

## Morning News Script

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The Supreme Court has taken suo motu cognisance of the Kolkata rape and murder case. A bench comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra will hear the matter tomorrow. A postgraduate trainee doctor was allegedly raped and murdered inside a seminar hall at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata on the 9th of this month. A day after the incident, the Kolkata Police arrested a civic volunteer in connection with the case. The incident has triggered nationwide protests, with doctors from across the country demanding action against people involved in the case. On the 13th of August, the Calcutta High Court directed the Central Bureau of Investigation to take over the investigation.

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The Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Dr. P. K. Mishra yesterday chaired a high-level meeting to review the status of preparedness for Mpox in the country and related public health measures. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been continuously monitoring the Mpox situation. During the meeting, Dr. Mishra directed states to enhance surveillance and take effective measures for prompt detection of cases. He further directed that the testing laboratory network should be geared up for early diagnosis. Presently, 32 labs are equipped for testing. During the meeting, it was briefed that, as of now, there is no reported case of Mpox in the country. The Mpox infections are generally self-limiting, lasting between 2 and 4 weeks, and the Mpox patients usually recover with supportive medical care and management.

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Union Minister of Food Processing Industries Chirag Paswan said that the food processing sector holds immense potential for boosting farmers' income, generating state revenue, and creating job opportunities for the youth.

In an exclusive interview with the Akashvani News, Paswan said that the World Food India Festival is scheduled for next month, starting on September 19th. He said the event will bring together food processing industries from India and around the world to display cutting-edge technology and innovative advancements in the sector. He said that this is an important opportunity to bring together all stakeholders and industries related to food processing on one platform. The union minister added that the ministry's schemes are helping in the creation of self-employment opportunities, especially in rural areas. He also mentioned that the Ministry is actively promoting Indian food products globally.

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Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh yesterday released the centenary commemorative coin of Dr. Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi in Chennai. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister paid rich tributes to the late leader and described him as one of the icons of Indian politics. He said that Kalaignar had played a defining role in realising the importance of federalism in a democracy. Singh said that it was the DMK patriarch who resonated with the voice of Tamil Nadu in national politics. Remembering the days when he was a minister while DMK was part of the NDA, Singh said that Karunanidhi maintained a great relationship with all the leaders of the nation. The Defence Minister said that Kalaignar had emphasised that the development of the states is imperative to the growth of the nation. Prior to the release of the commemorative coin, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh paid respects at the memorial of the departed leader Kalaignar Karunanidhi.

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Raksha Bandhan, the festival of special bond between brothers and sisters, is being celebrated across the country today. On the occasion, sisters tie colorful rakhi around the wrist of their brothers and pray for their prosperity, health and well-being. In return, brothers pledge to protect and support their sisters and present them gifts.

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President, Droupadi Murmu extended warm greetings and best wishes to all fellow citizens on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan. In her message, Murmu said Raksha Bandhan is a celebration of the unique bond between brothers and sisters, which strengthens the feelings of love and mutual trust. She said this festival goes beyond religious and cultural boundaries to symbolize the unity in diversity of our country. She said it strengthens our determination to protect the rights of women. The President hoped that this festival would nurture the spirit of harmony and love, and enhance the respect for women in the society.

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