

## Morning News Script

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Senior BJP leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the government will ensure that no state whether it is Keralam, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, or Telangana faces a reduction in Lok Sabha seats. Addressing an election rally at Thiruvalla in Keralam, the Prime Minister said misinformation is being spread that southern states may lose seats due to better population control. He assured that the government will provide a legal guarantee to protect their representation. Mr Modi also urged all political parties to support 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies.

The Prime Minister assured the people of the state that if voted to power, a BJP government will ensure development and drive away infiltrators.

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US President Donald Trump yesterday warned that he will strike Iran's power plants and bridges on Tuesday if the Strait of Hormuz remains closed to marine traffic. In a post on his social media platform, President Trump warned that Iran will be living in hell, if the waterway is not opened. Meanwhile, Iran's culture minister dismissed President Donald Trump's latest threats, calling the US leader an unstable, delusional figure. Sayed Reza Salihi-Amiri said, the Strait of Hormuz is open to the world but closed to Iran's enemies.

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Government has stepped up sale of small 5-kg LPG cylinders which is available across-the-counter at LPG distributorships on showing valid ID proofs. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has said that about 6.6 lakh bottles 5-kg LPG cylinders have been sold since March 23 after government ramped up supplies to meet demand. Unlike the subsidised domestic 14.2-kg cylinders, 5-kg cylinders are priced at market rates and do not require any address proof for procurement from a nearby LPG distributorship. The ministry said there are no reports of shortages at LPG distributor points, with more than 51 lakh domestic cylinders delivered on April 4 and online bookings accounting for 95 per cent of total demand. Government has said that it is taking comprehensive measures to ensure uninterrupted fuel supply, safeguard maritime operations, and assist Indian nationals amid the evolving situation in West Asia.

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The Indian-flagged LPG tanker Green Asha successfully crossed the Strait of Hormuz near Iran, marking it the ninth Indian ship to pass through the strategic waterway since tensions escalated in the Gulf region. Iran had closed the strait following the outbreak of conflict with the U.S. and Israel.

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Bharat Tribes Fest 2026 concluded yesterday with grand closing ceremony in New Delhi. The event marked the culmination of a 19-day celebration of tribal culture, craftsmanship, and enterprise. The closing ceremony witnessed the felicitation of top-performing tribal artisans and sellers across ten categories-Pottery, Cane and Bamboo, Jewellery, Cuisines, Gifts and Assortments, Metal, Naturals, Paintings, Textiles, and Van Dhan Vikas Kendras. The festival's record sales and over 1 lakh 50 thousand attendees demonstrate the growing desire for tribal goods and empowerment. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs said, over 200 stalls showcased a diverse range of tribal handicrafts, handlooms, and natural products. The festival featured more than 300 artisans and representatives from over 75 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras. Visitors enjoyed 17 live craft demonstrations and explored more than 30 tribal food stalls run by over 120 tribal chefs, offering a vibrant cultural and culinary experience.

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And, In IPL cricket, Royal Challengers Bengaluru defeated Chennai Super Kings by 43 runs at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru last night. Chasing a target of 251 runs set by Royal Challengers Bengaluru, Chennai Super Kings could manage to score 207 losing all the wickets. In today's fixture, Kolkata Knight Riders will face Punjab Kings at Eden Gardens in Kolkata at 7:30 PM.

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