

## Evening News Script

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### :: THE HEADLINES ::

- Monsoon session of Parliament begins; Prime Minister Narendra Modi calls for enriching discussions
- Both houses of Parliament adjourned till tomorrow amid opposition uproar
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio takes stock of landslide-hit zone near old KMC dumping site
- And, Nagaland University selected as incubation hub under Centre's start-up initiative

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The Monsoon session of Parliament began today. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed hope that the Session will be productive and filled with enriching discussions, which will strengthen the country's democracy. Addressing the media outside Parliament before the Session beginning, he said, the session stands as a proud moment for the nation, a true celebration of collective achievements, highlighting the recent mission to the International Space Station, and military success under Operation Sindoor. Calling for healthy discussion, the Prime Minister requested all the party MPs to cooperate in the smooth functioning of the Monsoon Session.

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Both houses of Parliament have been adjourned till tomorrow. The first day of the Monsoon session began on a stormy note, with both Houses witnessing adjournments amid sloganeering by the opposition members over various issues including discussion on Operation

Sindoor. In Lok Sabha, as the House met after the third adjournment at 4 PM, opposition parties including Congress, DMK, Samajwadi Party and others started sloganeering. The Presiding Officer urged the protesting members to allow the House to function saying that the government is ready for discussion and the listed legislations should be taken up. As the noisy scene prevailed, the Chair adjourned the House till tomorrow. Earlier, the House witnessed three adjournments. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said, the government is ready for discussion.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also echoed the same view. Earlier, Lok Sabha paid tributes to the victims of the Pahalgam terrorist attack and the Air India AI-171 plane crash. It also expressed grief over the loss of lives and properties in natural disasters across different states. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla congratulated ISRO and group captain Subhanshu Shukla for his successful voyage to the International Space Station. Meanwhile, Rajya Sabha passed the Bills of Lading Bill 2025 today. Aimed to update and simplify the legal framework for shipping documents, it replaces the Indian Bills of Lading Act, 1856. Lok Sabha had already passed the legislation in March.

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Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi has accused that the government is not allowing opposition members to speak in the House. Speaking outside Parliament, he alleged that only ministers are allowed to speak in the House, while Opposition members were not allowed.

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Rajya Sabha MP from Nagaland S. Phangnon Konyak, has been re-appointed to the Panel of Vice-Chairpersons in the upper house. Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman, Harivansh Singh announced the re-constituted eight-member panel on the opening day of the Monsoon session today.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today visited the landslide-affected zone near the old KMC dumping site on the National Highway-29, which connects Kohima and Dimapur. Assessing the situation, he pointed out construction lapses, noting that the Concrete Canvas walls had only a single rod which was insufficient to withstand erosion. The Chief Minister directed department officials to identify all road sections affected during the monsoon season and to take up long-term restoration work after the rains. He assured that the government is taking all necessary measures to minimise inconvenience to citizens and restore normalcy at the earliest. Mr Rio was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister TR Zeliang, and officials from the PWD department, district administration, police, among others. The Chief Minister will also visit the Phesama landslide site tomorrow, to review progress along with NHIDCL officials.

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Deputy Chief Minister TR Zeliang has said that slope protection and repair works at the landslide-affected road near the old KMC dumping site will begin once the tender is finalized and the feasibility of executing the work is assessed. Speaking to media persons during the inspection, Mr Zeliang said the state government had submitted a proposal for monsoon preparedness earlier this year, including slope protection and road repair covering a 12-kilometre stretch. He said, a sanction of 24 crore rupees has been received, although it came slightly late. Mr Zeliang informed that the tender was floated on June 23 and will be opened on July 30.

Regarding the ongoing work at Pagla Pahar, the Deputy Chief Minister said slope protection is being carried out using new technology involving geotextile and geosynthetic materials. Mr Zeliang asserted that the same method would be applied at the old KMC dumping site.

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Nagaland University has been selected as one of four Incubation Centres in the North Eastern region under a Central Government initiative aimed at fostering entrepreneurship. The project titled 'Establish, Develop, and Manage Entrepreneurship Development Centres and Incubation Centres in the Educational Institutes of the North Eastern Region' is sponsored by the North Eastern Council and implemented by the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship. A report...

Coordinator of the Entrepreneurship Development Centre and Incubation Centre, Nagaland University, Dr. Dhruvajyoti Bordoloi, said activities under the initiative will include mentorship by industry leaders and established entrepreneurs, and events like workshops, bootcamps, and hackathons.

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The Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party will hold the installation of its Central Agri and Allied organisation along with its first general meeting 2024-27, tomorrow at Kohima. Advisor for Agriculture Mhathung Yanthan will attend as Special Guest, while sessions will feature key party leaders, including Secretary General Abu Metha, and Central Women and Youth Organisations.

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