

Morning News Script

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday chaired a high-level security meeting with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and other officials at his residence in New Delhi . The meeting was held in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir which claimed 26 lives. The Chief of Defence Staff, Anil Chauhan and Chiefs of three services also attended the meeting.

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Nagaland State Unit yesterday organised a Candlelight Tribute in memory of the victims of Pahalgam at the BJP Head Office, Kohima. Condemning the horrific terror attack and extending condolences, Deputy Chief Minister and BLP Leader Y. Patton said this act of violence was not just an assault on the innocent but an attack on peace, unity, and the values the people hold as a nation. He said the State condemned terrorism in the strongest terms and stands firmly behind the stance of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Mr Patton also informed that the BJP will organise similar and larger event either in Dimapur or Kohima and across the other districts.

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The Naga People's Front (NPF) and the Phokhungri Area Public Organisation (PAPO) jointly held a public rally yesterday at the Indo-Myanmar Trade Centre in Avakhung, under Meluri sub-division. Addressing the gathering, MLA and NPF Secretary General Achumbemo Kikon reiterated the party's strong opposition to the border fencing and the scrapping of the Free Movement Regime (FMR), citing the hardships faced by Naga communities in border areas. He emphasized the Naga people's desire for peaceful relations with both India and Myanmar, rooted in shared history and indigenous rights. Mr. Kikon also mourned the passing of Pope Francis and condemned the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir. PAPO echoed its firm opposition to the fencing and FMR suspension, calling the measures inhumane and divisive.

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The District Level Coordination Committee meeting for the 8th Economic Census was held yesterday at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Kohima. Additional Deputy Commissioner Ruopfukuotuo Noudi emphasized the timely deployment of enumerators and supervisors for data collection using an IT-based mobile application. He highlighted the need for effective awareness through social media and stressed the Committee's role in monitoring, feedback, coordination, and district-level sensitization. District Economics & Statistics Officer Kohima, Theyieneinuo Belho gave an overview of the census, noting that it will cover all establishments, including household enterprises engaged in the production or distribution of goods and services. Agricultural establishments involved in crop production and plantations, as well as entities related to public administration, defense, social security, domestic employment, territorial activities, and illegal operations, will be excluded

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The government has approved over 153 crore rupees of additional central assistance to Manipur, affected by hailstorm during the year 2024. The decision was taken in a high-level committee chaired by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah. According to the Home Ministry, the centre has released over 20 thousand 264 crore rupees to 28 states under State Disaster Response Fund and more than 5

thousand 160 crore rupees under National Disaster Response Force to 19 states during the financial year 2024-25.

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One of India's most revered pilgrimages, the Char Dham Yatra in Uttarakhand will begin today on the auspicious occasion of Akshay Tritiya. The Yatra will begin with the opening of the doors of Gangotri and Yamunotri temples located in Uttarkashi district. The portals of Kedarnath temple in Rudrapur district will open on Friday while the doors of Badrinath Dham in Chamoli district will open on 4th of next month. Akashvani will broadcast live the opening of Char Dham yatra 2025. The live broadcast of opening of Gangotri Dham will be available today from 10 am to 11 am.

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