

Morning News Script

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National Press Day is being celebrated today, honouring the essential role of a free and responsible press in society. The day marks the establishment of the Press Council of India in 1966, and not only celebrates the achievements of the press but also reinforces the responsibility it carries in building a more informed and transparent society. The theme for this year is 'Safeguarding Press Credibility Amidst Rising Misinformation.' In Nagaland, the occasion is being marked with a special program organized by the Kohima Press Club. On the occasion, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extended his greetings to the press and media fraternity. In a social media post, he said, the day honours the role of journalists and the media in promoting transparency, accountability, and an informed society. The Chief Minister urge everyone to continue upholding freedom of expression and to protect the voices that shape democracy.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi reaffirmed the government's unwavering resolve to end the injustices faced by tribal communities and ensured that the benefits of development should reach them. Mr Modi made these remarks while launching development projects worth over 9,700 crore rupees in Dediapada town of Narmada district of Gujarat yesterday on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, marking the 150th birth anniversary celebration of legendary tribal leader and freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda. He said tribal pride has been an integral part of India's consciousness for thousands of years.

The Prime Minister stated that the government is working with a comprehensive approach to address every aspect of tribal life. He emphasized that the country cannot forget the contribution of tribal society in the freedom movement.

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The Nagaland Foothills Road Coordination Committee (NFHRCC) has raised concerns over the slow progress of roadworks under the Baghty Division in Wokha district. The committee carried out a joint inspection of nine sites yesterday, with the Lotha Hoho, LLRPO, YAPO, contractors, and departmental officials. NFHRCC Convenor Supu Jamir said, the current pace is too slow and could delay completion beyond the December 18 deadline. While work on five bridges were found satisfactory, earthworks for three sites remained slow. The committee also highlighted confusion over road alignment, urging the relevant department to strictly follow the approved 2013 survey alignment. Following the inspection, the joint team held a review meeting, where they adopted two resolutions to prioritise completion of the two-lane construction, and mandating that no Foothills Road work in Wokha district proceeds without the approval and involvement of the NFHRCC.

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As part of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025, the Nagaland Cooperative Conclave 2025 is all set to be held at Kohima, from November 18 to 20. The event will focus on strengthening and empowering cooperative societies and stakeholders. Supported by NABARD Online in partnership with the Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission, the conclave will seek to underscore the vital contribution of cooperatives and reaffirm their integral role in the economic transformation and sustainable development of Nagaland.

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In Cricket, Nagaland will take on Odisha today in their fifth Ranji Trophy Elite match in Bhubaneswar. Both teams are currently at the bottom of Group A table, having lost three of the previous matches and drawn one each.

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And, in weather, The India Meteorological Department has forecast shallow to moderate fog conditions over the Northeast states for the next three days. It said, there will be no significant change in the minimum temperatures across the region over the next week. In Nagaland, dry weather is expected during this period.

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