

THE HEADLINES ::

- Budget session of Parliament begins with President Droupadi Murmu's address to joint sitting of both Houses.
- Nagaland–Japan Connect 2026 showcases people-centric development and youth empowerment.
- ENLU objects to proposed centralisation of Constabulary Oral Interview for Nagaland Police.
- First ever mid-career training for Nagaland Police Service officers begins in Kohima.



President Droupadi Murmu has said the government is fully committed to social justice in its true sense and as a result of this, 25 crore citizens have overcome poverty during the last decade. Addressing the joint sitting of both houses of Parliament today on the first day of Budget session, President Murmu said during the third term of the government, the campaign to empower the poor has moved forward with greater momentum. She said, with continuous efforts of the government, about 95 crore Indians have social security cover today. Ms Murmu said, the vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas is bringing positive change in the lives of all citizens of the country.

Lauding the valour and prowess of the Indian Defence Forces during Operation Sindoor, President Murmu said, using its own resources, the country destroyed the base camps of terrorists. She said the government has sent a strong message that any terrorist attack on India will receive a firm and decisive response.

S/B PREZ 2: The President said, for employment and development in rural areas, a law named Viksit Bharat G Ram G has been enacted. Ms Murmu said, this scheme will provide new momentum to rural development and create new facilities for the farmers, livestock farmers and fishermen.



Nagaland–Japan Connect 2026 was held today at the Integrated Business Hub and Innovation Centre (IBHIC), Dimapur, highlighting the deepening partnership between Nagaland and Japan through people-to-people diplomacy, human resource development, and economic collaboration. Delivering the keynote address, Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang emphasising a people-centric development approach,

said Nagaland's focus is on human capital, particularly youth empowerment through skill development and global exposure.

Mr Zeliang highlighted the Centre of Excellence for Foreign Languages and the Memorandum of Understanding with Kochi Prefecture as key initiatives facilitating global employment opportunities, human resource exchange, and skill development. Inviting greater Japanese investment, Zeliang said Nagaland, strategically located as a gateway to Southeast Asia, has the potential to emerge as a hub of innovation. During the programme, Memoranda of Understanding were exchanged between the School of Agricultural Sciences and Konnekt Asia, and between IDAN and Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha.



The Eastern Nagaland Legislators' Union (ENLU) has raised objections to the proposed centralisation of the Constabulary Oral Interview for Nagaland Police Recruitment–2026 at Dimapur. In a letter to the DGP, ENLU Convener and Health Minister P. Paiwang Konyak highlighted the hardships faced by candidates from remote areas, citing poor connectivity, accommodation shortages, and financial constraints. The union stressed that interviews should be held in respective districts to ensure equitable access, fairness, and transparency, warning that centralisation would impose undue burdens and contravene the spirit of inclusive recruitment. ENLU urged immediate action to address the issue.



The first seven-day mid-career training for Nagaland Police Service officers began today at ATI Kohima. Principal Secretary Abhijit Sinha, as the special guest, highlighted the importance of reflecting on years of service, learning new skills, and enhancing administrative and management capabilities. ATI Director General V. Shashank Shekhar said the training would cover crucial establishment, financial, and legal topics to help officers perform their duties effectively and address challenges like substance abuse. The programme attended by 28 officers will go on till 4th February.



Maharashtra's Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar has died in a plane crash at Maharashtra's Baramati this morning. The Civil Aviation Ministry informed that a Learjet 45 (VT-SSK) aircraft, operated by VSR, crash landed at Baramati airport earlier today. The Ministry added that there were five personnel on board, including the Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister with two more personnel and two crew members. Officials said that no one on board survived the crash.

President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Home Minister Amit Shah and other Union Ministers have expressed profound grief over the his demise.



Nagaland leaders have expressed deep sorrow over the tragic demise of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister, Ajit Pawar, who died today in a plane crash near Baramati. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio described the incident as “tragic and unforeseen,” and remembered Mr Pawar as a seasoned leader whose decades of public service earned wide respect. Mr Rio extended condolences to the bereaved family, the government, and the people of Maharashtra. Deputy Speaker S. Toiho Yeptho also paid tribute, recalling Mr Pawar’s long political career, including his tenure as Deputy Chief Minister and key ministerial roles.



Prime Minister’s flagship platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, PRAGATI, has marked a significant milestone with the successful conduct of its 50th meeting. Since its launch by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, PRAGATI has transformed governance by enabling real-time monitoring and resolution of key infrastructure projects and public grievances through direct Prime Ministerial review. Over a decade, PRAGATI has helped accelerate decision-making, resolution of issues causing delay in key infrastructure projects, and instilled a strong culture of accountability. Today, in this special series, we take a look at the Nerul-Belapur - Uran Railway Line located in Maharashtra.

V/C: Nerul-Belapur - Uran Railway Line is a strategically significant suburban rail infrastructure project. The project was sponsored by the Ministry of Railways with a revised project cost of over 2 thousand 800 crore rupees. The railway line was planned for execution in two phases: Phase I from Nerul - Belapur-Seawood to Kharkopar, and Phase-II from Kharkopar to Uran. Recognising the project’s importance for port-based mobility, urban expansion, and regional economic integration, these issues were taken up for structured review under the PRAGATI mechanism on 22 February 2017. Guided by the directions of Prime Minister Modi, a coordinated and time-bound governance framework was activated, aligning the Ministry of Railways, CIDCO, the Government of Maharashtra, the Forest Department, and district administrations. This leadership-driven intervention translated into visible execution momentum on the ground. Phase I from Nerul / Belapur-Seawood to

Kharkopar was successfully commissioned in November 2018. The Kharkopar-Uran section (Phase-II) was subsequently inaugurated for passenger services by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 12 January 2024. The successful delivery of this project clearly demonstrates the value of the PRAGATI mechanism as a governance accelerator.



The NECTAR project under the Nagaland Education Project – The Lighthouse is conducting a four-day training on the Annual Curriculum and Pedagogical Plan (ACPP) for Trainers of Teachers and Professional Learning Community Subject Presidents and Mentors from today till 31 January at ATI Kohima. The training focuses on implementing the ACPP framework for English, Mathematics, Social Science, and Science, emphasizing learning outcomes, student competency, and inclusive planning for children with special needs. Over 70 participants from all 17 districts are attending the training.

