

Morning News Script

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MLA, Achumbemo Kikon has flagged concerns over the proposed One Nation One Election (ONOE) saying it would defeat the federal structure laid down by the Indian Constitution. He stressed that a one-size-fits-all approach would harm the democratic features of the country. In a statement on the final day in Assembly yesterday, the MLA emphasized that simultaneous elections of Lok Sabha and state assembly would marginalize relevance of regional parties and concerns, as central campaigns may sideline issues specific to Nagaland.

Mr Kikon also critiqued the notion that ONOE would reduce election expenditures. While cost-cutting measures are necessary, he argued that these should not come at the expense of federalism, and called for stronger regulatory mechanisms to manage election spending. Highlighting the country's large population and complex electoral system, the MLA said while ONOE might be feasible in the future, it remains an unrealistic solution for India for now.

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Nagaland Legislative Assembly, NLA, Speaker, Sharingain Longkumer, has praised the 2025 state budget, calling it one of the most holistic ever presented. He emphasized that the budget signifies a "resurgent Nagaland" and will drive significant transformation despite ongoing challenges. The NLA Speaker made this remark during the concluding session of the Assembly yesterday. Mr Longkumer expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister, the Deputy Chief Ministers, Council of Ministers, and members for coming up with such a far-sighted Budget. He expressed belief that it reflects the government's commitment to the people. He also acknowledged the ongoing positive transformation under the leadership of Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, highlighting the steady progress the state is making. The Speaker said, the future would remember this period of transformation, underscoring the lasting impact of the 2025 budget on Nagaland's growth.

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Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has said that India is witnessing a new era where women are assuming leadership roles at every level, from grassroots democracy to the highest positions of power. Speaking at an event at Parliament House on the occasion of International Women's Day, Mr. Birla emphasised that as the nation celebrates 75 years of the Indian Constitution, it is essential to recognise the immense contributions of the 15 women members of the Constituent Assembly. He highlighted that their vision and dedication helped shape India's democratic framework, laying the foundation for gender equality, inclusive governance, and women's empowerment. Mr Birla said their contributions continue to inspire the nation and serve as a guiding force for future generations.

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A two-week Handloom Exhibition, organized by the Nagaland Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation, is underway in Dimapur. The exhibition aims to enhance marketing channels for both domestic and export markets, and connect the two in a comprehensive and integrated manner. A total of 60 participants, including from Assam and various districts of Nagaland, are showcasing a range of handloom, khadi, and handcraft products.

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And, The Asian Football Confederation Women's Football Day 2025 was held at IG Stadium, Kohima, yesterday. The event was organized by the Kohima District Football Association (KDFA) under the auspices of the Nagaland Football Association (NFA). Gracing the event as special guest, President of Angami Women Association, Neithono R. Sothu lauded KDFA for encouraging women footballers and providing opportunities for female players, urging them to aim for international recognition. AIFF Executive Member and NFA President, K. Neibu Sekhose shared that Nagaland has been requested to host the first Women's League later this year by the All-India Football Federation. The event featured a football match between IG Girls Sports Academy and Kohima FC Girls, which was won by Kohima FC Girls.

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