

Morning News Script

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India has declared one-day national mourning today as a mark of respect for Father Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, who passed away yesterday . The National Flag will be flown at half-mast on the day of mourning throughout India on all buildings where the National Flag is flown regularly. There will be no official entertainment on the day. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed condolences at the demise of Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, noting that he was a visionary leader who led Qatar to great levels of development and prosperity. External Affairs Ministry said in a statement that Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju is visiting Qatar to convey condolences on behalf of the Government of India to the State of Qatar.

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Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Air Command, yesterday visited the Headquarters Inspector General Assam Rifles (North) in Kohima and reviewed the prevailing security situation and operational developments in the region. The Air Marshal was briefed on the security scenario and ongoing operations. He also interacted with officers and troops, commending their professionalism, high morale and steadfast commitment to maintaining peace, security and stability across the North East. During the visit, the Air Marshal also paid homage to the fallen soldiers by laying a wreath at the Kohima

War Cemetery in honour of the fallen soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation.

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Five Indian students have won gold medals at the 56th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026 which was held at Bucaramanga in Colombia from 4th to 12th of this month. The gold medal winners are Kanishk Jain from Pune, Riddhesh Anant Bendale from Indore, Rishit Garg from New Delhi, Shresth Suraiya from Mumbai, and Svarit Joshi from Ahmedabad. With this achievement, India secured the first position jointly with Russia, China, Kazakhstan, South Korea, and Taiwan among 381 students from 87 countries.

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Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, through Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), has launched the next phase of the nationwide 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat' campaign. Under it, the competitions will be conducted in a three-tier format, beginning at the District Level, followed by the State Level, and culminating at the National Level. A report:

V/C : According to the Ministry, for this registration will begin today at MY Bharat Portal, following which competitions will be conducted at the district level from 24th to 27th of this month. District winners will compete at the State-Level selection rounds and State Champions will thereafter be invited to New Delhi for the National Finale on 12th and 13th of next month at the National Youth Summit. MY Bharat will organise district-level competitions across five creative categories - Dance, Music, Reel and Short Film, Nukkad Natak and Slam Poetry)

The competitions are open to youth aged 15 to 29 years and they can submit their creations in Hindi, English or any regional language.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani on 26th July. It will be the 136th episode of the monthly radio programme. We have a report :

V/C: People can submit their ideas and suggestions for the programme through the toll-free number 1800-11-7800. They can also share their input online via the Narendra Modi App or the MyGov Open Forum. The citizens can also give a missed call on 1922 and follow the link received in SMS to directly give their suggestions to the Prime Minister. Suggestions for the upcoming episode will be accepted until the 24th of this month.

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In Tennis, top seed Italy's Jannik Sinner claimed the Wimbledon men's singles title by defeating second seed Germany's Alexander Zverev 6-7 (7-9) 7-6 (7-2) 6-3 6-4. Sinner also earned his 100th Grand Slam match win and he is the only Italian man who has reached the milestone. Sinner booked his place in the title clash with a straight-sets victory over Novak Djokovic, while Zverev entered his first Wimbledon final after defeating British wildcard Arthur Fery.

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India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall over northeast India, West Bengal, and Bihar during next two to three days and isolated heavy falls over East Uttar Pradesh during four to five days. Fairly Widespread to Widespread rainfall is likely over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam,

Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura till 18th of July. Meanwhile, extremely heavy rainfall has been recorded over Meghalaya and very heavy rainfall has been recorded over East Uttar Pradesh yesterday.

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