

## Morning News Script

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday inaugurated, laid the foundation stone and dedicated development projects worth more than 33,700 crores rupees related to power, road, rail, oil & gas, education and housing at Mohbhata in Bilaspur district of Chhattisgarh. Addressing a public meeting on this occasion, the Prime Minister said that a new era of permanent peace is being seen in the Naxal-affected areas of Chhattisgarh. He said that roads, electricity and mobile network along with health and other facilities are being provided in the remote tribal areas of the state.

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The Centre announced yesterday the extension of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) for another six months in Manipur, parts of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland, starting today. In Manipur, AFSPA will continue in all districts except for those under the jurisdiction of 13 police stations in five districts - Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, Bishnupur, and Kakching. The state has been grappling with ethnic violence since May 2023. The law has also been extended in eight districts of Nagaland and parts of five others, while in Arunachal Pradesh, AFSPA applies to Tirap, Changlang, Longding districts, and certain areas in Namsai district. The decision follows a review of the law and order situations in these regions, where the AFSPA has been in place to address security concerns. Manipur has been under President's Rule since February 13, following the ongoing ethnic violence.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has advised students to take up a hobby and do constructive things during their summer vacations. In his Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani yesterday, Mr Modi asked organisations, schools and social institutions organising such summer activities to share their programmes with the hashtag - MyHolidays. He said this will help children and their parents to get information easily. Prime Minister Modi informed young listeners about the special calendar of MY-Bharat, which has been prepared for this summer vacation. He shared some unique efforts being made through this calendar.

The Prime Minister said countdown to the International Day of Yoga is also beginning with less than 100 days left. He urged people to include yoga in their life.

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Eid-ul-Fitr, which marks the culmination of the holy month of Ramzan, is being celebrated in the country today. The faithfuls will offer Eid prayers in Eidgahs and mosques. In Delhi, main Eid congregations will be held at Jama Masjid, Fatehpuri Masjid and Shahi Eidgah. President and Vice President have greeted the people on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr. In her message, the President highlighted that Eid-ul-Fitr marks the conclusion of fasting and prayer during the holy month of Ramadan. She emphasized that this festival reinforces the spirit of brotherhood, cooperation, and compassion. The President expressed hope that the festival would bring peace, progress, and happiness to all, and provide the strength to move forward with a positive attitude. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said that Eid serves as a reminder of the strength drawn from cultural diversity and the common bonds that unite individuals. He expressed hope that the spirit of Eid would inspire individuals to recommit to the values that guide the nation's path forward and unite people as one remarkable, resilient nation.

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