

## Morning News Script

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Nagaland participated in the nine-day long Bharat Utsav at the iconic Manezhnaya Square near Moscow Kremlin. Nagaland with a 40-member delegation comprising tourism officials, artistes and artisans was among the main participating states from India. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio also attended the closing ceremony of the nine-day long Bharat Utsav. In a social media post, Indian Embassy in Moscow stated that a stunning performance from Nagaland with live music brought the soul of Northeast India to life. The Embassy said the traditional folk dances and music captivated the audience, reflecting the region's cultural richness and vibrancy, in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi'. We have a report :

**VOICE CAST:** *The nine day long Bharat Utsav began on 3rd of this month and concluded yesterday. Organised by the Indian Embassy in Moscow with the support of the Moscow City Government, from at Manezhnaya Square in Moscow, Russia, the festival celebrated India's rich cultural heritage and growing entrepreneurial landscape on a global platform. A lush green island of tropical green plants representing India was created with stalls selling Indian food and handicrafts. Muscovites and domestic and international tourists were greeted by Indian rhythms and aroma of Indian incense and spices from morning to late evening at the Fest which had the slogan of 'Vikas Bhi – Virasaat Bhi')*

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Minister of State for External Affairs, Pabitra Margherita yesterday stated that ASEAN is the cornerstone of India's Act East Policy and the Indo-Pacific vision and India firmly supports ASEAN Unity and ASEAN Centrality. In his Opening Remarks at ASEAN - India Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Mr Margherita said, the synergy between ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific and India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative augurs well for the region. He added that India-ASEAN partnership is thriving on strong people-to-people linkages.

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A renowned social worker and educationist from Nagaland, Sano Vamuzo, has been awarded the prestigious 2025 Congress Quinquennial Human Rights Award by the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) in recognition of her outstanding Christian witness in the service of human rights and social justice. She received the honour during the BWA 2025 Congress Quinquennial, held in Brisbane, Australia, from 7 to 12 of this month. Expressing gratitude upon receiving the award, Mrs Vamuzo said, the recognition gives her more strength to stand with the unheard, bring peace where there is pain, and build bridges instead of walls.

### **AWARD BYTE-**

Sano Vamuzo was the founding president of the Naga Mothers' Association. in 1984 and now serves as its advisor. She was also the first chairperson of the Nagaland State Commission for Women. Mrs Vamuzo was earlier conferred the Padma Shri, the fourth-highest civilian award in India, in recognition of her social work and contributions as an educationist. Meanwhile, Naga People's Front, and Western Chakhesang Hoho have congratulated Sano Vamuzo on being awarded with the global recognition.

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Former NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant yesterday lauded Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for becoming the world's leading real-time payment system, processing a staggering 650 million transactions daily to dislodge Visa from the top rank. Calling it 'phenomenal', Mr Kant said, this has been one of the most notable achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government. This has transformed the lives of citizens. The UPI has strengthened its dominance in India's digital payments system, with its share in the total transaction volume rising to 83.7 per cent in 2024-25 from 79.7 per cent in the previous financial year.

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And in tennis, The World No.1 Jannik Sinner claimed his maiden Wimbledon 2025 title yesterday at the All England Club, defeating defending champion Carlos Alcaraz 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 in a high-octane final to become the first Italian man to win Wimbledon in the competition's 148-year history. With the win, Sinner secures his fourth Grand Slam title, now only missing Roland Garros to complete the career Grand Slam. He also leaves London with a commanding 3,430-point lead in the PIF ATP Rankings.

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