

Morning News Script

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the 6th BIMSTEC Summit in Bangkok, Thailand today. The theme of the Summit is "BIMSTEC - Prosperous, Resilient and Open." The Bangkok Vision 2030 will be adopted at the Summit, and the Report of the BIMSTEC Eminent Persons' Group will also be endorsed to chart the future direction of BIMSTEC. Prime Minister Modi reached Bangkok on a two-day visit to Thailand yesterday.

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Parliament has passed the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 with the Rajya Sabha approving it yesterday . The Bill was cleared by the Upper House with 128 members voted in favour of it while 95 members voted against the legislation. The Rajya Sabha held discussion on the Bill for around 12 hours. The Lok Sabha has already passed the Bill. Replying to a debate on the bill, Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju made it clear that there will be 22 members in the Central Waqf Council including the ex-officio members and in the Council, there will not be more than four non-Muslim members. He also said, out of the eleven members of the Waqf Board, only three will be non-muslims. He added that Waqf Board is a statutory body and it should be secular but still the government restricted the number of non-Muslims in it.

Parliament also gave its approval to the Mussalman Wakf (Repeal) Bill, 2025 which repeals the Mussalman Wakf Act 1923, with the Rajya Sabah approving it yesterday . The Lok Sabha has already gave its nod to the Bill.

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Parliament has adopted a Statutory Resolution confirming imposition of the President's Rule in Manipur with the Rajya Sabah giving its nod early this morning. The Statutory Resolution is related to the Proclamation issued by the President on the 13th February this year under article 356(1) of the Constitution in relation to Manipur. The Lok Sabha has already approved it. Replying to a debate on the Resolution, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that since November last year, no violence was reported in Manipur. He also rejected the opposition's allegation that the President's rule was imposed in the State due to the failure in handling the situation.

Earlier initiating a discussion on the resolution, Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge accused the Government of being failed in controlling the violence in

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Nagaland MP, Lok Sabha, S. Supongmeren Jamir , has requested the central government to reconsider the construction of the 50 godowns earlier allotted to the state of Nagaland. Mr. Jamir made the statement during Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha yesterday. He mentioned that the government had allotted the construction of 50 godowns for the state in 2022-23. However, due to the unavailability of land clearance, the state could not implement the project. He requested the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies to reconsider the construction of the sanctioned godowns for the state.

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The MP also raised the issue of connectivity problems that hinder the process of public food distribution in the state. Mr Jamir informed that over 32,000 ration cards in the state have been deleted.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has described the iStamp released by the Thai Government in his honour, as a timeless impression and graceful symbol of both nation's shared cultural relations. In a social media post, the Prime Minister said that the stamp depicts Ramakien mural paintings that were painted during the reign of King Rama I.

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And, A two-day training programme aimed at enhancing education quality in Anganwadi centers began at the CDPO office Asuto Project Zunheboto yesterday. The training is designed to strengthen the capacity of Anganwadi workers in implementing effective early childhood care and education , while also addressing key nutritional challenges faced by children in their formative years. A total of 26 Anganwadi workers are participating in the training. We have a report from our correspondent.

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