parliament could not transact any substantive business following the opposition's continued ruckus over various issues including alleged bribery charges against a prominent business group and violence at Sambhal in Uttar Pradesh.

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External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar emphasized the need for global partnerships, noting that the world faces complex challenges on multiple fronts. Speaking at the CII Partnership Summit in New Delhi yesterday , Dr.Jaishankar referred to the Ukraine conflict, US-China tensions, and issues like inflation, debt, and currency problems in the Global South, stressing the need for more cooperation.

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General Manager/OIC, NABARD, Pauliankap Bulte said Nagaland is leading other North Eastern states in food processing, particularly through its thriving Cottage Industry sector which offers a diverse range of locally made food items in the market.

He encouraged the promotion of Naga Cuisine, and also suggested the entrepreneurs adopt a cluster-based approach to food processing, with NABARD offering support to facilitate these collaborative efforts. Mr Bulte said this during the inauguration of the 10 day Treasures of Nagaland exhibition-cum-sale organized by YouthNet and sponsored by NABARD at Made in Nagaland Centre in Kohima. The General Manager also advised the entrepreneurs to actively listen to their customers and engage in conversations to gather feedback on their products, quality, and packaging. He emphasized that only those who are attentive listeners can enhance their products, identify potential markets, and increase revenue. Later, Mr Bulte participated in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and inspected the stalls.

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A Two-day capacity-building on Service and Accounts Matter for the officers and staff of Water Resources Department (WRD) commenced at the WRD directorate Kohima yesterday. In her keynote address, Executive Engineer Wapangnaro Imchen encouraged department officials to learn important government service rules and procedures from the experienced resource persons conducting the training. She emphasized that newly recruited officials should view this training as an opportunity and privilege provided by the department. Ms Imchen advised them to focus on maintaining proper file arrangement, using flags in files, putting up files correctly, and keeping records well to prevent future issues. also urged the department officials to learn as much as they can to cultivate a strong work culture within the office. The training includes basic office procedure, Annual Performance Appraisal Report, maintenance of service book, personal file and Nagaland Service Conduct Rules, 1968.

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