

## Morning News Script

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Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha from Nagaland, S. Phangnon Konyak, highlighted the Next Gen GST Reforms as a shining example of cooperative federalism under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman. She made these remarks at the International Conference on Delimitation in India: Balancing Representation and Federal Equity, organized by the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, at the Sir Shankar Lal Concert Hall, New Delhi, on Saturday. Ms. Konyak emphasized that these reforms were made possible through the unanimous consensus of all states in the GST Council. She also commended the Faculty of Law for organizing this timely initiative on delimitation, noting its significance in ensuring fair representation and strengthening India's federal structure.

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Governor of Nagaland, Ajay Kumar Bhalla, undertook a two-day official visit to Wokha district engaging in a series of activities focused on reviewing developmental projects and interacting with local stakeholders. On his arrival to the district on September 27, the Governor made a brief stop at Don Bosco Higher Secondary School en route to Doyang. He then proceeded to the Doyang Hydroelectric Power Station, where he held a detailed review meeting with officials of the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation. Governor Bhalla commended the NEEPCO team for their dedicated service to Nagaland's energy sector. He praised their efforts in improving operational efficiency, promoting sustainable development, and ensuring reliable power supply across the region. Mr Bhalla also emphasized the critical role of institutions like NEEPCO in driving economic growth and enhancing the quality of life for citizens.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi reiterated, road to making the country self reliant lies only through buying Swadeshi. In his Mann Ki Baat Programme on Akashvani yesterday, Prime Minister urged people to celebrate upcoming festive season with Swadeshi products and make Vocal for Local their Mantra. Prime Minister Modi stated that during the last 11 years, the country's attraction towards Khadi has increased significantly.

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In a major relief for households, the government has taken an important step to ease the burden on the common man by lowering the GST on childcare products. Under the Next Generation GST Reforms, the tax rates on many essential childcare products such as feeding bottles, napkins and napkin liners for babies have been reduced from 12 percent to 5 percent. Similarly, to support early childhood health and promote better hygiene the government has completely exempted the taxes on Ultra-High Temperature milk. Along with this, the GST on thermometers have also been slashed to 5 percent from the previously taxed 18 percent.

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Guided by the mantra of Seva and Sushasan, that is, Public Service and Good Governance, the Government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has been working tirelessly to bring transformation and progress. Today, in this Special Series- 'Seva Parv, we bring to you how the Modi government has revolutionised infrastructure development through the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan...

**(V/C)** Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's infrastructure landscape is undergoing remarkable transformation. At the heart of this lies the PM GatiShakti initiative, a masterplan that is breaking silos, speeding execution and turning India's growth vision into a reality. According to PM Modi, the GatiShakti is an expansion of holistic governance.

Launched in 2021, PM GatiShakti is a National Master Plan that integrates infrastructure development by bringing together various ministries/departments for a coordinated and seamless project execution. For the first time, 57 Ministries and 36 States and Union Territories are working together on a single digital platform, integrating more than 1, thousand 700 data layers. As Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "from Railways to Highways, Ports to Airports, India's rapidly expanding infra network is boosting 'Ease of Living' and enhancing Prosperity".

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Nagaland is all set to host the UTT 28th Inter-District & State Table Tennis Championship from tomorrow at the Kohima Indoor Table Tennis Stadium. Organized by the Nagaland Table Tennis Association, the three-day event will witness sporting stars, enthusiasts, and veterans (Masters) from across 13 districts competing for the prestigious Team Championship title, along with titles in various other categories. Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K. G. Kenye, will grace the opening ceremony as the special guest.

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And, The India Meteorological Department has predicted that Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura are expected to experience heavy rainfall over the next two to three days.

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