

## Evening News Script

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### THE HEADLINES :-

- Union Minister Kriti Vardhan Singh says India's growth driven by good governance, accountability
- Nagaland Police enforce mandatory reporting of foreigners under new immigration act
- Prime Minister Modi inspires students to look beyond exams and focus on life skills... And
- Nagaland Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Mission holds first Enterprise Readiness workshop

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Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and External Affairs, Kriti Vardhan Singh, today said India is witnessing consistent economic growth due to good governance, digital reforms and enhanced accountability under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Addressing a press conference in Kohima, Mr Singh said India continued to register economic growth even during the COVID-19 period, unlike several developed countries.

Emphasising the role of free trade agreements, the Minister said India has signed trade agreements with more than 40 countries, which opens global markets for Indian products, supports MSMEs and generates employment for the youth. On the Union Budget 2026-27, he said it is a long-term roadmap aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Mr Singh added that the Northeast holds vast potential in tourism, eco-tourism, agro-forestry and organic farming, and assured that several government

schemes are designed to ensure economic growth reaches rural and remote areas.



The Commissioner of Police, Dimapur has directed accommodation providers to strictly comply with mandatory reporting of foreign nationals under the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025. In a notification issued today, Commissioner of Police-cum-Foreigners Registration Officer, Dimapur, Aotula T Imchen, said, hotels, homestays, hospitals, educational institutions and all other establishments providing accommodation must report the arrival and stay of foreigners within 24 hours through the Form-III on the Indian FRRO portal or the 'Indian Visa Su-Swagatam' mobile app. As per the Act, records of all foreigners must be maintained electronically for at least one year and produced when demanded by authorities. Noting that reporting of foreigners is crucial for national security, Police urged for timely and accurate reporting, and warned of penal action for any failure to comply.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with students during the 9th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha. In the 2nd video episode released today, the Prime Minister was seen addressing on how to overcome stress and anxiety during exams and also inspired students to look beyond exams, focus on life skills, sports, creativity, and self-growth. During the interaction, he encouraged students to begin their entrepreneurial journey with small start-ups, saying big ideas often grow from modest beginnings.

The Prime Minister also stressed upon the importance of civic responsibility, urging students to follow basic rules such as not littering, not spitting on roads, obeying traffic signals, and avoiding food wastage. He said that disciplined daily behaviour plays a crucial role in nation-building. The Prime Minister added that discipline gives direction while motivation strengthens the journey.



Four Naga writers have been conferred the Writers International Network Canada Literary Awards 2026. The awardees are Mhonlumo Kikon as the

Distinguished Poet and Writer, Vishü Rita Krocha for the Distinguished Poet and Writer, Kemya Yanlam for the Emerging Writer and Artist, and Dr Tialila Kikon for the Distinguished Poet and Global Poetry Ambassador Award. The awards were presented by President of Writers International Network, Vancouver, Ashok Bhargava during an International Literary Gala at Wangkhao Government College, Mon, on Saturday.



The Nagaland Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Mission, NSEDM under IDAN, conducted a two-day Enterprise Readiness Support Workshop on the 6th and 7th of February in Kohima. The workshop marked the first NSEDM initiative and brought together select micro and aspiring entrepreneurs from across the state. The workshop was designed as an intensive and interactive programme, and NSEDM plans to follow up with mentorship and handholding support for participants to ensure tangible and sustainable impact. Speaking at the opening session, Under Secretary and Project Manager-in-Charge, NSEDM, I. Changsang, said that language and background should not be barriers to entrepreneurship and highlighted the importance of moving beyond a salary-dependent mindset to address unemployment and strengthen the State's economy. The workshop covered business strategy, digital skills, financial literacy, risk management, regulatory awareness and access to credit schemes. The workshop concluded with a certification ceremony.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today announced a Special Economic Package of 175 million dollars for the Seychelles. Addressing the Joint Press Meet after meeting the President of the Seychelles, Dr Patrick Herminie, in New Delhi, Mr Modi said that this package will support Social Housing, E-Mobility, Vocational Training, Health, Defence, and Maritime Security. India and Seychelles also signed seven Memoranda of Understanding across various sectors, including Health, Meteorology, Electronics and Information Technology and Good Governance. On the occasion, Mr Modi said that India and Seychelles are not just by geography but by history, trust and shared vision for the future. He added that as a maritime neighbour and trusted partner, Seychelles holds a special place in India's Vision MAHASAGAR and blue economy.

This is President Herminie’s first visit to India since assuming office in October last year.

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Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw today virtually flagged off new passenger train services between Sairang in Mizoram and Silchar in Assam. Addressing the event in New Delhi, Mr Vaishnaw highlighted Silchar as a very important commercial centre in the northeastern region. He said that a railway budget of more than 11 thousand crore rupees has been allocated for the North Eastern region, and projects worth 72 thousand crore rupees are underway in the region.

The Minister also inaugurated the New Passenger Facilities at Guwahati Railway Station.

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Nagaland Public Service Commission, NPSC, has announced the results for the NCS and Allied Services Preliminary Examination 2026. Details can be accessed from the Commission's website at [www.npsc.nagaland.gov.in](http://www.npsc.nagaland.gov.in) and also from its notice board. NPSC also informed that the main examination is scheduled to be conducted from 20th of April.

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