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Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday said that it pains his heart when there are attempts to spread violence in society. Speaking at the Christmas Celebrations hosted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India in New Delhi, Mr. Modi cited Germany's Christmas market attack, just a few days ago. He urged people to come together to fight against these challenges.

Addressing the event, the Prime Minister said that India prioritises both national interest and human interest in its foreign policy. He said today's India sees it as its duty to bring its citizens to safety, no matter where they are or what crisis they face. Mr. Modi said the teachings of Lord Christ celebrate love, harmony, and brotherhood. He said it is important that all work to make this spirit stronger. On the occasion, Mr. Modi also interacted with key leaders from the Christian community, including cardinals, Bishops and prominent lay leaders of the Church. The Prime Minister said, it is a moment of pride that Pope Francis has made George Koovakad a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Catholic Church.

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President Droupadi Murmu has said that the increasing use of technology in the medical field has made collaboration between medical and engineering institutions extremely important. The President was addressing the 6th convocation of Vardhaman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi this evening.

She said, interdisciplinary knowledge sharing would be in everyone's interest. President Murmu added that the medical profession is not just a means of livelihood. It is a profession that brings with it the sacred responsibility of reducing people's suffering, and contributing to the well-being of society.

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The Ministry of Defence has said that 'Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas' will be the theme of tableaux for Republic Day 2025. It added that 15 states and Union Territories have been selected to showcase their tableaux on the Kartavya Path during the parade. Only Tripura among the northeast made it to the selected list. In addition, 11 Ministries and the Department of Union government have also been selected. The Ministry said the selected tableaux would showcase India's diverse strengths and its constantly evolving cultural inclusiveness marching into a glorious future, showcasing 'Swarnim Bharat – Virasat aur Vikas' to the world audience. All states and UTs, irrespective of their selection for Kartavya Path, are invited to display their tableaux during Bharat Parv in Red Fort from 26th to 31st of January.

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The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has unveiled a new posting policy. CISF Inspector General Dr. K.C. Samantaray said, for the first time, choice-based posting has been introduced, wherein each personnel will have the opportunity to list ten preferred locations. He said, personnel retiring within two years will be given a posting out of three choices, and they will be given first priority. Dr. Samantaray highlighted that the new policy will impact over 98 percent of the force.

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Nagaland will participate at the 37th Senior National Tug-of-war Championships scheduled for January 5 to 8, 2025 in Mumbai. The event is being organised by the Tug-of-War Federation of India, affiliated with the Tug-of-War International Federation. The state's team of 10 men will compete in the Men's senior (Catch weight) category at the championship. The players were selected following a trial conducted during the recent Nagaland tribal tug-of-war competition organized by the Tribal Affairs Department.

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India Meteorological Department has forecast very likely ground frost at isolated pockets in Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya. It also predicts shallow to moderate fog at isolated pockets over all northeastern states. According to IMD, dry weather is very likely to continue over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura, with no significant change in minimum temperature.

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