

Morning News Script

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a four-day visit to Uzbekistan and Kyrgyz Republic beginning today. On his first leg of his two day visit. Mr. Modi will reach Uzbekistan's capital Tashkent today. He will visit Tashkent at the invitation of the President of Uzbekistan, Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev. This will be Prime Minister's fourth visit to Uzbekistan. The Prime Minister's Office in a statement said that during his two-day visit, Mr Modi will hold delegation-level talks with President Mirziyoyev to further strengthen the strategic partnership between India and Uzbekistan. On the second leg of his visit, the Prime Minister will travel to Bishkek on a two day visit to participate in the 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit, at the the invitation of Kyrgyz Republic President Sadyr Zhaparo.

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The death toll from devastating flash floods in Nepal and Tibet has risen to 579, with 1924 people still missing. According to the date released by the Nepal's National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority 579 bodies have been recovered so far, while 101 injured people are undergoing treatment in hospitals. The missing figure of 1,924 includes people from hydropower projects, foreign nationals, civilians and security and government personnel. As many as 933 people from hydroelectric projects are reported missing, while 517 foreign nationals remain unaccounted for. Meanwhile India has stepped up humanitarian assistance to Nepal affected by flash floods as the third flight carrying ten tonnes of humanitarian assistance has departed for Kathmandu last evening. The Ministry of External Affairs has said that 320 Indian nationals remain uncontactable or are reportedly missing while, around 100 people of Indian origin, holding other nationalities also remain uncontactable.

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Minister for Housing and Mechanical Engineering, P. Bashangmongba Chang, inaugurated the New SP Office Tuensang yesterday. Speaking at the function, the Minister said the new office building symbolises the growth and professionalism of the police institution and reflects a renewed commitment to public service. The facility, he added, would provide a better working environment for police personnel and enable them to discharge their responsibilities more efficiently. Mr Chang also highlighted the emerging challenges confronting modern policing, noting that crime is no longer confined to the physical world. He stressed that the police force must continuously upgrade its skills, embrace new technologies and remain prepared to meet the changing needs and challenges of society. The Minister also emphasised that the Police Department, civil administration, traditional institutions, community leaders, civil society organisations and the public must work together to preserve peace, security and communal harmony in the district.

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Advisor for SCERT and Food Processing, Achumbemo Kikon said he is closely monitoring the Assam-Nagaland border situation following the August 25-26 incidents at Negheribil and the disruption of the road linking Longayim, Longchum and Mekirang. Mr Kikon said he remains in touch with the Border

Magistrate, DC and SP, while efforts are being made at the higher level to ease tensions. Appealing for restraint, the Advisor said the border issue should be resolved peacefully and assured the villagers that he would continue to pursue the matter with the government. On the foothill road and the demand from residents to make it motorable within a week, he said the alignment under Changpang Circle was presented and approved at the State Cabinet meeting held at Doyang on August 6. With the alignment now finalised, he urged the R&B Department to expedite the work and make the road motorable at earliest possible.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani at 11 AM tomorrow . It will be the 137th episode of the monthly radio programme. A report;

V/C- ***The 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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