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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has welcomed the Cabinet's decision on the Green Energy Corridor Phase III. In a social media post, Mr. Modi said the decision will facilitate the evacuation of 135 gigawatts of renewable energy, support 50 gigawatt-hours of battery storage and strengthen power grids across states and Union Territories. He added that the initiative will create more jobs in manufacturing, construction and energy storage, while providing a major boost towards achieving 900 gigawatts of non-fossil fuel-based capacity by 2035.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has described filmmaker Theja Rio's international recognition for his debut feature film ANGH as a moment of pride for Nagaland and the Naga people. Mr Rio was speaking at a felicitation programme organised by the Government of Nagaland in Kohima yesterday. The Chief Minister commended Theja Rio's filmmaking journey and acknowledged the contribution of the film's producers, crew and first-time actors, particularly from Mon district. He said the journey of ANGH from Mon to Toronto demonstrates that geography need not limit ambition when supported by talent, dedication and perseverance. The Chief Minister said young Nagas are increasingly telling the world who they are through cinema, music, sport, entrepreneurship, art, technology and innovation. Mr Rio described this as the growing soft power of Nagaland, saying every international achievement by a young Naga expands the footprint of Brand Nagaland.

He said ANGH was the only Indian film selected for the Platform Competition at the Toronto International Film Festival 2026, reflecting the strength of authentic stories rooted in Nagaland's history, culture and people. Mr Rio called upon young people to dream big while maintaining discipline, patience, courage and perseverance. He

also stressed the Government's responsibility to create opportunities and an enabling ecosystem for cinema, music, arts, culture, sport, entrepreneurship and innovation. Mr Rio said the achievement of ANGH could mark a new chapter for Naga cinema and inspire a new generation of Naga storytellers. Writer Director Theja Rio said the success of ANGH should open conversations on nurturing cinema in Nagaland and taking more Naga stories to the world.

Representatives of the Film Association of Nagaland, Konyak Union, Naga Students' Federation and Eastern Naga Students' Federation also lauded the filmmaker and the ANGH team. The programme also featured an exclusive trailer screening of ANGH.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio on International Day of Older Persons today, paid tribute to Elders as keepers of Naga stories, customs and wisdom. He said, their guidance strengthens the communities and connects generations. Mr Rio urged people to uphold their dignity, care for their well-being, and cherish their invaluable place in the society.

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The Centre has no immediate plan to impose curbs on social media accounts for individuals below 18 years of age. Sources in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting today dismissed media reports claiming the Centre is planning to impose such restrictions. The sources termed the reports fake and baseless.

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And, The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has said that seasonal rainfall over south peninsular India from October to December is most likely to be normal during the post-monsoon season. The IMD said most parts of the country are likely to receive below-normal rainfall during the season, except some areas of northwest India and southern parts of peninsular India, where rainfall is expected to be normal to above normal. The weather agency said rainfall across the country in October is

likely to be below normal. It also forecast above-normal maximum temperatures over most parts of the country during October. However, normal maximum temperatures are likely over some parts of northeast India and isolated areas of central and northwest India.

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