

## Morning News Script

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday stated that India is not only at the centre of discussions about the Global Future but also leading the discourses. Addressing an event in Delhi, Mr Modi said India enjoys a position globally that it had never enjoyed before. He noted that the confidence in India is stronger than ever, be it major nations or global platforms.

Prime Minister Modi asserted that India has been on a rapid development path since 2014. He pointed out that in just a decade, India became one of the top five economies of the world, and expressed confidence that India will become the third-largest economy in the coming years. Mr Modi added that his government sees the private sector as a key partner in India's journey towards becoming a Viksit Bharat.

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The Nagaland Private Doctors Association (NPDA) has said it will continue providing services under Ayushman Bharat (PM-JAY) and CMHIS following assurance from Nagaland Health Protection Society to clear all outstanding bills within two weeks. However, the NPDA noted that if payments are not made within the assured timeframe, it will be compelled to pursue legal action and take necessary steps. The Association has urged concerned authorities to fulfil their commitments to prevent a potential healthcare crisis, highlighting that private hospitals are facing significant financial distress due to delayed payments by Future Generali Insurance. Previously, private healthcare providers had announced a suspension of services under PM-JAY and CMHIS amid a breakdown in relations with insurance providers and health authorities.

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Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) has been honoured with the prestigious SKOCH Award 2024. The award was presented at a ceremony during the 100th SKOCH Summit in New Delhi yesterday. Deputy Conservator of Forests (HQ) and Deputy Project Director NFMP, Ango Konyak, along with Resident Commissioner Nagaland House, New Delhi Wennyei Konyak received the award on behalf of the state Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change. The NFMP, implemented by the department with assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency, focuses on improving forest ecosystems, rehabilitating Jhum areas, and supporting income generation and livelihoods. The project, running from 2017 to 2027, covers 185 villages across 11 districts and 22 Forest Ranges.

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Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar emphasized the importance of each citizen's duties. Speaking at the 10th Convocation of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University in Jammu & Kashmir yesterday, he said every individual has certain duties, which our culture teaches. He urged upon all to fulfil these civic duties with diligence.

Stressing that nationalism is our identity, Mr Dhankhar called upon prioritizing national interest above any political or personal interest. Further, Mr Dhankhar highlighted youth as the most crucial stakeholder in democracy, who will drive the engine of progress.

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Deputy Chief Minister TR Zeliang said the Nagaland Super League (NSL) provides a unique platform to strengthen unity, as it brings players from diverse tribes to compete without any room for tribalism, but focused solely on winning for the team. Speaking at the launch of NSL fanzone at Chumoukedima Football stadium yesterday, he expressed belief that NSL will be the stepping stone for Naga talents to shine at the national level and open other opportunities. He highlighted the Fanzone as an addition for fans to enjoy, complementing the excitement of football matches. Mr Zeliang urged everyone to maintain

decorum, decency and respect for each other as they cheer for their teams.

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Deputy Commissioner of Mokokchung, Thsuvisie Phoji, has announced that restoration of Tsutsung Bridge on National Highway 202 has been completed. Consequently, vehicular movement on the stretch is now permitted with immediate effect.

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