

## Morning News Script

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10<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

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The second part of Budget session of Parliament will begin today . The second phase of the session which will continue till 4th April will have 20 sittings. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is scheduled to table the budget for Manipur today. The state has been under the President's rule since the resignation of Chief Minister Biren Singh last month. Our Delhi correspondent reports that during the session, discussion and voting on Demands for Grants for the year 2025-26 and related Appropriation Bill will be taken up.

**CORRES VOICE CAST: Besides financial business, several legislations including the Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, the Coastal Shipping Bill, 2024, the Immigration and Foreigners Bill, 2025 and the Railways (Amendment) Bill will be taken up for discussion and passage during the second leg of the session. The first part of the Budget Session of Parliament was held from 31st January to 13th February. The session began with the address of President Droupadi Murmu to the joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget on 1st February. Prime Minister Narendra Modi replied to the Motion of Thanks on President's address in both the Houses. The Lok Sabha had recorded 112 per cent productivity during the first part. The report of the Joint Committee on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024 was also tabled in Lok Sabha. With Anand Kumar, Suparna Saikia, Akashvani News, Delhi.**

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Normal life was affected in Kuki-dominated areas of Manipur yesterday as agitators enforced an indefinite shutdown called by Kuki-Zo groups against a crackdown by security forces. The situation in Kangpokpi district, where at least one person was killed and 40 others were injured in clashes between Kuki demonstrators and security forces on the previous day, remained tense but calm on Sunday. In other Kuki-dominated areas in Churachandpur and Tengnoupal districts as well, protesters burnt tyres and blocked roads with boulders, which the security forces were seen clearing. However, no fresh violence has been reported so far. Additional security forces have been deployed in Gamghiphai

and other parts of the district along the NH-2 (Imphal-Dimapur Road) and vehicular patrolling was being conducted to ensure law and order, a district official said. Clashes erupted between demonstrators and security forces in the Kuki-dominated district after police fired tear gas shells to disperse them, as they opposed Union Home Minister Amit Shah's directive allowing free movement across the state.

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In cricket, Team India etched their name in history, lifting the ICC Champions Trophy for a record third time after a commanding victory over New Zealand by four wickets in the grand finale at Dubai. Chasing a target of 252 runs in the summit clash, India achieved it with an over to spare. Earlier, opting to bat in spin-friendly conditions, New Zealand managed to score 251 for 7 in their allotted 50 overs. Skipper Rohit Sharma was declared Player of the Match, and New Zealand player Rachin Ravindra was declared Player of the Series. President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulates Team India for winning the ICC Champions Trophy 2025.

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A total of 1,290 participants including 19 international participants have submitted their entries for the Animation Filmmakers Competition which is being held as part of the World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES). The first edition of the WAVES Summit will be held from the 1st to 4th of May. The submission period for the competition began on the 10th of September last year and closed on 30th of November last year. The Final selection of these entries will be announced next month. The competition offers a unique opportunity for both amateurs and professionals to showcase their creative ideas. Participants will benefit from expert mentorship, masterclasses, and the chance to pitch their projects to industry leaders, with exciting prizes and global exposure.

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