

## Morning News Script

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Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar has urged political parties in the country to bring down the political temperature. Interacting with industry leaders and entrepreneurs at Bengaluru yesterday, he said, dialogue between political parties cannot be a confrontation but soothing, emphasizing that democracy is defined by dialogue and discourse.

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India has undergone a decade of remarkable transformation, driven by the principles of Seva, Sushasan, and Garib Kalyan. Akashvani News Kohima brings you a special feature on the Government's efforts over the last 11 years across key sectors. Today, we discuss Financial reforms that have empowered the Middle Class.

VOICE CAST - For over a decade, India's Middle Class has stood at the centre of the nation's development journey. Their aspirations have not only been heard but honoured with decisive action. Tax reforms and reliefs, social security, and skill development have been important pillars of the government's efforts toward the empowerment of the Middle Class. The latest Union Budget made income up to 12 lakh rupees tax-free under the new tax regime. Equally transformative has been the push for skill development. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, over 1.63 crore youth have received industry-relevant training. The National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme has facilitated the placement of over 40 lakh apprentices with industries since 2016. The number of Industrial Training Institutes has also increased significantly, from around 9 thousand 900 in 2014 to over 14 thousand 600 in 2024. Together, these efforts have delivered real empowerment to the middle class. The government's approach is clear: listen to its citizens, simplify the system, and deliver on promises.

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Lok Sabha MP S. Supongmeren Jamir yesterday inspected the ongoing Kohima Bypass Project and the collapsed section of National Highway-2 near Kisama. At

the Bypass site, Mr Jamir stressed the need for cooperation among landowners, officials, and contractors to ensure smooth project execution, noting that legal proceedings should not hinder construction. NHIDCL officials said works had been halted for 14 months due to land disputes, and restoration is now expected to take another one and a half years. Meanwhile, at the NH-2 collapse site, Mr Jamir expressed concern and called for prompt action. NHIDCL officials informed that repairs should be completed within 10 days. Mr Jamir assured follow-up with the Kohima Deputy Commissioner and suggested involving villages to expedite restoration works.

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As a run-up to International Day of Yoga 2025, Akashvani News Kohima brings you a special series - "Practice Yoga for Good Health and Wellness." Each day, we discover different postures to stay healthy with Yoga. This morning, we explore on Śaśānkāsana or The Hare Posture.

UNDERPLAY: Śaśānkāsana is a forward bend pose that gently stretches the entire spine, lower back and upper torso. It helps to reduce stress and anger. This āsana relieves constipation and back pain, tones up reproductive organs, and improves digestion.

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The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested a former Senior Manager of the Punjab National Bank Dimapur branch and the owner of a Dimapur-based private company, on bribery charges. The arrests follow a case registered on June 4, accusing the former bank official of accepting a bribe of 1 lakh rupees in exchange for extending a 20 lakh rupees Cash Credit Limit to the firm, despite its poor financial standing. CBI conducted searches at seven locations including the individuals' residential and official premises during which incriminating documents and articles were recovered. Investigation is underway.

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Manipur government has ordered suspension of internet and mobile data services, including VSAT and VPN, in the territorial jurisdiction of five valley districts for five days with effect from 11.45 pm last night. The districts include Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, Bishnupur and Kakching. The order followed protests in Imphal East and Imphal West districts last night after the arrest of a

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