

## Evening News Script

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### :: THE HEADLINES ::

- President Droupadi Murmu awards Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 17 exceptional children
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi recalls valour and sacrifice of Sahibzades on Veer Baal Diwas
- Election Commission Releases Comprehensive Data on 2024 Lok Sabha Elections, Female Participation Leads at 65.78 percent
- And Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Ministry Secretary Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi emphasizes need to promote traditional varieties of agriculture and horticulture



President Droupadi Murmu conferred the ‘Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar’ on 17 children for their exceptional achievements in seven categories in New Delhi today. The children, who hail from 14 states and union territories, were recognized for their accomplishments in Art and Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Science and Technology, Social Service, Sports, and Environment. Each awardee received a medal, a certificate, and a citation booklet. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, President Murmu paid homage to the bravery and sacrifice of the Sahibzadas on Veer Bal Diwas. She highlighted that this day is observed every year to honor the unparalleled sacrifice and courage of the younger sons of the tenth Guru of the Sikhs, Guru Gobind Singh.

The President emphasized that each of them possesses unparalleled qualities and their achievements will inspire all the citizens of the nation. President Murmu also urged everyone to share these achievements on a large scale using different mediums to spread awareness among all citizens.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said the vastness of Indian democracy is based on the teachings of the Gurus, the sacrifices of the Sahibzadas and the basic mantra of the unity of the country. Addressing Veer Baal Diwas at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi today, he said, the Guru tradition has taught people to look at everyone with equal respect and the Constitution also inspires us with the same thought. Mr Modi said the life of the brave Sahibzadas teaches people not to compromise with the integrity and ideas of the country.

On the occasion, the Prime Minister launched Suposhit Gram Panchayat Abhiyan. It aims to improve nutritional outcomes and well-being by strengthening the implementation of nutrition-related services and by ensuring active community participation. Around three thousand 500 children, along with the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar awardees and dignitaries attended the event.



The Election Commission said that the 2024 Lok Sabha elections saw 64.64 crore votes being polled, and the number of female votes outshined male participation with 65.78 percent. The data was mentioned in a comprehensive set of 42 statistical reports released by the poll body. The Lok Sabha 2024 report said that there was an

increase of 23.5 percent in registered Third Gender Electors this year. The number of transgender voters increased from 14.64 percent in 2019 to 27.09 percent in 2024. It also said that the repoll happened in 40 polling stations, as compared to 540 in the 2019 General Elections. The Commission, in a statement, said that this suo motu initiative is to enhance public trust, which constitutes the underpinning of India's electoral system. It also said that these reports will enable time-series analysis to track the long-term outlook and shifts in the electoral and political landscape. It added that these data sets will be of great importance for stakeholders, including academicians, researchers, and election watchers worldwide.



Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi, today emphasized the need to promote traditional varieties of agriculture and horticulture. Addressing a Multi-Stakeholder Convention in New Delhi, the secretary said that the central government is keen to promote traditional varieties of agriculture and horticulture through various schemes such as the National Mission on Natural Farming, the National Food Security Mission, and Seed Development programs. Dr. Chaturvedi explained that traditional varieties contain unique traits such as better taste, aroma, color, cooking quality, and nutritional richness.



The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has imposed a penalty of 7 lakh rupees on two competitive coaching institutes and 1 lakh rupees on another institute for advertising misleading claims regarding the results of the Union Public Service Commission Examination 2022 and 2023. The CCPA has also ordered the institutes to discontinue the misleading advertisements with immediate effect. In a statement, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs said that these actions

are taken to protect and promote the rights of consumers and to ensure that no false or misleading advertisements are made for any goods or services.



President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed grief on the demise of eminent Malayalam writer M T Vasudevan Nair. The President said that with the demise of M T Vasudevan Nair, the world of literature has become poorer. President Murmu said, M T Vasudevan Nair was honoured with major literary awards including Padma Bhushan and had made significant contributions to films. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Nair was one of the most respected figures in Malayalam cinema and literature. Mr. Modi said, his works, with their profound exploration of human emotions, have shaped generations and will continue to inspire many more.



India Meteorological Department has forecast fog or mist in the morning and mainly clear sky later for the next few days in Nagaland. No rainfall is likely to occur at any places over Nagaland. Minimum temperature will be 4 degree Celsius and maximum temperature of 24 degrees has been forecast. Meanwhile, light to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorm and hailstorm has been predicted over Northwest and Central India for the next two days. Cold wave to severe cold wave conditions is very likely in isolated pockets of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu-Kashmir till the end of December. Dense fog conditions are also very likely to prevail during late night and early morning hours in isolated pockets in many parts of the country.



In the Forex market, the rupee today depreciated by six paise to settle at record closing low of 85 rupees and 26 paise against the US dollar, amid a strong greenback and rising crude oil prices. The dollar index, which indicates US dollar's strength against a basket of six other leading currencies, is trading at 108.17 in intra-day trade.

