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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set a target to scale up bilateral trade with Brazil from the existing 12.2 billion to 20 billion dollars in the next five years. Speaking at a Joint Press Conference with the Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva during the state visit to Brazil in Brasilia yesterday, Mr. Modi said that both the countries will work closely to improve market access for Indian exporters. Mr Modi announced plans to enable Unified Payments Interface adoption in Brazil on the lines of India's digital payments infrastructure. He identified key sectors for enhanced bilateral cooperation including agriculture, food processing, digital public infrastructure and space technology.

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On this occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with Brazil's highest civilian award, the Grand Collar of the National Order of the Southern Cross. In the final leg of his five-nation visit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will reach Windhoek in Namibia today.

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The Five Tribes Committee on Review of Reservation Policy said that it will go ahead with its sit-in protest today. The protest is scheduled to take place at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat in Kohima, beginning from 9 AM. The member secretary of CoRRP, Captain GK Zhimomi confirmed last evening that while honouring the request made by the State Government, the protest, initially planned to be an indefinite sit-in, has been limited to a one-day demonstration. The committee said that it expects the State Government to honour its commitment to initiate dialogue once the Chief Minister returns to the state later this week failing which, it warned, that the agitations will intensify. The committee comprises representatives from five major Naga tribes—Angami, Ao, Lotha, Rengma, and Sumi.

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MLA and Chairman DPDB Longleng, A Ponshi Phom yesterday inaugurated an iconic Meeting Arena constructed under the Underdeveloped Areas Programme scheme, at Yaongyimchen in Longleng District. Addressing the gathering as special guest, the MLA emphasized on the importance of integrity in community progress. He asserted that development can come only when leaders are sincere. Speaking at the programme, Longleng Deputy Commissioner, W Manpai Phom reminded that how such sacred meeting places have historically enabled communities to make crucial decisions guided by the wisdom of leaders and forefather during challenging times. The DC urged the citizens of Yaongyimchen to revere the arena, maintain its sanctity, and care for it as if it were their personal property.

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In a historic move set to revolutionize the landscape of Indian agriculture, Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the Agritech Innovation Hub at Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Agricultural University, Meerut, yesterday. The Hub is powered by the Indian Institute of Technology Ropar. On the occasion, Mr. Pradhan said the ministry is committed to integrating Artificial Intelligence, AI and emerging technologies in education, research, and grassroots applications, particularly in agriculture.

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The National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme successfully conducted a one-day Advocacy Workshop on Vector Borne Diseases at the CMO Conference Hall in Longleng, yesterday. During the workshop, key stakeholders were sensitized and mobilized for effective prevention and control of vector-borne diseases, particularly in view of the monsoon season when cases typically rise. Town Council Members, Dobashis, Ward Presidents, and Civil Society Organizations participated in the workshop.

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