

## Morning News Script

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Union Budget 2026-27 in the Lok Sabha today. After presentation of the Budget in the Lower House, the copy of the budget will be tabled in the Rajya Sabha. It will be the third Budget of the Narendra Modi government and a record ninth consecutive Union Budget presentation by Ms Sitharaman, since assuming office in 2019. The Budget is expected to outline the government's economic roadmap for the coming year, with a focus on growth, employment generation and fiscal stability. The Budget documents will be available on the Union Budget Mobile App and the website after the completion of the Budget Speech in Parliament.

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Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan has said that the grand celebration of the 77th Republic Day Parade stood as a vibrant reflection of India's unity in diversity. Speaking at the closing ceremony of Bharat Parv 2026 in New Delhi yesterday, he said, it is an experience that brings alive the timeless spirit of the country, with each state and region telling its own unique story. The Vice President said, the Parade reaffirmed the unwavering commitment to the sovereignty and security of the nation. He added that as India progresses through the Amrit Kaal, it is witnessing transformation in infrastructure expansion, digital empowerment, financial inclusion, social security, women-led development, and youth-driven innovation. Mr Radhakrishnan noted that the government's sustained investments in connectivity and tourism infrastructure are ensuring balanced growth among all regions of the country.

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At least five people lost their lives and several others were injured in a tragic bus accident along 10th mile road near Tsiesema last evening. According to reports, the accident occurred around 8:00 PM. The passengers were members of the Chümoukedima Ao Baptist Church, returning from Mokochung after attending a church event. Those injured were taken to the Christian Institute of Health Sciences and Research (CIHSR) in Dimapur for treatment. Further details are awaited. Meanwhile, Rajya Sabha MP, S. Phangnon Konyak has expressed grief over the incident. In a social media post, Ms Konyak said she had spoken to authorities at CIHSR, and appreciated the doctors and staff for their timely medical care. The MP offered condolences to the bereaved families and wished speedy recovery to the injured.

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The Nagaland Police has announced that the oral interview, or viva-voce, for recruitment of 1,176 Constable (GD) posts will be conducted at the district level across the state. An official notice yesterday said, the decision follows approval of the state government. Details on interview dates and venues will be notified soon through local newspapers, the Nagaland Police website, and the recruitment portal. Candidates have been advised to check official platforms regularly or contact their district recruitment helplines for updates.

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The Aspirational District Programme and Aspirational Block Programme under Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0 were launched at Kiphire on Saturday. Addressing the event, ADC Kiphire, Longdiba L. Sangtam, said the initiative focuses on time-bound interventions to improve key indicators in health, nutrition and education, including ICDS nutrition services, sanitation, drinking water, school facilities for girls and vaccination of bovine animals. He called for active participation from all departments to strengthen service delivery and community engagement. The Abhiyan aims to strengthen grassroots governance, ensure inter-departmental coordination and accelerate inclusive development in Aspirational District of Kiphire.

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And In cricket, Nagaland were 85 for 4 wickets in their second innings on day three of the Ranji Trophy Elite match against Andhra. Earlier, Nagaland posted 366 in their first innings, while Andhra responded with a total of 536. Nagaland trail by 85 runs as play continues today at Nagaland Cricket Stadium, Sovima.

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