

Morning News Script

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold talks with his British counterpart Keir Starmer today. The talks will be held at Chequers, the official country residence of British Prime Minister, which is located 50 km northwest of London. The wide-ranging talks are expected to focus on imparting a new momentum in the strategic ties between the two countries. Prime Minister Modi arrived in UK last night on a two-day visit to expand the bilateral ties in areas of defence, trade and technology. Formalisation of the landmark India-UK Free Trade Agreement is set to be a major outcome of Mr Modi's visit. More from our correspondent:

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Mr. Modi will call upon King Charles III as well.

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Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah will announce the National Cooperative Policy 2025 at Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan in New Delhi today. The policy, seen as a major reform initiative, is expected to guide India's cooperative movement for the next two decades, from 2025 to 2045. According to the Ministry of Cooperation, the new policy has been formulated with the aim of modernizing the sector and aligning it with the vision of "Prosperity through Cooperation (Sahkar se Samriddhi)."

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Member of Parliament Lok Sabha, S. Supongmeren Jamir, yesterday voiced serious concerns over the longstanding neglect of the North Eastern region in both infrastructural development and policy implementation. In a written submission in the Lok Sabha yesterday, Mr Jamir criticized the disconnect between the Centre's "Act East Policy" and the ground realities, citing serious gaps in road, rail, air connectivity, healthcare, education, and digital infrastructure particularly in rural areas. He highlighted that even defence and paramilitary forces face operational challenges due to poor connectivity. Mr Jamir also questioned the Centre's failure to implement the long-pending Naga peace accords and condemned the continued imposition of AFSPA. Calling for decentralized, region-specific planning, Mr Jamir urged the government to move

beyond rhetoric and adopt a genuine, solution-centric development approach for the North East.

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In a major step toward advancing public health efforts in the state, the Health Worker Guide, Brief Advice Protocol, and Tobacco-Free Village Guidelines were formally launched yesterday at Kohima. Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland, S. Tainiu, officially unveiled the resources in the presence of Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mereninla Senlem, and officials from the department. These tools aim to equip frontline health workers and community institutions with practical guidance to promote behaviour change, deliver brief cessation advice, and support tobacco-free environments.

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Prasar Bharati has invited all newspapers, periodicals, and television channels across India to register on its newswire platform, Prasar Bharati Shared Audio Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination (PB-SHABD) to access high-quality news and multimedia content free of cost. In a recent meeting, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Sanjay Jaju laid emphasis on onboarding all credible media organizations to ensure authentic and comprehensible information is widely disseminated. Launched in March last year, PB-SHABD offers over 800 news stories daily in multiple Indian languages, covering more than 40 diverse categories. Registration of PB-SHABD is free and available at shabd.prasarbharati.org/register<<http://shabd.prasarbharati.org/register>>.

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And, the Durand Cup 2025 football tournament got underway with East Bengal beating South United Football Club 5-0 in the opener at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata yesterday .This is the 134th edition of the Durand Cup, which is the world's third-oldest Cup football competition and the oldest in Asia. The Durand Cup 2025 format consists of two phases - a group stage and the knockout rounds. For the group stage, the 24 teams have been drawn into six groups of four sides each. The Durand Cup 2025 will feature a total of 43 matches, concluding with the final on August 23.

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