

Evening News Script

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THE HEADLINES :-

- Minister of State Kirti Vardhan Singh calls Union Budget 2025-26 milestone towards Atmanirbhar Bharat
- Nagaland Governor La Ganesan emphasizes unity in diversity
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio reaffirms state government's commitment to meritocracy
- School Education suspends transfer of teachers until further order

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Minister of State for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Kirti Vardhan Singh today said that Union Budget 2025-26 is a landmark budget and a milestone towards the country's journey to becoming Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Vikshit Bharat. Addressing media persons on the Union Budget in Kohima, the Minister said, the current budget presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman reflects the aspiration of the people of this country and also the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a developed India by 2047.

Mr Singh also highlighted that this year's budget has a special focus on raising farmer's income, increasing the output of medium and small scale industries, exports, employment, reducing poverty, among others.

The Minister also held a meeting with officials from the state forest department. Mr Singh is on his maiden trip to Nagaland, and is likely to visit some districts during his three-day stay in the state.

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Nagaland Governor La Ganesan today stressed the importance of recognizing and appreciating the differences as citizens of India, while also celebrating the values we share. He was addressing the flagging-in ceremony of the National Integration Tour at Kohima Garrison Assam Rifles.

The tour which took place from February 4 to 18, brought together 16 students and four teachers from various colleges in Kohima who visited Mumbai, Pune and Goa. Lauding the initiative, the Governor said such tours show how interactions and experiences can foster mutual respect, understanding and unity among the people. The Governor also urged all to strive and be ambassadors of peace, unity and integration, and work towards building a nation united in its diversity.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today emphasized the state government's commitment to meritocracy. He was speaking at the 50th Year celebration of Tsiesema Basa village establishment in Kohima district. Noting that securing jobs requires passing NPSC and NSSB exams, Mr Rio said local area development funds have been earmarked for coaching aspirants from the assembly constituency. Emphasizing the importance of water in the Northern Angami area, he said the issue is being taken up with the PHED. To commemorate the occasion, the Chief Minister unveiled a monolith and inaugurated the rostrum. Meanwhile, another monolith erected commemorating Mr Rio's 50th year in political service was inaugurated by Razoukhrielie Khro, Chairman, Tsiesema Basa Village.

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The Directorate of School Education has suspended its recent orders of transfer of over 1,300 government school teachers, following significant opposition from various student organizations and communities. In a notification issued yesterday, Principal Director of School Education, Thavaseelan K informed that orders issued on 6th and 10th of this month, concerning the transfer and posting of teachers have been kept on hold until further orders pending review.

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Dimapur Naga Students' Union (DNSU) held a peaceful protest today, calling for the immediate vacating of classrooms at Government Middle School Midland, currently occupied by the Department of Health & Family Welfare for a health center. The student body issued a seven-day ultimatum to the department, demanding the immediate relocation of the dispensary. DNSU officials said the health center disrupted the academic environment and posed safety risks to students. Despite multiple press statements since August 2024 and directives from the Education Department to vacate the classrooms, the issue remains unresolved. During today's demonstration, DNSU President Hinoto P. Aomi expressed strong discontent, emphasizing students' right to a conducive learning environment and urged authorities to take swift action.

Other speakers also raised concerns about student safety and improper biomedical waste disposal. DNSU warned that failure to comply with its demands would be met with stronger protests, including public demonstrations and potential legal action.

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The toppers from prestigious exams like UPSC, IIT-JEE, CBSE and ICSE today shared their success stories in the 8th and final episode of Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025. The board exam toppers said that during the exams, the students cannot retain all the information in their minds, so it is helpful to focus on specific topics that are frequently asked in exams. They also asked the students to revise previous years' question papers.

Radhika Singhal, CBSE topper 2022-23, said, extracurricular activities are also important because it builds up confidence.

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Nagaland Basketball Association will be conducting trials for the Under-23 Men's and Women's Basketball teams to represent Nagaland at the 1st Under-23 National Basketball Championship, set to take place from 18th to 24th of March in Guwahati. The trials will take place on 24th of this month simultaneously at Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Kohima and Tetso College, Dimapur at 3:00 PM. Eligible participants are required to bring their Aadhar card and birth certificate during the trials. For more details, interested athletes can

contact phone numbers at 94360 16529 and 85751 91708 for trials in Kohima,
and in Dimapur at 98640 34256 and 70859 94276.

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