

Morning News Script

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Senior BJP leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday kicked off the BJP's Lok Sabha election campaign at Meerut in Uttar Pradesh. Addressing a public rally, Modi said, the 2024 Lok Sabha election is not just for making a government but to make India a developed nation and the third largest economic superpower in the world. The Prime Minister said, India is making unprecedented investments in the manufacturing sector and youth of the country are getting several opportunities in every sector. Modi said, today India's credibility is at new heights across the world and the whole world is looking towards India. Prime Minister Modi said, he is fighting a big battle to save the country from the corrupt and that is why big corrupt people are behind the bars today.

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The meeting of the Central Election Committee of the Congress party related to Lok Sabha elections was held in New Delhi yesterday . The meeting was attended by party President Mallikarjun Kharge, Chairperson Congress Parliamentary Party Sonia Gandhi, K C Venugopal and other senior party leaders. Senior Congress leaders of Bihar were also present in the meeting.

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Pope Francis has called for a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. In his customary Easter speech delivered in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Francis denounced war as an absurdity and addressed the problems in Europe and the Middle East. The Pope reiterated his plea for an immediate ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war while also calling for access to humanitarian aid be ensured to Gaza and the prompt release

of the hostages. He claimed that war-torn children had forgotten how to smile. Due to ill health, the Pope had to cancel events recently or speak less frequently, but on Easter Sunday, the most significant day in the Christian calendar, he spoke the full "Urbi et Orbi" (To the city and to the world).

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The National Testing Agency has extended the last date for online submission of application form of CUET-(UG) 2024 upto 5th April. Earlier , the last day for the submission of application was on March 31. As per the NTA, the date has been extended on the request received from the candidates and other stakeholders. It said, the candidates can also use school ID or any government ID with photograph to facilitate identification. The National Testing Agency conducts the examination for admission to undergraduate programs at different central universities and other institutions. The upcoming CUET-UG 2024 exam is set to take place from 15th to 31st May.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be on a day-long visit to Mumbai today . He will address the ceremony commemorating 90 years of Reserve Bank of India (RBI). RBI is celebrating its 90 years of foundation today. On the occasion, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das will also address the event.

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Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang has extended warm greetings to the Konyak and Phom communities on the occasions of Aoleang and Mongnyu festivals. Describing Aoleang and Mongnyu as the spring festivals of the Konyak and Phom tribes, he said the festivals play an important role in the social and spiritual life of both communities as they

are celebrated to invoke God's blessings, foster bonds of fraternity, love, peace, and promote cultural heritage. Zeliang further wished both communities a happy celebration of Aoleng and Mongnyu Festivals and a prosperous future to both tribes as they celebrate their premier festivals. Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee President S Supongmeren also extended warm greetings and wishes to the sisters and brothers from the Konyak and Phom tribes on the occasion of Aoleang and Monyu. Jamir said, as both tribes usher in another Spring with their trademark celebratory spirit of Love and Generosity, prayed that the Almighty continue to bless them with the gift of family, kinship and universal brotherhood throughout the year.

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India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast that enhanced rainfall and thunderstorm activity is likely to continue over Northeast India till Thursday. Heavy rainfall and snowfall is likely over Arunachal Pradesh. IMD has predicted, light to moderate rainfall over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura and Sikkim.

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