

## Evening News Script

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### :::THE HEADLINES:::

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasizes government's commitment to provide best medical treatment to poor
2. Centre extends AFSPA for another 6 months in different parts of Nagaland & northeastern states from 1st April
3. Prime Minister highlights global textile waste crisis in his Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani
4. And Governor La Ganesan emphasizes role of NCC in instilling patriotism and grooming future leaders of nation



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said, government's top most priority is to ensure that the poorest of the poor receive best medical treatment. He said, crores of people are benefiting from free medical treatment under the Ayushman Bharat scheme. The Prime Minister was speaking after laying the foundation stone of Madhav Netralaya Premium Centre at Nagpur in Maharashtra. He also highlighted the importance of Janaushadhi Kendras, where poor and middle-class citizens can access affordable medicines.

Mr Modi said, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) volunteers are working selflessly in various spheres and parts of the country. The Prime Minister also highlighted the contributions of RSS founders Dr Keshav Hedgewar and Madhavrao Golwalkar in inspiring the national spirit in India.



The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) today extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), 1958, in eight districts and 21 police stations across five other districts in Nagaland for six months, starting from April 1, 2025. According to the notification the MHA, stated that AFSPA will continue to be in force in Dimapur, Niuland, Chumoukedima, Mon, Kiphire, Noklak, Phek, and Peren districts. The police station include Khuzama, Kohima North, Kohima South,

Zubza, and Kezocha police stations in Kohima; Mangkolemba, Mokokchung-1, Longtho, Tuli, Longchem, and Anaki 'C' police stations under Mokokchung district; Yanglok PS in Longleng; and Ghatashi, Pughoboto, Satakha, Suruhuto, Zunheboto, Aghunato PS in Zunheboto and Bhandari, Champang, and Ralan police stations in Wokha district. The notification stated that the decision was made following a review of the law and order situation in the state. AFSPA grants special powers to security forces deployed in "disturbed areas," including conducting operations, searches, and arrests without prior warrants.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today highlighted the challenge of textile waste, saying that it has become a major cause of worry for the entire world. Addressing the nation in his Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani, Mr Modi expressed concern over a finding, that only less than one percent of textile waste is recycled into new clothes. He, however, noted that many commendable efforts are being undertaken in India to deal with this challenge. Prime Minister Modi observed that some cities are also carving a new identity for themselves in dealing with textile waste.

Speaking about water harvesting, the Prime Minister expressed satisfaction that works related to water harvesting and water conservation have gained new momentum in many states. Mr Modi further stated that like every year, preparations have been made on a war footing for 'Catch The Rain' campaign this year as well.



Governor La Ganesan has emphasized the role of NCC in shaping character, instilling patriotism, and grooming future leaders of the nation. He was speaking during a felicitation programme for NCC Cadets for outstanding services during Mann Ki Baat Screening at Raj Bhavan Kohima today. He noted that the achievements of the NCC cadets are not just personal milestones but a testament to the cadets' hard work and values that NCC upholds. Highlighting the impact of Mann Ki Baat, the Governor stated that the programme has continuously recognized individuals and organizations contributing to society. Governor Ganesan encouraged more youths to join and participate in the NCC and urged them to embrace values of Seva aur Samarpan (Service and Dedication), whether they choose to serve in the armed forces, civil services, or any other profession.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extended Eid greeting to the Muslim community. Mr. Rio appealed to celebrate by being agents of peace, strengthening bonds of goodwill, and embracing hope for a brighter future. Eid al-Fitr will be celebrated by Muslims worldwide tomorrow which marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-dusk fasting of Ramadan.



Nagaland Gorkha Association met Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton on Friday. The Association raised concern regarding the cut-off year for the Gorkha community of the state which is 1940 whereas for the other non-Naga communities it is 1963. The Deputy CM assured to look into the matter. In a tweet, Mr. Patton said the meeting was productive and said he discussed ways to strengthen community engagement with the Gorkha association.



Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports will be organizing Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament from 1st April to 3rd April in New Delhi. According to the Ministry, over 75 thousand young people from every State and Union Territory submitted their video entries through the MY Bharat portal. The Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament is structured into three key stages including, district nodal Rounds, state rounds and national rounds. In a statement, The Ministry said that ideas and discussions generated through this initiative will extend far beyond Central Hall, resonating across the nation and paving way for a new era of youth-led policy engagement and national progress.



Indian Army is inviting online applications from unmarried male candidates for selection as Agniveers, in various categories, for the 2025-26 recruitment year under Agnipath Scheme. Online registration is underway and will close on 10th of April. Applications are welcomed from domiciles of all districts from Nagaland and Manipur. The recruitment process will be carried out in two phases. In Phase-I an Online Computer Based Written Examination or Common Entrance Examination (CEE) will be conducted at selected centres in both states. Phase-II will involve recruitment rally for shortlisted candidates who successfully clear CEE. For more details, candidates can call the helpline numbers of Army Recruitment Office, Rangapahar at 03862-249012 or 7628023484, or email at [swarkokila@nic.in](mailto:swarkokila@nic.in). Queries can also be raised on [www.joinindianarmy.nic.in](http://www.joinindianarmy.nic.in) for further clarifications.

