

Morning News Script

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President Droupadi Murmu gives assent to five important bills passed by the Parliament. Among these bills Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill aims to encourage e-sports and online social games while prohibiting harmful online money gaming services, advertisements, and related financial transactions. This Act also has the provision for the appointment of an Online Gaming Authority for coordinated policy support, strategic development and regulatory oversight of the sector.

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Wokha District has secured the 4th position at the national level and the 1st position at the state level in the recently concluded Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) enrollment drive conducted across the country from July 15 to August 15, 2025. District Coordinator of District Hub for Empowerment of Women, Dr. Wonjano E. Enny informed that PMMVY is a conditional maternity benefit program of the Government of India, implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development under Mission Shakti.

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The alternative route between Phesama and Kisama/Kigwema via Rhododendron Resort will remain closed for a period of 10 hours starting tomorrow. The closure is due to repair and maintenance work being undertaken by the PWD (Roads & Bridges), Kohima South Division. The Deputy Commissioner of Kohima has informed that this section of the road will be closed to all forms of traffic from 7:00 PM tomorrow until 5:00 AM on Monday. Commuters are advised to use other alternative routes during this period.

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A total of 68 nominations filed by 46 candidates have been received for the upcoming Vice-Presidential Election. Out of these 28 nomination papers filed by 19 candidates were rejected.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has said that India is building a robust defence ecosystem by promoting innovation and technology development and creating a suitable growth environment for domestic companies. He said, the country is marching towards the direction of building Fifth Generation fighter aircraft and manufacturing the aircraft's engine. He said, engine manufacturing is going to start in the country with the French company Safran. Speaking during an event in New Delhi yesterday, the Defence Minister said, the government has approved a new order with HAL to manufacture 97 Tejas fighter planes with the cost of 66 thousand crore rupees. Mr. Singh invited all foreign companies and investors to come and invest in the country's vibrant defence manufacturing ecosystem.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Japan from 29th to 30th of this month to participate in the 15th India-Japan Annual Summit. This will be Prime Minister Modi's eighth visit to Japan, and the first Summit with Prime Minister of Japan Shigeru Ishiba. During the visit, the two Prime Ministers will review the special strategic and global partnership between India and Japan, including defense, security, trade and economy, technology and innovation. In the second leg of his visit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will travel to China from 31st August to 1st September 2025 to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit in Tianjin. On the sidelines of the Summit, Prime Minister Modi is expected to hold bilateral meetings with several leaders attending the Summit.

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The Assam Rifles organized a tree plantation drive with the Students at Heninkunglwa in Peren District yesterday. In a press release, the Assam Rifles said

the initiative was taken to increase awareness about the rise in global warming and importance of green environment on our lives.

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