

Morning News Script

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The Budget Session of Parliament will begin today. The Session which will conclude on 12th of August, will have 16 sittings. AIR correspondent reports that this Session will mainly be devoted to the financial business relating to Union Budget for 2024-25. On the first day of the session, Economic Survey - 2023-24 will be tabled in the Parliament which provides statistical information and analysis on various sectors of the economy. On Tuesday, Finance Minister Nirmala Sithraman will present the Union Budget - 2024-25 in the Lok Sabha. On the same day, the Budget for Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for 2024 will also be presented. During the session, government is likely to introduce six new bills. Yesterday, the government held an all-party meeting in New Delhi to ensure smooth functioning of both the Houses.

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Prime Minister Modi announced that India will contribute one million dollar to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre. Prime Minister Modi yesterday inaugurated the 46th Session of the World Heritage Committee at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. He said, the grant will especially be used for the countries of the Global South. Prime Minister Modi said, the vision of India is development as well as heritage.

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Power department has informed that it will be carrying out vegetation clearance of 132 KV Wokha–Philimi transmission line under Kohima transmission division from tomorrow till Thursday. Executive Engineer, Transmission Division, Kohima, Namheu Khate Zelaing said that during the period of vegetation clearance there will be total shutdown of power from 8am to 4pm daily. He said the exercise is being carried out to avoid unwanted disruption and facilitate stable power supply. All consumers and public in the affected areas are therefore requested to extend cooperation during the shutdown period.

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The Department of School Education and Literacy is observing Shiksha Saptah beginning today until the 28th of July. The aim of Shiksha Saptah is to promote collaboration and the impactful educational reforms introduced by National Education Policy 2020 among students, educators, and stakeholders. During the week, theme based days will be observed. It includes Teaching-Learning Material Day, Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Day, Sports Day and Cultural Day.

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The Centre has lifted a ban on government employees taking part in Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) activities. The ban, imposed in November 1966 during the rule of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, has been removed by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. In a post on X, BJP IT Cell chief Amit Malviya said the unconstitutional order issued 58 years ago, in 1966, imposing a ban on government employees taking part in RSS activities has been withdrawn by the Modi government. Several state governments, including Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh, have already removed the restrictions on government employees being linked to RSS.

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Assam Rifles conducted a Medical Camps at Toshiho village under Niuland and Old Thewati village under Phek District on Saturday last. At Toshiho village about 400 villagers including children and elderly villagers availed medical checkup at the Camp. A team of an doctor and medical staff from Assam Rifles rendered quality healthcare service to a total of 75 resident of Old Thewati village. Assam Rifles said that the medical camps underscores the dedication of Assam Rifles to serve the nation. Meanwhile, in line with the weeklong tree plantation drive commenced by Eastern Command, Assam Rifles initiated the drive in the remote Indo-Myanmar border District Kiphire, Nagaland. This initiative aims to enhance environmental sustainability and foster a sense of ecological responsibility among the local community.

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US President Joe Biden has withdrawn from the presidential race for the upcoming November election. The announcement was made last night by Biden in a letter posted on his social media account. The President said he will be speaking to the nation later this week in more detail about

his decision. Additionally, President Biden endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris as the presidential nominee

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