

## Morning News Script

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that India is set to become the third largest economy in the world very soon. Addressing an event organised by a private media house, Mr Modi said that this unprecedented growth is being driven by the youth. The Prime Minister added that India has sprinted ahead at doubled speed and doubled the size of its economy in just one decade.

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The Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025 has come into effect yesterday . The government has issued a notification to this effect following the assent given by President Droupadi Murmu to the legislation. Last week, both Houses of Parliament passed the legislation. The new law aims to streamline the management of Waqf properties, with provisions to safeguard heritage sites and promote social welfare. It also aims to improve governance by enhancing transparency in property management, streamlining coordination between Waqf Boards and local authorities, and protecting stakeholders' rights.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasised the importance of focusing on art, music, culture, and creativity—elements that distinguish humans from machines, adding that the world is rapidly advancing in technology and AI. The Prime Minister was addressing an event organized by a private media house in New Delhi last night. Mr Modi said that entertainment is one of the largest global industries and is set to expand further. He also said, to encourage and celebrate art and culture, the government is holding World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit in Mumbai.

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Prime Minister Modi said WAVES will encourage Indian artists to create content and make it global, while also inviting artists from around the world to collaborate in India .

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The Department of Financial Services in the Finance Ministry has notified amalgamation of 26 Regional Rural Banks, (RRBs) on the principles of “One State One RRB”. This is the fourth phase of amalgamation of RRBs. The Ministry rolled out an amalgamation plan in November last year, building on improvements in efficiency from previous phases. Post-amalgamation, there will be 28 RRBs covering 700 districts with more than 22,000 branches.

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Chief Secretary Dr. J Alam yesterday led a coordination meeting at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima, to discuss preparations for the State Mega Legal Services Camp on April 12. The meeting focused on logistics, transport, security, traffic, and the involvement of various departments in setting up exhibition stalls. The event will feature Judges from the Supreme Court of India, the Union Minister of State for Law & Justice, the Chief Justice and Judges of the Guwahati High Court, and dignitaries from the Ministry of Law and Justice, National Legal Services Authority, and other organizations.

Participation from local authorities, students, village and town councils, and civil organizations is also expected.

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Chief Conservator of Forests (Monitoring & Evaluation), Kohima Dr. Senthil Kumar N, yesterday released a curriculum for the Chumpo Biodiversity Park at Chukitong, Wokha District. The Chumpo Biodiversity Park is envisioned as a pioneering initiative that integrates biodiversity conservation with indigenous knowledge systems. According to the released curriculum, the park is designed to serve as a nature learning center. RFO, incharge Doyang Beat, Lansothung Lotha, said the curriculum is designed with a vision to tie all the assets together in the Park and give the visitors a more meaningful and immersive experience. Dr. Senthil Kumar N commended the vision behind the park and lauded the dedication and teamwork of the department. Meanwhile, the New Wokha Village Gate, a key entry point activity under the Nagaland Forest Management Project was also officially inaugurated yesterday by the Chief Conservator of Forests in the presence of officials from forest department.

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