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- Economic Survey 2025-26 tabled in Parliament; Projects country's real GDP growth at 7.4 percent
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says reform, perform, transform define government
- Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan calls for robust oversight, decorum in Rajya Sabha
- In Ranji Trophy Elite, Nagaland post 322 for 6 on day one against Andhra Pradesh

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The country's real GDP is estimated to grow by 7.4 per cent in the financial year 2026, driven by strong domestic demand. Economic growth for 2027 is likely to range between 6.8 to 7.2 percent. This was stated in the Economic Survey presented by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Parliament today.

According to the Economic Survey, the Indian economy has maintained strong growth momentum in the financial year 2026, supported by private consumption and capital formation. Services remain the key contributor, while manufacturing has strengthened, and agriculture has provided stability. The Survey highlighted that despite global uncertainties, caused by geopolitical tensions and trade disruptions, India has demonstrated that macroeconomic growth can be sustained even in a turbulent global environment. Later, both House of Parliament adjourned for the day to meet again on Sunday, for the presentation of Union Budget 2026-27.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the country is now moving beyond long-term pending problems and is firmly stepping onto the path of long-term solutions. He said his government has been identified with Reform, Perform, and Transform, and the country has now boarded the Reform Express. Addressing the media in New Delhi today on the second day of the Budget Session, Mr Modi said, this is the time for solution rather than disruption, and urged everyone to act constructively for the development of the nation. He said the next 25 years will be crucial to achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat by the year 2047.

The Prime Minister said, India's democracy and demography are the hope for the world.

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Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman C.P Radhakrishnan has urged the members to contribute to exercising robust parliamentary oversight and maintaining the highest parliamentary decorum. In his opening remarks during Zero Hour at the commencement of the Session of the Rajya Sabha, Mr Radhakrishnan said that the country's democracy flourishes through diversity of views and spirited debate. He said, respectful exchange of opinions and constructive discussions should be the norm of parliamentary discourse.

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Mokokchung Police registered a total of 48 cases and made 67 arrests in 2025. This was disclosed in the crime statistics for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2025, released by the PRO and Additional SP Mokokchung. Of the total cases, 29 were registered under the IPC, including eight theft cases, seven vehicle accident cases, three cheating cases, two cases of kidnapping, and one rape case, among others. In addition, 19 cases were registered under special and local laws, comprising 14 under the NDPS Act, two under the Arms Act, and one case each under the NLTP Act, POCSO Act, and IT Act.

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The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship conducted an awareness and registration drive for the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (PM-NAPS) today at Jubilee Memorial College, Mokokchung. The initiative focuses on the Northeast Region, aligning with the Prime Minister's vision of "Ashta Lakshmi" and "Viksit Bharat, Viksit North East." Speaking at the event, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Mokokchung, Atsungba Walling highlighted the urgent need of skill development in an era defined by automation and globalisation. Emphasising that skills are the key to self-employment, Mr Walling further encouraged students to remain flexible and resilient in the modern job market.

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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 Haridaspur-Paradeep New Rail Line located in Odisha. A report...

V/C- The Haridaspur-Paradeep New Rail Line, spanning 82 km in Odisha, was conceived to establish a direct, high-capacity rail link between the mineral-rich hinterland of eastern India and Paradeep Port. The project was sponsored by Ministry of Railways and was sanctioned in January 1997. Despite clear strategic justification and technical preparedness, project execution encountered a familiar set of challenges like Land acquisition delays, financial issues and delays in licenses and approvals.

*The project's trajectory shifted decisively following its escalation to PRAGATI review in August 2018. Recognising the project's national importance for port-based logistics and freight mobility, Prime Minister Narendra Modi issued clear, time-bound directions to the Government of Odisha, Ministry of Railways, and district administrations to resolve pending land acquisition and statutory clearances in a mission mode. Approved as early as 1996 but stalled for decades, the project gained decisive momentum post it being reviewed under PRAGATI mechanism and was commissioned in 2020. The broader public promise was realised when the first passenger train was finally flagged off in March 2024, marking the corridor not just as a freight artery, but as a long-awaited catalyst for balanced regional development.*

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The Bharat Ko Jano Yatra was held yesterday in Tseminyu. The programme was organised by the North East Zone Culture Centre (NEZCC), Dimapur, under the Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with the state Department of Art and Culture. In his keynote address, NEZCC Director-cum-Nodal Officer Teisovikuolie Therie emphasised cultural exchange as a means to strengthen national integration and unity. He exhorted the youths to take pride in and cherish the diversity of the country. Deputy Commissioner Tseminyu, Japheth Woch, highlighted the rich cultural heritage of the Rengma community and called for preserving it for the younger generation. The event featured vibrant cultural performances by various troupes from Tseminyu and Assam.

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The third phase of training for Civil Defence Wardens and Volunteers of Dimapur district got underway yesterday. Addressing the gathering, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur Zakabo V. Rotokha, emphasized the importance of civil defence preparedness, community participation, and a coordinated response during disasters and emergencies. Highlighting that East Dimapur faces one of the worst floods in recent years due to extreme weather conditions, he said the trained wardens would play a crucial role. Wardens and volunteers from

East Dimapur Town Council Wards 1 to 11 and Samaguri Village are participating in the seven-day training.

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And in cricket, Nagaland reached 322 for 6 at stumps on Day One of their Ranji Trophy Elite match against Andhra Pradesh today. After winning the toss and opting to bat, Nagaland suffered early setbacks but recovered strongly, led by Chetan Bist, who remains unbeaten on 160.

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