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- Dimapur Police arrests eight persons from Assam, Manipur and West Bengal who were part of inter-state gang.
- Vice president Jagdeep Dhankhar says commercialization of education is adversely impacting quality of education.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh says Artificial Intelligence has potential to revolutionize military operations.
- Union Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi appeals citizens to purchase more Khadi and local products.

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Dimapur Police has arrested eight persons from Assam, Manipur and West Bengal who were part of an inter-state gang involved in drugging and snatching of vehicles. A press release from the Commissioner of Police, Dimapur stated that two vehicles were also recovered in the process. According to the release, routine investigation into a missing person FIR lodged at East Police Station unraveled an organized network of criminal gangs operating in Nagaland, Assam, Manipur and West Bengal. It said the modus operandi of the gang involved hiring of inter-state plying commercial vehicles by posing as prospective clients. Gang members would befriend drivers, give food items laced with drugs and snatch away the vehicles while drivers were in unconscious

state. The mastermind was identified as one Shymalendu Roy from West Bengal. The release stated that relying on digital evidences collected through technical surveillance, two gang members were arrested from Manipur, four from Assam and two from Dimapur. The East Police Station team was led by Investigating Officer (I/O) Assistant Sub-Inspector, Ikato Sema under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner of Police East Imkongsangba Jamir. In this regard, the Dimapur Police has cautioned commercial vehicle drivers and owners to be aware of the prevalence of such crimes and report instances of missing drivers and vehicles to police without delay.

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Vice president Jagdeep Dhankhar said that commercialization of education is adversely impacting the quality of education. Mr. Dhankhar was speaking at a function of a private educational institution in Rajasthan's Sikar this afternoon. He said that education becoming a business is never good for the future of the nation. He said that education was never a source of income, but was a medium of sacrifice, medium for charity and for building a healthy society. Mr. Dhankhar rued that today education has become a 'commodity' which is being sold for profit and this is adversely impacting the quality of education.

The Vice president said that industries are the biggest beneficiaries of research and innovations, which gives power to the nation in front of the world. The vice president also praised the national education policy, calling it a game changer.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has said that by investing in cutting-edge technologies and nurturing a robust defence ecosystem, the government has ensured that the armed forces remain future-ready

and resilient in an evolving global landscape. The Minister made this statement while addressing the 62nd National Defence College M. Phil Convocation Ceremony in New Delhi today. He added that presently warfare has surpassed the traditional battlefields of land, sea, and air. Mr. Singh said, the armed forces now operate in a multi-domain environment where cyber, space, and information warfare are just as critical as conventional operations. He said, Artificial Intelligence AI has the potential to revolutionize military operations, from predictive analytics to autonomous decision-making systems.

The Defence Minister said, in today's interconnected world, a firm grasp of geopolitics, international relations, and the complexities of global security alliances is a must for military leaders.

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Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Jitan Ram Manjhi has appealed to citizens to purchase more Khadi and local products. The Union Minister was speaking after inaugurating a special Khadi exhibition being held at Delhi Haat in the national capital yesterday. The exhibition is being held as part of the nationwide 'Khadi Mahotsav' to promote 'Vocal for Local' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' campaigns as well as to enhance the income of Khadi artisans. Mr. Manjhi highlighted that the broad objective of this exhibition is to strengthen the economic condition of rural artisans and traditional craftsmen.

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Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in collaboration with Departments of Social Welfare and Health & Family Welfare and District Hub for Women Empowerment today organized an awareness program on adolescent girls' health in Wokha district. Addressing the causes and consequences of teenage pregnancy, Dermatologist at District

Hospital Wokha, Dr. Niya Kath stressed the need for parental involvement and age-appropriate sex education. She recommended abstinence education for early adolescents, a combination of abstinence and education for middle adolescents and comprehensive sex education for older teens. Dr. Kath also emphasized educating boys about their responsibilities to prevent early fatherhood. She urged parents to keep track of the children's social media content by keeping a close watch of their post, body language and communication skills. District Welfare Officer, James Ezung highlighted the societal impacts of teenage pregnancy, urging for open discussions within families and communities to raise awareness and prevent stigma.

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President Droupadi Murmu departed for New Delhi from Malawi after the completion of her three-nation visit to Algeria, Mauritania, and Malawi. President Droupadi Murmu was accorded a warm ceremonial and traditional farewell. She was seen off by the vice president of Malawi, Michael Bizwick Usi, and other higher officials. The three African nations visit of President Droupadi Murmu had added a new chapter to the historic relations of India with Algeria, Mauritania, and Malawi. The visit came a year after the African Union was made a permanent member of the G20 during India's Presidency. During the weeklong visit, President Droupadi Murmu held bilateral meetings with the leadership of all three countries and interacted with the Indian diaspora.

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The National e-Governance Division has successfully launched the inaugural episode of its exclusive live series, Ask Our Experts. The initiative provides a platform for direct interaction with government officials and subject matter experts, offering citizens the opportunity to ask questions and resolve queries regarding various Digital India initiatives. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said

that it is a unique weekly live program streamed on Digital India's YouTube channel, designed to foster engagement with citizens. The first episode, which was streamed yesterday, focused on DigiLocker, the flagship e-government platform that provides a secure cloud-based solution for citizens to digitally store, share, and verify important documents and certificates.

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