

## Morning News Script

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India and Malaysia have decided to elevate their Enhanced Strategic Partnership to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The two countries signed agreements in the fields of labor and employment, Ayurveda and traditional medicines, digital technologies, culture, tourism, and cooperation in youth and sports. India and Malaysia also inked agreements in the area of public administration, governance reforms, and mutual cooperation. The agreements were signed after delegation-level talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Malaysian counterpart, Anwar Ibrahim, in New Delhi yesterday. Addressing a joint press conference after the talks, Prime Minister Modi said, Malaysia is an important partner of India in ASEAN and the Indo-Pacific region. He said, India will extend full support to Malaysia's successful ASEAN Chairmanship in 2025. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister of Malaysia said that there are many areas that both sides need to explore further.

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The Supreme Court has ordered immediate removal from all social media platforms of any references to the name, photos and video clips of the Kolkata rape and murder victim. A bench led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud gave the directions while hearing the case regarding the alleged rape and murder of a doctor at the at the RG Kar Hospital in Kolkata. The Apex Court also directed the deployment of CISF for the protection and safety of resident doctors, especially female doctors at the RG Kar Hospital. The Court said it has initiated the case on its own regarding the rape and murder of the doctor at the Kolkata

hospital to address systemic issues. The Apex Court also set up a national task force to ensure the safety of medical professionals. The court directed the task force to submit its interim report within three weeks and the final report within two months.

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The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has cancelled the advertisement related to lateral entry in the bureaucracy following the directions from the Department of Personnel and Training yesterday. The UPSC had issued an advertisement recently to appoint 45 Joint Secretaries, Directors, and Deputy Secretaries in Central Ministries, which has been questioned by the opposition parties. Earlier yesterday, the government had asked the UPSC to cancel the advertisement.

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The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has issued guidelines outlining the necessary steps for handling patients with suspected Monkeypox virus. AIIMS said patients with fever, rash, or a history of contact with confirmed Monkeypox cases will be flagged for immediate assessment and key symptoms will be identified. It directed the departments to immediately place suspected patients in a designated isolation area to minimize contact with other patients and staff.

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The Angami Youth Organisation (AYO) and the NSCN/GPRN (Khango) has agreed to resolve the current imbroglio between the two entities and passed several resolutions. A meeting held between the two entities was facilitated by the Ceasefire Monitoring Board in Kohima yesterday. Among the resolutions, the NSCN/GPRN (Khango) agreed to unconditionally withdraw the imposition of

capital punishment to the proprietor of M/s KKB Rülho with immediate effect. The NSCN/GPRN (K) Khango also agreed to retract its directive given to the Angami contractors to cease activities and demobilise their workforce and machineries currently deployed across other districts of Nagaland with immediate effect. In the meeting, the NSCN/GPRN (K) Khango expressed regret of the occurrence of the unfortunate issue. Meanwhile, the AYO also reiterated its stand on the Angami Public Organisation resolution of 1993, on "One Government, One Tax".

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The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall over Northeast India for the next two days. The IMD said that under the influence of a low-pressure area over central parts of Bangladesh, very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall is expected over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura. Eastern parts of the country including West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha are also expected to witness heavy rainfall for the next few days.

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