

## Morning News Script

0730 hrs of

19th January, 2025.

On the third day of the National Integration Tour, organised by the Assam Rifles, a group of 20 students, including 10 girls and two teachers from Zisaji Presidency College Kiphire, Nagaland, had the privilege of meeting the President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. A press release from the Assam Rifles PRO yesterday stated that during the significant meeting, President Murmu engaged with the students and commended them for being part of the tour. She highlighted that this initiative aims to foster cultural unity and strengthen the bonds that form the fabric of our national identity. Ms Murmu encouraged the students to dream big, work diligently, and embrace India's diversity as a source of strength. Following the interaction, the students toured the iconic Rashtrapati Bhavan, exploring its grandeur and historical significance. The Assam Rifles said that the students were particularly captivated by the magnificent Durbar Hall, the lush Mughal Gardens, and exhibits showcasing the nation's democratic journey.

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The National Cadet Corps, NCC Combined Annual Training Camp, CATC-138 concluded yesterday at Assam Rifles Camp in Wokha, Nagaland. The camp was attended by 300 cadets and training staff from different districts of the state. During the 10-day mandatory training event the cadets were grouped under four training companies, named after the National Heroes of the war for freedom and a large number of grueling daily training was imparted. Among others, the cadets underwent physical fitness training, marching, weapon training and live firing. In addition a number of individual and team competitions were also conducted. The camp also witnessed competitions like Strong Man and Strong Woman while the cadets paid tributes to the freedom fighters through case studies. Based on overall

performance, Bhagat Company was adjudged champion for the camp.

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Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the India's Bullet Train should be viewed not just as a transportation initiative, but as an engine for economic integration. After reviewing the progress of this project at Thane in Maharashtra, he shared positive updates on the progress of the project, noting that the work is advancing well. The Minister pointed out that cities like Mumbai, Thane, Surat, and Ahmedabad are set to see a significant boost in economic activity once the project is completed, as it will strengthen connections and increase business opportunities. During a review of the ongoing construction of a 21 km underground and undersea tunnel near Thane in Maharashtra, the minister confirmed that significant progress has been made.

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A total of One thousand five hundred 21 nominations have been filed for the 70 member Delhi assembly elections scheduled for 5th of next month. According to the election commission, the maximum numbers of nomination papers have been filed in the New Delhi Assembly constituency. The scrutiny of nomination papers was taken up yesterday and the last day for withdrawal of candidature is tomorrow.

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In the Kho Kho World Cup 2025, Indian women team led by Priyanka Ingle has advanced to the final after defeating South Africa 66-16 yesterday at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi. In the final, the Indian side will face Nepal today. Earlier, Nepal beat Uganda 89-18 to advance to the final.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the first 'Mann Ki Baat' programme of 2025 on Akashvani today at 11am. It will be the 118th episode of the monthly radio programme.

**MKB BYTE:** (The programme will be broadcast on the entire network of Akashvani and Doordarshan, AIR News website and newsonair mobile app. It will also be live streamed on the YouTube channels of the AIR News, DD News, PMO and Information and Broadcasting Ministry. Akashvani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast)

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