

## Evening News Script

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### :: THE HEADLINES ::

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says India gave befitting reply to Pakistan under Operation Sindoor.
- Nagaland government suspends IAS officer Reny Wilfred amid criminal probe.
- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar calls for greater farmer involvement in agri-business.
- Minister K.G. Kenye emphasizes on local power generation projects

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has hailed the Indian Armed Forces for Operation Sindoor's success and said that their valour brought Pakistan to its knees. He said Pakistan will have to pay a price for every terrorist attack in India. Mr. Modi was addressing the function after laying the foundation stone and inaugurating various development projects worth over 26 thousand crore rupees in Palana near Bikaner in Rajasthan today.

Mr. Modi said that now there will be no Trade or Talk with Pakistan. If there is a talk, it will be on Pakistan occupied Kashmir. Earlier during the public function, he

inaugurated 103 redeveloped Amrit Stations in 86 districts across 18 States and Union Territories. He highlighted that several initiatives have been taken to create robust infrastructure, including modern road and rail, in the country over the last 11 years.

The Prime Minister said, Amrit Bharat, Namo Bharat, Vande Bharat trains are reflections of the country's speed and progress. He said, bullet train project is underway and the government is working to redevelop 1300 railway stations across the country as Amrit Bharat Stations. Mr. Modi pointed out that infrastructure promotes trade, ease of living, tourism, and industrialization.

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Nagaland government has placed IAS officer Reny Wilfred on suspension with immediate effect, in connection with an ongoing criminal investigation. The suspension order was issued by Chief Secretary Dr J. Alam yesterday, citing the All India Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1969. During the suspension period, Mr Wilfred, currently Joint Secretary in the Finance Department, will be headquartered at the Personnel and Administrative Reforms, Department at Civil Secretariat in Kohima, and has been directed not to leave the station without prior permission from authorities. The suspension has been intimated to the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, the Governor and Chief Minister of Nagaland, and other relevant authorities. While the order did not specify the nature of criminal allegations, it follows a recent FIR lodged by Nagaland Police over complaints of sexual harassment against Mr Wilfred by female employees of IDAN Office. Mr Wilfred also faces separate charges for alleged molestation of two minor girls during his tenure as Deputy Commissioner Noklak in 2021.

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Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar today emphasized the need for farmers to move beyond cultivation and actively engage in marketing, value addition, and agri-business to boost their income. Speaking at the Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) in Old Goa, he stressed the need to transform farmers into 'agripreneurs' to drive India's economic system.

Mr Dhankhar called for farmers to have a greater involvement in all aspects of inputs for agriculture, such as fertilisers and insecticides. He also urged industrialists who benefit from the agri sector to contribute more meaningfully towards rural development and strengthening the farmer's economy.

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Operation Sindoor has emerged as a powerful symbol of India's strategic strength and unity, sparking a wave of patriotism across the country. Citizens are hailing the courage of the soldiers. An ex-serviceman reflects on the operation.

The spirit of Operation Sindoor continues to inspire unity, courage, and unwavering national pride.

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Minister for Power, K.G. Kenye has stressed upon the need to develop local generation projects to make Nagaland self-sufficient in energy. Addressing the general conference of the Association of Power Engineers Nagaland in Kohima yesterday, the minister urged engineers to give top priority to projects that address the state's power deficit. Highlighting the frequent power disruptions faced by citizens, Mr Kenye acknowledged the dedication of power engineers, but

emphasized the need to shift focus from merely restoring power to ensuring accurate bills and promoting energy conservation. Charging consumers based on actual electricity usage will encourage responsible energy consumption, and facilitate the implementation of smart prepaid meters. The minister also highlighted the government's Rooftop Solar PMSG-MBY scheme as a key initiative towards lowering electricity costs.

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Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso today urged the youth to grab opportunities offered by banks, stressing upon economic growth and responsibility to contribute towards development. Speaking at the inauguration of Axis Bank's new branch in Lerie, Kohima, acknowledged the expanding presence of Axis Bank in the Northeast region, including 17 branches in Nagaland. Highlighting the aspirations of young people on entrepreneurship and to become self-sufficient, the MLA expressed hope that the bank would support local business. He also advised the youth to be honest and responsible borrowers.

Addressing challenges in accessing large loans due to the absence of formal land titles in most of the state, Dr Rhutso expressed hope that the government would introduce a system to issue pattas, particularly in urban areas.

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The Rising North East Investors Summit is set to begin tomorrow at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The two-day summit, aimed at showcasing the North East as a key investment destination, will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and bring together key stakeholders, investors, and policymakers from across India and abroad. The event will feature ministerial sessions, Business-to-

Government and Business-to-Business meetings, startups and exhibitions of policy and related initiatives. Key focus sectors include tourism, agro-food processing, textiles, healthcare, IT, infrastructure, energy, entertainment and sports.

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