

## Morning News Script

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The Core Committee of the All Nagaland Ad-hoc Teachers Group (ANATG)-2015 yesterday proposed to keep their strike on hold till June 30, accepting a proposal by the Directorate of School Education (DoSE). The final decision would be taken at a general body meeting today. The DoSE had on Thursday appealed to them to call off the protest over the regularisation of 1,166 ad-hoc teachers, assuring that concerted efforts were underway to resolve the issue in a fair and transparent manner. The Core Committee convened an emergency meeting following receipt of the written communication. After detailed deliberations, the committee resolved to temporarily put the protest on hold in good faith, acknowledging the assurances given by the government. However, it set June 30 as the deadline for completion of all alternative arrangements and processes for regularisation. Core Committee members said they have submitted their proposal to the principal director and are awaiting the government's response. They also stated that the final decision on keeping the agitation on hold was yet to be endorsed by the general members, who have been staging a sit-in protest since February 4.

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah yesterday launched the Vibrant Village Programme 2.0 at Nathunpur in the Indo-Bangladesh border area of Katigara in Cachar district of Assam. Speaking on this occasion, Mr. Shah said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken several steps for the development of border areas. He said, such programs would be organized in 334 blocks and in about 1 thousand 954 villages in 17 states of the country as well as in 140 border villages in Assam. He also said that development works have also started in 334 blocks and in about 2 thousand villages along the Indo-Pakistan border. Terming the illegal encroachment a biggest problem in Assam, the Home Minister said, encroachers have occupied several villages. He said the Bharatiya Janata Party government has taken effective steps to stop encroachment in the last 10 years.

The Union Minister also inaugurated the Joint Regional Official Language Conference (Rajbhasha Sammelan) for the Eastern, North-Eastern and Northern Regions in Agartala.

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Nagaland University honoured five eminent scientists with Lifetime Achievement Awards during the International Conference on Chemistry in Multidisciplinary Research (ICCMR-2026) held from February 18-20 at Lumami. The awardees included Prof. A.K. Mallik of Punjabi University, Prof. V.S. Raja of Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Prof. M.A. Quraishi, former Professor at IIT (BHU) Varanasi, Prof. M. Indira Devi of Nagaland University, and Prof. Nitin Chattopadhyay, former Professor of Jadavpur University.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani at 11 AM tomorrow. It will be the 131st episode of the monthly radio programme. More from our Correspondent-

(The programme will be broadcast across the entire Akashvani and Doordarshan network, the AIR News website, and the Newsonair mobile app. It will also be live-streamed on the YouTube channels of AIR News, DD News, the PMO, and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Akashvani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast)

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And, in local sports.... 27 years old Kezhaselu-o Pienyü successfully defended his champion title of the Angami Sports Association during the 54th Senior and 1st Under-15 Wrestling Meet held at Khuochiezie, Kohima Local Ground. Mr Pienyü from Kohim village representing Northern Angami Sports Association (NASA) defeated Neithongulie Kuotsu in final bout to win the title. Second position holder, Neithongulie Kuotsu 28 years old from Phesama represented the Southern Angami Sports Association. Meanwhile, in the Under 15 category, Menuokhriezo Metha, from Chiechama village, representing NASA emerged the champion.

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