

Morning News Script

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Indian Armed Forces launched 'OPERATION SINDOOR', post midnight hitting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir from where terrorist attacks against India have been planned and directed. Ministry of Defence in a statement said that altogether, nine sites have been targeted. The Ministry further added that the actions have been focused, measured and non-escalatory in nature. The Ministry informed that no Pakistani military facilities have been targeted. It added, India has demonstrated considerable restraint in selection of targets and method of execution. There will be detailed briefing on 'OPERATION SINDOOR', later today.

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The countrywide Civil Defence Mock Drill will be held today. The Civil Defence Exercise is aimed at assessing the operational efficacy and coordination of various Civil Defence measures. In Nagaland, the exercise will be carried out under the code name 'Operation Abhyaas' across 10 designated Civil Defence Districts namely Dimapur, Kohima, Mokokchung, Wokha, Zunheboto, Mon, Phek, Tuensang, Kiphire and Peren. It is scheduled to begin at 4:00 PM. The mock drill will simulate various emergency situations, including incoming air raids, activation of sirens, and blackout measures. Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio has appealed all citizens to ensure full participation and preparedness in the drill. Dr Rio also extended best wishes for a successful and effective exercise.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the country is marching towards becoming a vibrant trade and commerce hub. Lauding the Free Trade Agreement between India and the United Kingdom, the Prime Minister said, this agreement will boost economic activities and will create opportunities for Indian business and MSMEs. He was speaking during a TV channel conclave in New Delhi yesterday. The Prime Minister said, India has signed trade agreements with UAE, Australia, and Mauritius. He said, India is actively engaged with the world.

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Nagaland Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio called on Union Minister of Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh in New Delhi yesterday. The Chief Minister was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton and Women Resource Development and Horticulture Minister Salhoutuonuo Kruse. The meeting focused on collaborative efforts to further accelerate development in Nagaland through key initiatives of the Central Government, particularly in areas related to science and technology, administrative reforms, and good governance. Reiterating the highest priority given to the Northeast by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Dr. Singh underlined the Centre's priority to promote innovation, scientific research, and technology-driven development in the North Eastern region.

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Nagaland government has emphasized that the adoption of the National Highways Act, 1956, if implemented with necessary safeguards could significantly enhance road connectivity, drive economic growth, and improve livelihoods across the state. This was discussed yesterday during a high-level meeting chaired by Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang involving senior state officials. The meeting

focused on the adoption of the National Highways Act for the development of National Highways in the state. Mr. Zeliang highlighted that adopting the Act with necessary safeguards would provide better compensation for land acquisition and access to central funding, unlike the existing 1965 state law. He also cautioned that failure to adopt the Act could stall critical highway projects and restrict access to central funding. Recognising the potential benefits, the meeting stressed the need to protect Nagaland's constitutional safeguards under Article 371A . It was decided that the Works & Housing Department, with input from the Law & Justice and Land Revenue Departments, will draft a Cabinet Memo for further deliberation and placed for review by the State Cabinet, and if needed, tabled in the state Legislative Assembly.

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And, The Common University Entrance Test (CUET)-UG has been postponed untill 13 May. The National Testing Agency (NTA) announced this last night. The exam was originally set to begin tomorrow. The NTA said, city intimation slips will be issued by today. The CUET-UG, has seen a record 13.5 lakh applications this year. In a pattern shift from last year, the exam will be conducted only in the Computer-Based Test mode. The exam was conducted in a hybrid mode for the first time in 2024.

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