

## Morning News Script

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The 5 Tribes Committee has expressed strong disappointment over the Nagaland Government's recent clarification on the formation of the Reservation Review Commission. The Committee criticized the Chief Secretary's statement asking Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to nominate "credible and qualified" members for the Commission, saying that it goes against their main demand of total exclusion of CSOs, including office bearers or any nominees. Stating that if this is the outcome of the State Cabinet meeting held on August 18, the Committee said it amounts to an insult to the collective intelligence of the five tribes. Reaffirming their August 9 resolution, the Committee urged the government to give a positive response without further delay. They also confirmed that their decision to not participate in any state government meetings or programs will continue until further notice.

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The National Democratic Alliance (NDA's) Vice Presidential candidate CP Radhakrishnan will file his nomination today. All NDA leaders will participate in the nomination filing process. Meanwhile, opposition I.N.D.I.A. bloc has fielded former Supreme Court Judge B Sudershan Reddy as its candidate for the Vice-Presidential election. We have a report-

**VC:** - *The Vice Presidential Election will be held on the 9th of next month. Tomorrow is last date of filing nominations for the office of Vice President. The scrutiny of the nominations will take place on the 22nd August while the nominations can be withdrawn by 25th of this month. The election has been necessitated due to the resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar who tendered his resignation last month citing health reasons. This will be the 17th Vice Presidential election. The Vice-President is elected by an Electoral College, which consists of the members of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.*

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised the importance of maintaining peace and tranquillity on the India-China border, and reiterated India's commitment to a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable resolution of the boundary question. Mr Modi received Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in New Delhi yesterday. Mr Yi handed over a message and invitation from Chinese President Xi Jinping to the Prime Minister for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit being held in Tianjin. Prime Minister Modi welcomed the steady and positive progress in bilateral ties since his meeting with President Xi in Kazan last year, guided by mutual respect, mutual interest and mutual sensitivity, including the resumption of the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra. He thanked President Xi for the invitation to the SCO Summit and conveyed his acceptance.

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The Lok Sabha has passed the Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025. Moving the Bill yesterday, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the Bill will further amend the Indian Institutes of Management Act, 2017. He said the bill seeks to establish the Indian Institute of Management at Guwahati in Assam which is an important centre of the North-Eastern region of the country. Mr Pradhan said, it was a long standing demand of people of the region.

He said, a financial grant of 550 crore rupees has been allocated for IIM Guwahati. The Minister highlighted that 21 IIMs are presently working in the country and they have become a brand. He said, there has been a demand of IIMs in foreign countries also and IIM Dubai Campus will be opened from next month. The Bill was passed without discussion amid opposition uproar over the SIR issue.

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World Humanitarian Day was observed yesterday at Daklane Panchayat Hall under the theme “Strengthening Global Solidarity and Empowering Local Communities.” In her address, Councilor of the Kohima Municipal Council, Kazheli Tungoe, stressed the importance of timely health-seeking behavior among women, urging the community to overcome stigma and shame that hinder early medical intervention. Program Officer at FPA India, Vingosanuo Khatso, shared alarming statistics, revealing that cervical cancer claims a life every 90 seconds globally, and is the second leading cause of death among Indian women aged 15–44. The event also saw the launch of an IEC campaign and cervical screening program targeting all KMC women councilors' wards, aimed at boosting awareness, screening, and vaccine uptake against cervical cancer.

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And, India Meteorological Department has forecast that isolated heavy rainfall is likely to continue over Nagaland, and other Northeastern states for the next 7 days. Thunderstorm accompanied by lightning and heavy rain are very likely to occur at isolated places in Kohima, Kiphire and Zunheboto today.

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