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President Droupadi Murmu yesterday gave her assent to the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which had been passed by Parliament. After the Presidential assent, it has become a law. The Legislation was passed in the Lok Sabha on Thursday, with 288 members supporting it and 232 against it. The Rajya Sabha cleared it on Friday with 128 members voting in favour and 95 opposing it. The President also gave assent to the Mussalman Wakf (Repeal) Bill, 2025.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ongoing visit to Sri Lanka has marked a significant milestone in the evolving relationship between the two nations. Key announcements during the visit include Indian support for Sri Lanka's Unique Digital Identity project, and the conversion of 100 million US dollars in loans to grants.

Today, Prime Minister Modi and Sri Lanka President Anura Kumara Dissanayake will inaugurate the 'Maho-Omanthai' railway line, and lay foundation stone for the advanced signalling system on the 'Maho-Anuradhapura' section. Mr Modi is set to return home from Sri Lanka at noon today. He will inaugurate the new Pamban Rail Bridge in Tamil Nadu, which is India's first vertical lift sea bridge extending to two kilometres.



Deputy Chief Minister TR Zeliang underscored the importance of balancing modernity with preservation of traditions, language, and heritage. Speaking at the concluding day of the two-day 8th general conference of Zeliang Officers' Association Nagaland in Peren yesterday, he said, while it is essential to live in the

present and plan for the future, it is also equally important to honour the past that has been shaped by pioneers who set benchmarks for future generations. The Deputy CM urged the officers to lead the way in preserving the culture from being diluted with inaccurate narrations or additions and omissions. Highlighting the youth as the greatest asset, he called for ensuring access to quality education, skill development and employment opportunities. He appealed to the officers to mentor the youth in the best possible way, guiding them to take up leadership roles. Mr Zeliang further called for better coordination between elected representatives of the district and officers across various departments.



Nagaland's Ngurie Organic Private Limited secured top honours in the AgriTech category at the Maharathi StartUp challenge, India's biggest innovation challenge for StartUp. The challenge was part of the Startup Mahakumbh which concluded yesterday in New Delhi. Ngurie Organic's founder Peihauding received the Award from Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal.

Congratulating Peihauding Nagaland's Industries & Commerce Advisor Hekani Jakhalu said the achievement pins Nagaland on the national stage. She also lauded the mentors, Startup Nagaland and YouthNet. Ngurie Organic, through its eco-friendly methods and technology, focuses on enhancing crop yields, reducing irrigation needs, improving soil health, and promoting sustainability.



University Grants Commission (UGC) has decided to establish a standardized equivalence framework for students who completed their education abroad and want to integrate into India's higher education system or workforce. UGC in its notification stated that the commission has developed a transparent, technology-driven mechanism for recognizing foreign qualifications from schools and higher education institutes. UGC Chairman, Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar said this move is crucial given the National Education Policy 2020's vision of transforming India into a global study destination. Mr Mukesh added, if Indian institutions are to attract international students, India must ensure fair recognition of degrees earned abroad.

