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- Prime Minister Modi says trade deal with US reflects India's measured approach to global trade negotiations
- Nagaland to launch drive to digitise old birth and death records from February 5
- Nagaland felicitates 20 schools for cleanliness and green initiatives
- State government revises media accreditation rules expanding coverage to digital, freelance journalists

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that India's landmark trade agreement with the United States is the result of sustained patience. He said this while addressing NDA MPs at the Parliamentary party meeting today. According to sources, Mr Modi said the trade deal has created an economic environment and reflected the government's consistent and measured approach to global trade negotiations. The Prime Minister said, the world order is changing and its trajectory is increasingly tilting towards India. The India-US trade agreement, which lowers US tariffs on Indian goods to 18 percent from the current 25 percent has drawn praise from various Union Ministers and trade associations.

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Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal today said that the India-US trade deal is a historic and forward-looking trade agreement that places India's national interest at the centre. He added that the trade deal strengthens the country's position in the global economy. Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, the Minister highlighted that this agreement will create new opportunities for farmers, fishermen, MSMEs, women entrepreneurs and the youth across rural and urban India.

The Minister said that under the deal, India’s agricultural interests have been fully safeguarded, and no compromise has been made on the livelihoods of the farmers.

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The Nagaland Directorate of Economics and Statistics will conduct a special drive for online registration and digitisation of old manual Birth and Death Certificates across the state from February 5 to 20. During this period, citizens with old manual birth or death certificates may approach the concerned registrars to have their records officially registered and digitised. The drive will cover all registration units in Nagaland, and aims to streamline vital records into the digital system, making them more secure, accessible, and officially recognised for future use. For assistance or queries, individuals may contact the helpline number 7005404269 during office hours.

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The Nagaland Government has notified the Nagaland News Media Accreditation (Revised) Rules, 2025, following Cabinet approval conveyed on December 18, last year. The revised rules expand the scope of accreditation to include satellite channels, electronic and digital media, freelancers, and technicians associated with electronic media. The new provisions aim to align with the evolving media landscape and be more inclusive by ensuring broader representation of journalists engaged in news dissemination and media services.

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The State-Level Felicitation Programme for Swachh Evam Harit Vidyalaya Rating (SHVR) 2025–26 was held today at the Directorate of School Education, Kohima in collaboration with Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland. During the programme, 20 schools from across the state were honoured for excellence in cleanliness, hygiene, and environmental initiatives, while five schools were nominated for the national level. Addressing the event, Secretary, School Education Department and SCERT, Mhathung Tungoe, highlighted that SHVR 2025–26 is a revitalised version of the Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar, promoting sustainable practices in schools, aligned with NEP 2020.

Principal Director, Shashank Pratap Singh, emphasised the need to inculcate cleanliness and hygiene at the family level to build a future-ready society in line with a developed India by 2047. More than 2500 schools participated in the SHVR 2025–26, with 51 qualifying at the district level, out of which 20 qualified at the state level. The Five schools nominated for the National Level are Kendriya Vidyalaya Tuli in Mokokchung; JNV Pfutsero in Phek; Assam Rifles School, Naginimora in Mon; DMI St. Joseph Global School, Dimapur; and GHS Yachem in Longleng district.

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The Central government has said that a cyber forensic division is being established in Nagaland, along with similar facilities in Punjab and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. This was informed by Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today. He said that 27 States and Union Territories already have cyber forensic labs, while Sikkim remains the only state without such a facility.

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In Lok Sabha today, eight opposition MPs were suspended from the remaining part of the Budget Session for their unruly behaviour. These MPs are Manickam Tagore, Amrinder Singh Raja, Gurjeet Singh Aujla, Hibi Eden, Dean Kuriakose, Prashant Padole and Kiran Kumar Reddy of Congress, and S Venkatesan of CPI (M). When the Lok Sabha assembled after the third adjournment at 3 PM, the opposition MPs started protesting over various issues. The Presiding Officer objected to the MPs' conduct of throwing paper towards the Chair. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju later moved a resolution seeking their suspension.

The House approved the resolution with voice vote. After that, the Lok Sabha was adjourned for the day to meet again at 11AM tomorrow.

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Akashvani Kohima has once again invited applications for filling up 11 posts of Part-Time Correspondents (PTCs) in 11 districts of Nagaland. The districts include Chumoukedima, Longleng, Meluri, Mon, Noklak, Peren, Phek, Shamator, Tuensang, Tseminyu and Zunheboto.

The necessary details and prescribed proforma may be accessed from the www.newsonair.gov.in under the vacancies section, issued on 19th December 2025. The last date of submission of applications is 20th of February 2026.

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Nagaland is set to host the Under-13 ASMITA Zonal Football League 2025-26 for the East Zone. The tournament will kick off on February 5 at the Chümoukedima Football Stadium. Organised under the ASMITA and Khelo India initiatives, the league aims to promote grassroots football and identify young talent. Currently, zonal leagues are being conducted across four zones - North, South, East, and West. The East Zone includes Tripura, Assam, Mizoram, Sikkim and hosts Nagaland. Winners and runners-up from each zonal league will advance to the National Round of the ASMITA Football League 2025-26.

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