

## Evening News Script

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### :::THE HEADLINES:::

1. President Murmu, Vice President Dhankhar & Prime Minister Narendra Modi leads nation in paying tributes to former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh

2. Centre declares seven-day state mourning as a mark of respect to former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh

3. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meets with Indian Diplomats in US; Focuses on Strengthening India-US Partnership

4. And Project Director, TAFMA, Dr. Hovithal Sothu encourages young people to work beyond earning degree



President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar Prime Minister Narendra Modi and various leaders across party lines have expressed grief over the passing of former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh. The leaders also visited Dr Manmohan Singh's residence in New Delhi to pay their last respects. In a video message Mr Modi said, Dr Manmohan Singh will always be remembered as an honest man, a great economist and a leader who dedicated himself to reforms.

Union Ministers Amit Shah, JP Nadda, Rajnath Singh, Jyotiraditya Scindia, former Congress President Sonia Gandhi, Leader of

opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi among other leaders also visited the residence of the former Prime Minister and paid tributes to him. Expressing his condolences, Former President Ram Nath Kovind said, Dr Manmohan Singh was an example of politeness and an architect of the Indian economy.

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge in his message said, India has lost a visionary statesman, a leader of unimpeachable integrity, and an economist of unparalleled stature. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said, Dr Singh led India with immense wisdom and integrity. The Union Cabinet passed a Condolence Resolution in the memory of Dr. Manmohan Singh and paid homage by observing a two-minute silence. The resolution said that Dr. Manmohan Singh has left his imprint on national life.



Dr. Manmohan Singh will be accorded a State Funeral. On the day of the State Funeral, a half day holiday will be declared in all the Central Government offices and CPSUs. Former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh's final journey will commence from Congress headquarters in New Delhi to the cremation ground at 9.30 AM tomorrow. In a social media post, Congress General Secretary K C Venugopal said, the mortal remains of the former Prime Minister will be at his residence in the national capital today for the public to offer their condolences. He added that tomorrow morning his mortal remains will be taken to the Congress office and the public and party workers will have the opportunity to offer their tributes.



Government of India has declared seven-day state mourning as a mark of respect to the former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh. During the period, the national flag will be flown at half mast throughout India and there will be no official entertainment. The National Flag will also fly half-mast on the day of funeral in all Indian Missions and High Commissions of India abroad. Nagaland government has also notified that as a mark of respect to the departed dignitary, seven days of State

Mourning will be observed in Nagaland, beginning from 26th December 2024 to 1st January 2025. During this period, the National Flag shall be flown at half-mast in all places in the State where the National Flag is regularly flown.



External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar today met the team of the Indian Embassy in Washington and the consuls general based in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle, Houston, and Atlanta. They discussed opportunities for deepening India-US partnership, focusing on technology, trade and investments. Dr. Jaishankar also shared views on better serving the Indian community in the US. The External Affairs Minister yesterday held meeting with US Secretary Antony Blinken in Washington DC. He said that the meeting reviewed advancement of India and USA partnership over the last four years. Dr. Jaishankar expressed confidence that the India-US relationship will serve our mutual interests as well as global good.



Project Director, TAFMA, Dr. Hovithal Sothu encouraged young people to work beyond earning a degree while highlighting the need to create a balanced future. He was addressing students at 76th general conference of Kigwema Students' Union in Kigwema village, Kohima. Dr. Sothu opined that degree is just qualification that prepares us with the theory. He noted that being able to implement what we have studied is more important to take us forward for the future. Dr. Sothu also urged students to have clear vision.



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has called to focus more on seed production that requires less water and pesticides. Chairing a review meeting of the Bhartiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited in New Delhi, he said efforts should be made to ensure that small farmers achieve the highest possible yields. The Home Minister said the BBSSL has a crucial role in realising Prime Minister Narendra

Modi's vision of Sehkar Se Samriddhi and empowering farmers. Mr Shah set a target for Samiti to connect with an additional 20,000 cooperatives by the year 2025-26.



Wokha Village Students Union began its Platinum Jubilee celebration today in the village. Joint Secretary to Governor, Raj Bhavan, Mhomo Tungoe highlighted the challenges and opportunities faced by the current generation. He urged the youth to prioritize reading and self-discipline over reliance on technology and artificial intelligence. Mr. Tungoe emphasized the importance of originality, intellectual growth, and choosing positive influences in friendships. Lotha Students' Union President, Lirhonthung E. Kithan commended the vision of pioneers who established the union. Kithan encouraged to continue making efforts toward collective progress while honoring past achievements



A half marathon was organized by Botsa Youth and Sports Association under the theme, 'Reclaiming Unity One Run at a Time' with the initiative to promote fitness and engage community. The marathon was flagged off from Botsa Village by Kohima Municipal Council Councilor Vitso Rio. Over 80 individuals took part in the event with 9 year old Akhrietuo Kense as the youngest participant.

