

## Evening News Script

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::THE HEADLINES::

1. Nation pays homage to Dr Ambedkar on his 134th birth anniversary today
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, every policy of government reflects Dr. Ambedkar's path of justice and inclusion
3. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio launches Nagaland Solar Mission to accelerate rooftop solar power system
4. And, Health Department cracks down on absenteeism, reiterates 'No Work, No Pay' policy



The nation is paying homage to the Chief Architect of Indian Constitution Babasaheb Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar on his 134th birth anniversary today. Several functions have been organised throughout the country to mark the occasion. President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla paid floral tributes at Babasaheb's statue in Parliament House complex this morning. Several Union Ministers and Members of Parliament and general public also paid tributes Dr Ambedkar's statue.



Raj Bhavan, Nagaland commemorated the birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar today. The event was marked with floral tributes, reflecting on Baba Saheb's immense contributions to the nation. Governor of Nagaland La Ganesan, Raj Bhavan officials and staff participated in the solemn observance, highlighting his legacy of equality, empowerment, and reform.



Paying tribute on Dr. BR Ambedkar's birth anniversary, Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton honoured the legacy of a visionary who reshaped the soul of the nation. He said, Dr. Ambedkar's contributions to framing the Constitution, his fight against discrimination, and his commitment to education and empowerment continue to shape the national conscience. Mr Patton noted that Dr. Ambedkar's ideas are not bound to a particular era, but continue to guide the journey towards a more inclusive and equitable India.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, as the nation pays tribute to Baba Saheb, his ideals continue to guide the very soul of the government. He was addressing a public meeting in Hisar in Haryana today to mark the birth anniversary of Dr Ambedkar. Mr Modi said, for the past 11 years, Babasaheb's life, his struggle and his timeless message have been the cornerstone of the government's journey.

Prime Minister Modi flagged off commercial flight from Hisar to Ayodhya and laid the foundation stone of the terminal-2 building at the Hisar airport. He also inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of several development projects at the cost of over one thousand crore rupees. The Prime Minister added, Baba Saheb said that the development of industries is a path to social justice.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today launched the Nagaland Solar Mission, aimed at accelerating the adoption of residential rooftop solar power systems across the state. The initiative is in convergence with the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, and seeks to make clean energy more accessible and affordable to households. The launch event was held at the Chief Minister's Office, Secretariat in Kohima, in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton, Minister for Power K G Kenye, Chief Secretary Dr J. Alam, and other senior state officials. Taking to social media post, Chief Minister Rio said, the State Government will supplement the Centre's subsidy by providing additional State subsidies. Under the scheme, beneficiaries will receive up to 96 percent subsidy for systems up to 2 kilowatt and 85 percent for systems up to 3 kilowatt, making solar installations significantly more affordable for residents. He added, an allocation of 10 crore rupees has been made for the Mission in the financial year 2025–26. Mr Rio said, this marks a significant step towards advancing green energy, reducing electricity costs, promoting environmental conservation. The Chief Minister further said, the initiative reflects the state government's commitment to building a sustainable and energy-efficient future. Power department said, 247 online applications have been received so far for the scheme. For smooth installation, 55 National and State vendors are available across Nagaland. Consumers may visit the website [www.pmsuryaghar.gov.in](http://www.pmsuryaghar.gov.in) or contact helpline numbers 9366911176, 7641007201 for further details.



The state Directorate of Health & Family Welfare has issued a stern reminder to all its employees to maintain regular attendance and strictly adhere to duty schedules. In a circular issued today, Director R. Mereninla Senlem noted instances of employees engaging in unauthorized absences and rotational duties, and failure to perform duties, which are hampering service delivery and the overall functioning of the healthcare system. The circular reiterated that such conducts are prohibited under existing government policies, and non-compliance will result in disciplinary action, including 'No Work, No Pay'. The circular directed all heads of offices across the department to ensure regular attendance of all employees and to strictly enforce the 'No Work, No Pay' policy.



Home Minister Amit Shah has said that the government is trying to make the justice system people-centric and scientific. Addressing the All India Forensic Science Summit in New Delhi today, he said the goal is to ensure that citizens get timely justice and also the satisfaction of getting justice.

Mr Shah, said forensic science is very useful in strengthening the country's criminal justice system, and highlighted that the main objective is to create a safe and capable India.



As part of Poshan Pakhwada 2025, Tseminyu District ICDS project held an awareness camp today. Speaking at the program, Medical Officer (Ayush) Dr. Medozhatuo Keretsu, highlighted six common signs of anaemia to watch for, including persistent fatigue, pale or yellowish skin, irregular heartbeats, cold hands and feet, dizziness, and chest pain. Meanwhile, Kohima District Coordinator, Poshan Abhiyaan, Eliana Tep emphasized the importance of a balanced diet with proteins, calcium, and iron, through green vegetables, and cultivating healthy habits like exercise and healthy nutrition for long-term well-being.



In view of upcoming development of 2-lane pavement on National Highway-36, Commissioner of Police Dimapur, Kevithuto Sophie, has issued an advisory restricting vehicular movements on the road stretch.

***(VC : According to the police advisory, the closure will affect the stretch below the Flyover along the Dimapur Railway Siding from Blue Hill and the Police Assistant Booth till the exit point of Flyover Y-Junction. The restriction will be in place from the 16th till the end of this month to ensure smooth and safe execution of the critical work. Police have advised commuters to plan their travel accordingly.)***



And, India Meteorological Department has forecast scattered to fairly widespread light and moderate rainfall over the Northeast states during the next five days. This is likely to be accompanied with thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds of upto 50 kilometer per hour. The weather body also said heavy rainfall is likely over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura on 17th of this month.

