

## Morning News Script

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Nagaland is observing National Immunization Day today across all districts to protect children against polio and sustain India's polio-free status. The campaign aims to vaccinate 1 lakh 43 thousand 530 children below five years with two drops of Oral Polio Vaccine. Health & Family Welfare Department has urged parents and caregivers to bring their children to the nearest Polio Booth between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

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The United Naga Council (UNC) on Saturday demanded the Centre's 'immediate intervention' in halting what it called a 'proxy war' by Kuki armed groups against the Nagas in Manipur. Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, leaders of the council said they submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister seeking immediate intervention regarding what they described as the deteriorating security situation in the Naga areas of Manipur. The UNC, the apex body of 21 Naga tribes, said that in a meeting with Adviser (Northeast) in the Home Affairs Ministry Ajit Lal, they demanded a court-monitored investigation into recent alleged killings of six Liangmai Nagas and asserted that the incident may 'sabotage the Indo-Naga peace process'.

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Union Ministers of State for Health and Family Welfare, Anupriya Patel has said that India had made significant progress in healthcare over the past 12 years and is working toward the broader goal of universal health coverage, ensuring accessible, affordable and quality healthcare for every citizen. Speaking at an event yesterday, Ms Patel highlighted Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana as one of the world's largest health assurance programmes, and said it is helping families access treatment with financial protection.

The Minister also noted that India now has about one lakh 84 thousand Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, which are serving as the first point of contact for patients and strengthening primary healthcare at the grassroots level. Ms Patel stressed that the rising burden of non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and certain cancers is a major public health concern.

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Science and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said that the Genome India Mission has already completed genome sequencing of over 10,000 individuals and is progressing towards building one of the world's largest genomic databases. Addressing a special Doctors' Day Conclave yesterday, he said India's unique genetic diversity, scientific ecosystem and emerging technologies are driving the next generation of affordable, patient-centric healthcare. He emphasised that healthcare is entering a transformative era in which treatment will increasingly be tailored to an individual's genetic profile, lifestyle and environmental factors. Highlighting the role of Artificial Intelligence, Dr Singh said AI is accelerating advancements in genome sequencing, biomedical research, disease diagnosis, and medical education by improving data analysis and clinical decision-making.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in his Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani today at 11 AM. The 135th episode of the monthly radio 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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Nagaland Police has informed the public that the emergency helpline number 100 has been discontinued and is no longer in service. The service has now been integrated with the unified emergency helpline, 112. Citizens are advised to dial toll-free number 112 for all emergency assistance. For reporting and assistance on cyber fraud, the dedicated helpline number is 1930.

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