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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has concluded his historic and first-ever official visit to Croatia and departed for New Delhi. During his day-long visit to the central and southeast European country, Prime Minister Modi held wide-ranging delegation-level talks with his Croatian counterpart, Andrej Plenković at Banski Dvori. Both leaders issued a joint press statement, emphasising their shared commitment to global peace, democratic values, and expanding cooperation across trade, technology, and culture. Prime Minister Modi strongly advocated peaceful resolution of conflicts, stating that Whether in Europe or Asia, solutions cannot be found on the battlefield. Mr Modi also reaffirmed India's consistent stand on respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations.

Condemning terrorism as the enemy of humanity, Mr Modi thanked the Croatian leadership and people for standing in solidarity with India following the terrorist attack on April 22 in Pahalgam.

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Minister of State for Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Dr. Jitendra Singh yesterday announced that Central government employees covered under the Unified Pension Scheme will now be eligible for retirement and death gratuity benefits. Addressing a press conference on the completion of 11 years of NDA government the Minister said the move addresses a significant demand of government staff and brings parity in retirement benefits. He said measures have been taken to promote ease of living by leveraging technology.

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The Government will introduce a FASTag-based Annual Pass priced at three thousand rupees from 15th August this year which will enable seamless and cost-effective travel across National Highways throughout the country. This annual Pass will be valid for one year from the date of activation or up to 200 trips. This pass is designed exclusively for non-commercial private vehicles such as cars, jeeps, and vans. In a social media post, Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari made this announcement and said that this move will be a transformative step towards hassle-free highway travel.

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As a run-up to International Day of Yoga 2025, Akashvani News Kohima brings you a special series - "Practice Yoga for Good Health and Wellness." This morning, we explore on the diet for a Practitioner of āsana?

UNDERPLAY- The diet for a practitioner of āsana should be well-balanced and nutritious, which emphasizes purity and moderation to support physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. This approach not only provides essential nutrients and sustained energy but also promotes mental clarity, emotional balance, and spiritual growth, facilitating a deeper and more effective Yoga practice.

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The Election Commission has decided to fast track Electors Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) delivery to the electors. Now the electors will get EPICs within 15 days of update in the electoral rolls. The Commission has introduced a new Standard Operating Procedure enabling the faster delivery of EPICs including new enrolment of an elector or change in any particulars of an existing elector. According to the Commission the new system will ensure real-time tracking of each stage right from the EPIC generation by the Electoral Registration Officer till the delivery of EPIC to the electors.

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At least 208 victims of the Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad have so far been identified through DNA matching, and 173 bodies have been handed over to their families. Medical Superintendent of Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, Dr Rakesh Joshi, told the media. Authorities are matching DNA samples to establish the identity of the victims, as many bodies were charred beyond recognition or damaged.

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Khadi and Village Industries Commission disbursed margin money subsidy of 300 crore rupees to 11,480 Service Sector beneficiaries across the country under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme through virtual mode on Tuesday. This disbursement was done against loan sanction of Rs. 906 crore. The 81 projects of North East Region received subsidy of 2 crore rupees, which included states like Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

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And, As part of the Nagaland Super League (NSL) Scholarship initiative, 16 footballers of the NSL Youth U-20 Football Team along with 3 coaches will be undergoing a 20 day high-performance training programme at Inspire Institute of Sport, Bellary in Karnataka. The NSL Scholarship for U-20 is a collaborative effort between the Nagaland Super League, Nagaland Olympic Association and the Inspire Institute of Sport, JSW, aimed at nurturing the next generation of football talent from Nagaland.