

Morning News Script

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be on a two day visit to Sikkim from today. On Tuesday, the Prime Minister will visit Orchidarium in Gangtok, which features world-class Orchid Experience Centre to showcase the ecological and floral heritage of the state. He will also participate in the closing ceremony of Sikkim's 50th Year of Statehood celebrations at Paljor Stadium. On the occasion, Mr Modi will inaugurate, launch and lay the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth over four thousand crore rupees across the state.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the ongoing Census exercise is not just a government task but a responsibility of all citizens, and that everyone's participation is vital. Addressing the nation in his 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on Akashvani yesterday, Mr Modi said every Indian must be aware of the Census campaign, the world's largest enumeration exercise. He added that Census 2027 will be conducted digitally, with enumerators using a mobile app to record information.

Lauding the country's nuclear scientists, the Prime Minister said the Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam achieving criticality is a historic milestone in India's nuclear energy journey. He noted that the reactor has been built entirely with indigenous technology and, apart from generating energy, will also produce new fuel for the future.

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The government has said that domestic LPG cylinder deliveries remain normal in the country with more than 51.8 lakh domestic LPG cylinders delivered on Saturday. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas in a statement yesterday said that more than 42 thousand five hundred PNG consumers surrendered their LPG connections through MYPNGD.in website. The ministry is ensuring the uninterrupted availability of petroleum products and LPG across the country and mentioned that no dry-outs have been reported at LPG distributorships.

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India is currently witnessing severe heatwave conditions across multiple regions, with 95 of the world's 100 hottest cities located in the country, raising concerns over the impact of rising temperatures. According to data on global temperature trends, both in urban and rural areas, India is experiencing record-breaking heat, making it the epicentre of a global heatwave. Temperatures in many regions have surpassed 40 degree Celsius, with some locations reaching close to 45 degree Celsius, marking a trend towards increasingly intense pre-summer heat waves. Cities with soaring temperatures soaring well above normal levels include, Delhi, Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, Nagpura and Akola in Maharashtra, Bhubaneswar in Odisha and Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, raising concerns over public health and safety. Amid the rising temperatures, the India Meteorological Department has issued advisories urging people to take precautions to avoid heat-related illnesses.

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Assam Rifles carried out a series of community outreach activities across Nagaland, aimed at promoting social welfare and strengthening civil-military relations. On the occasion of World Veterinary Day, an animal care awareness programme was organised at Tening in Peren district yesterday with participation from 50 students and five teachers of Government Primary School. The programme focused on educating children about animal welfare, including proper nutrition, timely medical care and humane treatment, along with an interactive session to encourage empathy towards animals. In Mokokchung district, a donation drive was conducted at the Care and Support Society Orphanage Home in Chungtia village under the Philanthropy Box Initiative, where essential items collected from troops and their families were distributed to children. Meanwhile, a dental health camp was held at Sumi Baptist Church in Tuensang district on April 25, benefiting 32 patients with consultations, restorations and extractions.

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