

## Morning News Script

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The External Affairs Ministry has said that India and the United States will work for the betterment of people and ensure peace and security. Briefing the media in New Delhi yesterday, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to President elect Donald Trump and conveyed to him that India is looking forward to further strengthening the India-US comprehensive global and strategic partnership. Mr. Jaiswal said, the India United States partnership is multifaceted and special.

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President Droupadi Murmu has emphasized that the changing global geopolitical and security landscape requires strengthening of naval power to safeguard national maritime interests. The President made this remark while attending the Day at Sea in Goa yesterday . The President highlighted that with a coastline over 7,500 kilometers long, India's maritime geography presents several opportunities for economic growth, regional connectivity, and strategic influence.

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The Supreme Court yesterday held that recruitment rules for appointments in government jobs cannot be changed midway unless it is prescribed. A five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud held that 'rules of the game' once set before the start of the recruitment process cannot be tinkered with midway. The bench also said that the selection rules should not be arbitrary and should be in accordance with Article 14 of the Constitution. The top court unanimously held that transparency and non-discrimination should be the hallmarks of the public recruitment process and candidates should not be taken by surprise by change of rules midway.

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The Apex Court yesterday ordered that the report on safety of medical professionals prepared by the National Task Force (NTF) be made available to the Chief Secretaries of all states and Union Territories, as well as other stakeholders, including doctors' associations. The NTF was formed by the Union Government following the Supreme Court's order in the aftermath of the ghastly rape and murder of a doctor at Kolkata's R.G. Kar Medical College & Hospital in August this year. The National Task Force has formulated recommendations in two categories: first, the prevention of violence against medical professionals and providing safe working conditions, and second, the prevention of sexual violence against doctors.

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Giving a boost to mutual relations between India and Bhutan, Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya inaugurated the Darranga Immigration Check Post in the presence of Bhutan's Prime Minister, Lyonchhen DASHO Tshering Tobgay, in Tamulpur district yesterday . Speaking on the occasion, the Governor hailed the inauguration as historic, terming it the emergence of an opportune time for mutual friendship and cooperation between India and Bhutan, with Assam being the center of all activities.

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The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting completed Special Campaign 4.0 on Cleanliness. The campaign was conducted in more than 600 field offices across the country with the objective of institutionalizing cleanliness, reducing pendency, beautification, and the optimum utilization of space. The Ministry informed that during the campaign, 78,543 kilograms of scrap material were disposed of, generating revenue of over 85 lakh rupees through its sale.

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The 4th edition of the NIAPA Northeast Open Table Tennis (TT) Championship got underway at the Northeast India Academy of Performing Arts (NIAPA) mini stadium in Chümoukedima. Top-seeded paddlers from Northeastern states are participating in the championship, with Mizoram duo Jeho Himnakulhpuingheta and Lalthangsangi Sailo, the defending champions of the men's and women's categories, aiming to retain their titles. During the opening ceremony, Advisor to the Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department, Zhaleo Rio, graced the occasion as the guest of honor. In his speech, he noted that the Northeastern states have talent, which, with the right exposure, can excel. Mr Rio expressed happiness over the participation of teams from Assam, Mizoram, and Meghalaya, highlighting the tournament as a platform for bonding and sportsmanship. He also encouraged participants to consider sports as a profession, emphasizing that it is no longer merely a hobby, and reminded players that hard work is the key to success. Managing Director and Co-Founder of NIAPA, Akuonuo K. Yhome said the tournament symbolizes friendship and unity among the Northeastern states. She added that this is the largest cash-prize table tennis tournament in the Northeast region.

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