

Morning News Script

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The Lok Sabha has passed the Immigration and Foreigners Bill, 2025. The Bill is intended to modernise the immigration laws and it has provisions to confer upon the Central Government certain powers with regard to passports, travel documents, visa and registration. The legislation has been brought to avoid multiplicity and overlapping of laws. Replying to a debate on the Bill, Home Minister Amit Shah said, the bill holds significance for strengthening national security, ensuring global standards of Indian universities and building foundations for research and development and manufacturing among others. The Home Minister said, India has a long history of welcoming and protecting immigrants and it has been a sanctuary even for the world's smallest minorities, offering them a place to live with dignity.

Mr Shah said, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government has continued to provide refuge to communities from neighboring countries.

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The Parliamentary approval for the Union Budget 2025-26 was completed yesterday with the Rajya Sabha returning the Finance Bill, 2025 and the Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2025 to the Lok Sabha after discussion. With this the budgetary exercise for 2025-26 has been completed. The Lok Sabha cleared the Finance Bill 2025 on Tuesday. Replying to the discussion in the House on the Finance Bill, 2025 and the Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2025, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the purpose of the Finance Bill 2025 is to bring tax certainty, promote ease of business and honour the Indian tax payers. She said the new Income Tax slabs have brought in simplification.

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The Public Health Engineering Department, Kohima Rural Division, yesterday inaugurated a Plastic Waste Management Unit at Chunlikha Village, Tseminyu. Inaugurating the unit, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Tseminyu, Kikumsangla Jamir, emphasized the urgent need for environmental responsibility, stating that the environment is facing severe destruction and that immediate action is needed to protect it for future generations. She also urged the village council, WATSAN committees, GBs, and other stakeholders to actively participate in waste reduction efforts by adopting sustainable behavioral changes. Ms Jamir encouraged village leaders to take ownership of government assets installed in their villages and across the Block to ensure their proper maintenance and longevity.

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The Ministry of Women and Child Development has invited applications for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar. Applicants can apply through the National Awards Portal from 1st April. In a statement, the ministry said that any child who is an Indian citizen residing in India, aged 5 years and not exceeding 18 years as of 31st July 2025, is eligible for these awards. The Ministry organizes the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar every year to honor exceptional children for achievements in Bravery, Sports, Social Service, Science and Technology, Environment, Arts, and Culture. The last date to apply online is 31st July.

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The Khelo India Para Games 2025 concluded yesterday at JLN Stadium, New Delhi, marking the culmination of an inspiring and action-packed sporting event. Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Raksha Nikhil Khadse presided over the ceremony. We have a report from our Delhi Correspondent

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The 15th Nagaland Wrestling Association (NWA) Open Championship is all set to be held today at Kohima Local Ground, marking a historic moment with the debut of the first Women's Open Naga Wrestling Championship. A total of 129 wrestlers—100 men and 29 women—from ten Naga tribes will compete for a prize pool of 9.9 lakh rupees. The championship will see the participation of defending champion Venuzo Dawhuo, alongside other strong contenders such as Kezhaseluo-o Pienyu, Kezhavizo Thevo, Vemele Thingo, and Huluyi D Vadeo among others.

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