

## Morning News Script

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The government has asked the citizen to avoid fake calls wherein callers threaten to disconnect their mobile numbers or their mobile numbers are being misused in some illegal activities. Department of Telecommunications issued an advisory urging citizen not to take such fake calls. The Department also issued advisory about WhatsApp calls from foreign origin mobile numbers impersonating government officials and duping the people. It said, DoT or TRAI does not authorise anyone to make such call on its behalf and has advised people to stay vigilant and report such fraud communications at 'Chakshu – Report Suspected Fraud Communications' facility of Sanchar Saathi portal [www.sancharsaathi.gov.in/sfc](http://www.sancharsaathi.gov.in/sfc). The department also advised citizens to report such incidents at cyber-crime helpline number 1930 or [www.cybercrime.gov.in](http://www.cybercrime.gov.in) in case a person is already a victim of cyber-crime or financial fraud.

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Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar urged citizens to prioritize the nation's interests above all. Addressing the gathering at the release of Dr. Subhash Kashyap's Commentary on the Bhagavad Gita at Parliament House yesterday, Dhankhar emphasized that Gita illuminates the path of spirituality, religiosity and commitment towards duty.

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) yesterday submitted before the Delhi High Court that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will be made an accused in the alleged liquor policy scam. The Central investigative agency said this

during the proceedings related to a bail plea by the former Deputy Chief Minister and AAP leader Manish Sisodia, concerning the excise policy case. The ED further informed Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma, who is presiding over proceedings, that a supplementary chargesheet would be submitted soon in the case. Meanwhile, the Rouse Avenue Court in Delhi extended the judicial custody of BRS leader K. Kavitha till the 20th of this month in connection with the case.

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Prasar Bharati Chairman Navneet Sehgal yesterday stressed on the need to make Akashvani a more effective, flexible and viable organisation. He also talked about reaching out to more listeners through the digital medium. Sehgal said this while interacting with Akashvani officials of the News Services Division, Programming and Engineering sections during his visit to the organisation's Headquarters in New Delhi.

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The Centre has extended the ban imposed on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for five more years. The Ministry of Home Affairs in its notification said, the central government has taken the decision as LTTE continues to pose a threat to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India. The government had declared the LTTE an unlawful association in May 2019 and banned it for five years.

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The 77th Cannes Film Festival began yesterday in France. The world's most popular film festival unfurled with a French comedy, "The Second Act", made by well known director and musician Quentin Dupieux. 22 films will be competing for the Palme d'Or this time, while renowned actress Meryl Streep will be recognized with an honorary Palme d'Or. India is hosting a Bharat Parv for the first time in the 12-day event. The

Bharat Pavilion at Cannes will serve as a platform for the Indian film community to engage in various activities. The official poster and trailer of the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024 will also be unveiled at the Bharat Parv. This year's IFFI will be held in Goa from the 20th to the 28th of November.

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The IndiaSkills Competition 2024 – the country's biggest skill competition designed to demonstrate the highest standards of skilling is all set to commence today. Organised by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, the competition will see the participation of over 900 students from more than 30 states and Union Territories and over 400 industry experts. The four-day-long IndiaSkills will allow participants to showcase their diverse skills and talent on a national platform across 61 skills – from traditional crafts to cutting-edge technologies. While 47 skills competitions will be held onsite, 14 will be held offsite in Karnataka, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat keeping in mind the availability of best infrastructure. The students will also participate in 9 exhibition skills such as Drone-Film making, Textile-Weaving, Leather-Shoemaking, and prosthetics-makeup. About 2.5 lakh candidates registered for the competition on the Skill India Digital Hub Portal, out of which 26,000 were shortlisted through a process of pre-screening. This data was shared with the states for organising the state- and district-level competition, out of which over 900 students were further shortlisted for the IndiaSkills National competition.

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