

## Morning News Script

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India has expressed deep concern at the recent developments in Iran and the Gulf region and urged all sides to exercise restraint, avoid escalation, and prioritise the safety of civilians. The External Affairs Ministry stressed in a statement that dialogue and diplomacy should be pursued to de-escalate tensions and address underlying issues. It emphasised that sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states must be respected. Meanwhile, India has issued advisories for its nationals residing in West Asian countries, asking them to avoid unnecessary travel, take due care and remain vigilant in view of fast evolving situation in the region. Meanwhile, several airlines have suspended flights to destinations in the region.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Micron Technology's state-of-the-art Semiconductor Assembly, Test and Packaging facility at Sanand in Gujarat yesterday. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Modi said, the inauguration marks the commencement of commercial production and shipment of the first made-in-India semiconductor memory modules from the Sanand facility. He said, the event signifies a historic milestone in India's journey toward global technology leadership.

The Prime Minister reiterated India's commitment to the semiconductor sector, noting that, so far 10 projects have been approved under Semicon India.

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Member of Parliament from Nagaland, S. Supongmeren Jamir, has raised major concerns with the Central government regarding digital connectivity, telecom infrastructure, and postal services. Taking up the matter with the Ministry of Communications and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Mr Jamir highlighted serious gaps in Optical Fibre Connectivity across District Headquarters and Block Headquarters in Nagaland, Manipur, and Arunachal Pradesh. The MP said improved connectivity is essential for governance, education, telemedicine, and economic development in remote areas. On postal infrastructure, Mr Jamir urged construction of a new Head Post Office building in Kohima, approval of a Sub-Division Post Office in Tuensang, and new post office buildings in Mangkolomba and Pungro. He also sought the establishment of a Passport Seva Kendra in the state capital. Further, the MP proposed upgrading the State Data Centre into an AI-powered facility and introducing blockchain-based service delivery systems to improve transparency and efficiency.

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S.I. Aren, a progressive farmer from Longkhum village in Mokokchung district, has been honoured with the 'IARI Innovative Farmer Award 2026' during the valedictory ceremony of the Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela 2026 in New Delhi. The event was held by ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) on February 27. The award recognizes Mr Aren's contribution to ecological sustainability through his practices of diversified hill-based farming system integrating field crops, horticulture and apiculture.

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The Nagaland Police 1st Inter-School Sports Festival 2026, culminated yesterday at Chumoukedima Football Stadium. Speaking at the closing ceremony Advisor to the Chief Minister and Chairman of IDAN, Abu Metha, said the festival marked a meaningful beginning, coming more than six decades after Nagaland attained statehood. He highlighted the potential of Naga youth and urged students to work hard and make the most of the opportunities provided.

In the final results, Nagaland Police Central School, 1st NAP Battalion, emerged as overall champions, while Regimental School, 4th NAP Battalion, Thizama, finished as runners-up. The festival featured both individual and team events, with participation from 16 schools across the state.

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