

## Morning News Script

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India and the Nordic nations comprising Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, and Iceland have elevated their bilateral ties to a Green Technology and Innovation Strategic Partnership. Mr Modi made the announcement while addressing a joint press meet with leaders of Nordic nations after attending the third India-Nordic Summit in Norwegian capital Oslo yesterday . Prime Minister Modi said, investments from Nordic countries in India rose by 200 per cent in past decade.

Prime Minister Modi affirmed that the relations between India and the Nordic countries are set to usher in a new golden era with the recently concluded trade agreements including Trade and Economic Partnership and India-EU Free Trade deal. On terrorism, Mr Modi said, the two sides have a clear and united stand-no compromise, no double standards. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Ministers of Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Finland and Denmark, reiterated their commitment to shared values of democracy, a rules-based global order, and urgent reforms in multilateral institutions in today's changing world. Acknowledging India's global stature, they stressed the need for enhanced cooperation with New Delhi, as countries sharing similar values, particularly to address the challenges of conflict and global disruptions. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Modi has arrived in Italy's capital Rome, on the fifth and final leg of his five-nation tour after concluding his visits to Norway, Sweden, the Netherlands and UAE.

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Indian Railway's electrification has touched 99.6 per cent coverage. It has reached to over 69 thousand 873 Kilometres. As of March this year, India has practically achieved complete electrification of its Broad Gauge network, positioning itself ahead of major rail systems in the European Union, United Kingdom and United States of America.

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Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha S Phangnon Konyak met Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi yesterday. The MP expressed gratitude to the Union Minister for her valuable guidance, keen insight and continued support.

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Following confirmed outbreaks of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Chungtia village, Kangtsungyimsen village, and Shitikolak Ward under Tuli Sub-Division, Deputy Commissioner of Mokochung urged the public to refrain from buying or consuming pork in the affected areas and adjoining regions. In an advisory, the Veterinary Department, in coordination with local administrative authorities, has been directed to strictly monitor the infected zones. The advisory also stated that the import of pigs from outside the state will be closely regulated, with mandatory testing of all consignments entering the district. It informed that transit time for imported pigs at designated stockyards in Tuli Sub-Division should not exceed 24 hours, and further testing will be conducted before transportation to other districts.

The public has also been advised to immediately report any unusual behaviour or suspected pig deaths linked to ASF to the office of the Chief Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Officer, Mokokchung.

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An Awareness-cum-Screening Camp aimed at strengthening public health services and promoting early detection and prevention of communicable diseases was organized at the DC Kohima office yesterday . The programme was conducted by the District Integrated Strategy for HIV/AIDS (DISHA) in collaboration with the District Administration Kohima and various vertical programmes under the Chief Medical Officer’s Office, Kohima. During the camp, free, accessible and confidential screening services were provided for HIV, Syphilis, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Tuberculosis through Chest X-ray, Blood Sugar and Blood Pressure.

The initiative was organized in line with the national objective of eliminating HIV/AIDS as a public health threat and reducing the burden of communicable diseases through early diagnosis and timely treatment. The programme also supported the Mission AIDS Suraksha 95-95-99 targets aimed at improving detection, treatment and viral suppression among infected individuals. A total of 102 staff availed the services provided during the camp, which was led by Deputy Commissioner Kohima, B Henok Buchem.

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