

## Morning News Script

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Union Budget for Financial Year 25-26 today, marking her eighth consecutive budget.

The Finance Minister also interacted with the Secretaries and the senior officials of the Finance Ministry involved in the Budget making process at her office in North Block in New Delhi. Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary also participated in the meeting.

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The Union budget is all set to be presented by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today. It is garnering attention of various sectors with expectation to boost growth momentum. For Nagaland, the people have high hopes for measures to reduce unemployment and ease the cost of essential items for the public. An agriculturalist shared his perspective:

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The Centre yesterday notified the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Amendment Rules, 2025. The Ministry of Electronics and IT said that Aadhaar Authentication has been expanded to government and private entities for providing various services in the public interest, boosting innovation, knowledge, and public service enhancement. The amendments will enhance the scope for residents to avail themselves of many new services seamlessly, with regard to e-commerce, travel, tourism, hospitality, and health services. The amended rules will also promote the ease of living and livelihood.

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Power Department has said that it will be conducting an extensive disconnection drive from February 2025 under the Kohima Electrical Division. It will include disconnections of consumers who have failed to pay their electricity bills, including Government Offices, SPM Villages, and those with

illegal or unauthorized connections. All consumers, both urban and rural, have been asked to settle their outstanding bills as soon as possible to avoid any inconvenience or disruption of services. The Department has advised all consumers to check with their local office if they have not received their bills and warned public against engaging in illegal activities such as hooking, tampering with energy meters, or bypassing meters. In cases of discrepancies or other issues with the bills, consumers have been asked to visit the respective SDO offices for clarification and rectification.

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Chairman, Ceasefire Monitoring Group, Ministry of Home Affairs, Lieutenant General Amarjeet Singh Bedi visited Ex-Serviceman Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS), Polyclinic in Kohima. The chairman reviewed medical facilities and interacted with staff. The visit is part of the ongoing commitment to improving healthcare access for those who have served the nation, reinforcing significance of their health and well being long after their service ends.

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India Meteorological Department has forecast light to moderate rainfall over Punjab, Haryana, and Chandigarh tomorrow. Similar conditions are also expected in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry for the next 2 days. IMD said that dense fog conditions will prevail during night and early morning hours in isolated pockets of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bengal, Odisha, Assam, and the Northeast states for the next 2-3 days.

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Nechoyo Vero was declared Champion of Kikruma Wrestling Championship 2025 held at Kikruma yesterday. He walked away with a cash prize of twenty thousand rupees along with citation. Nagaland Wrestling Association President Vivolie Kezo gracing the event emphasised on growing prospects of the game which is gaining global attention. He highlighted series of tournaments that are held at different levels and urged wrestlers to undertake the discipline with seriousness. Mr. Kezo informed that the NWA is preparing to host Asian Alysh Belt Wrestling Championship very soon in Nagaland. The championship included senior category, below 18 years and below 15 years.