

Morning News Script

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MP Lok Sabha, S. Supongmeren Jamir, has urged the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to take immediate action to expedite the completion of National Highway projects in Nagaland. In a statement made during the Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha yesterday, the MP highlighted that the National Highway -29 project, originally envisioned by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, began in 2016 and aimed to cover a 42.86 km stretch from Dimapur to Kohima, with a completion target set for March 31, 2021. However, he stated that the project, being the first of its kind for four-laning in Nagaland, has faced a delay of four years.

The MP also mentioned that the 12.6 km stretch from Dimapur to Kohima via Jotsoma and Leike Gate Bypass has yet to receive official sanction from the Ministry. He further emphasized the urgent need for the Ministry to prioritize the Kohima to Imphal highway, which is also in poor condition. The MP called upon the Ministry to immediately take up the project and complete the highway without further delay.

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The Nagaland Home Department has decided to conduct surprise checks in all the Departments and Branches of Nagaland Civil Secretariat during office hours. The Department expressed concern over the unsatisfactory attendance levels in various departments of the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, despite efforts to improve attendance. To address this, the Home Department will carry out surprise attendance checks across all departments and branches from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The department further warned that disciplinary action will be taken against officials found absent without sanctioned leave. Additionally, a "No Work, No Pay" policy will be imposed on those failing to attend their duties.

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Parliament has passed the Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill 2024 with the Rajya Sabha approving it yesterday. The Lok Sabha has already passed the bill. The Bill seeks to increase the option for nominees per bank account to four, from existing one. The bill also proposes to redefine substantial interest for directorships, which could increase to two crore rupees instead of the current limit of five lakh rupees. The Bill empowers banks to decide the remuneration of their auditors. Replying to a debate, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the government has undertaken several reforms to strengthen the banking sector in the country.

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Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy carried out a successful flight test of the indigenously developed Vertically-Launched Short-Range Surface-to-Air Missile from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha yesterday. The flight test was carried out from a land-based vertical launcher against a high-speed aerial target at very close range and low altitude. Congratulating DRDO, Indian Navy and the industry, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh termed the missile system as proof of India's strong design and development capabilities in defence Research and Development. He said that it would be an excellent force multiplier for the Indian Navy.

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Vehicular movement along a section of the Kohima-Jessami Road has been restricted for 20 days due to ongoing excavation work and frequent landslides. In a traffic advisory issued by Deputy Commissioner of Phek, the affected stretch is between Losatephe and Lanezho villages under Package-V of the Kohima-Jessami Road project. The advisory stated that continuous landslides and rockfalls have posed risks to travelers, prompting authorities to take precautionary measures. For public safety, traffic movement along the stretch will be strictly restricted from 28th March till 16th of April 16. Commuters are advised to take an alternate route via Pfutsero-Sakraba-Upper Khomi-Phek-Lanezho and vice versa.

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