

Morning News Script

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Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Bhagirath Choudhary visited Noklak district as part of the Union government's fortnight-long outreach to the Northeast. On Friday, Mr Choudhary held a meeting to review developmental progress, where he assured that a Krishi Vigyan Kendra would be established in the district to strengthen agricultural extension services. District officials briefed him on ongoing projects, future plans and key challenges. The Union Minister also visited the District Hospital, where officials raised concerns over shortage of doctors and prevalence of scrub typhus and typhoid. Yesterday, Mr Choudhary visited the Village Guard Museum at New Pangsha village. Interacting with the community, he urged farmers to apply for PM-KISAN Credit Cards, and discussed crop damage compensation, women empowerment and drug abuse issues. Later, the Union Minister held a security review meeting at the International Trade Centre, Dan.

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Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Angshuman Dey, yesterday carried out a project inspection of works under the PM's Development Initiative for North East (PM-DeVINE) and North Eastern Council (NEC) schemes in Dimapur district. Mr Dey reviewed ongoing construction of the Tsithrongse-Dimapur power substation and upgradation at the Radiation Oncology Department at CIHSR, which are being executed under the PM-DeVINE scheme. He also reviewed NEC-funded infrastructure and livelihood-based projects. Interacting with implementing agencies and district officials, the Joint Secretary emphasized timely completion of works, quality standards, and effective use of funds to ensure benefits reach the people.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the Bagurumba Dhou 2026, Traditional Bodo Cultural Programme in Guwahati yesterday. On the occasion, more than 10,000 artists from the Bodo community performed the Bagurumba dance. Addressing the gathering, he said that the Bodo Peace Accord benefited the Community immensely and thousands of youths have given up arms and violence and they have joined the mainstream.

Mr. Modi highlighted the unprecedented development in the Bodoland Territorial Region since the peace accord, backed by a 1,500 crore rupees package from the central government. The Prime Minister is on a two-day long visit to Assam. Today, he will lay the foundation stone of the Kaziranga Elevated Corridor Project and flag off two trains.

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In view of bituminous surfacing work, the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Peren, D Robin has issued a travel advisory stating that the road stretch from Peren Namdi to Peren Headquarter via Peren Government College will remain closed to all vehicular traffic from the 21st to the 28th of January. During the period, commuters have been advised to use the alternative route from old Chalkot Junction to Peren Headquarters via New Peren village.

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The Southern Angami Youth Organisation, SAYO, has informed that a multi-agency search operation to trace a tourist from Tripura, who went missing while trekking to Dzukou Valley, has ended without success. It said, Pranab Das of West Tripura, went missing on January 4, with his last confirmed movement recorded at the Dzukou ticketing counter in Viswema. SAYO said, over 200 local volunteers, including police, NSDMA, and tour guides carried out extensive on-ground and drone-assisted searches, but no trace was found. SAYO expressed concern over repeated trekking incidents and urged visitors to strictly follow safety guidelines, including mandatorily getting local tour guides.

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And, Hüluvi D Vadeo has won the 30th Wrestling Championship of the Secheku Wrestling Association. Hailing from Sakraba village, Vadeo defeated Kuvenu Puro from Porba in the finals yesterday to secure the title. In the Under-15 category, Kutho Puro, from Porba village emerged the champion.

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