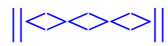


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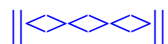
Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stated that India is the world's fastest-growing major economy and is soon set to become the third-largest globally. Speaking at a Forum hosted by a private media house in Delhi yesterday, he highlighted that India stands as a beacon of hope for the world with its resilience and strength.

Mr Modi said semiconductor-related factories have started coming up in India, and by the end of this year, the first Made in India chip will come in the market. He said that work is being done on Made in India 6G.

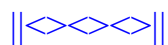


Governor-designate of Nagaland, Ajay Kumar Bhalla, arrived at Raj Bhavan in Kohima yesterday. He was warmly received by the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police along with officers and staff of Raj Bhavan. A report...

The swearing-in ceremony for the new Governor is scheduled to take place tomorrow.



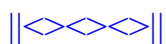
In view of the partial restoration of the landslide affected National Highway-2 road near Phesama, one-way traffic of light vehicles has resumed with strict regulation. Traffic will be halted daily from 10 AM to 2 PM for further restoration work. Heavy vehicles, including water tankers, paramilitary convoys, and commercial passenger vehicles, remain prohibited until further notice. Kohima Deputy Commissioner B. Henok Buchem noted that college bus services will restart tomorrow.



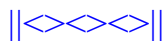
In Dimapur, three major civil bodies have flagged concerns over the mandatory installation of smart prepaid meters under the Centre's Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme. The Dimapur Urban Council Chairmen Federation (DUCCF), Dimapur District GBs' Association, and GB Union Dimapur Sadar held a joint

general meeting yesterday, and deliberated on the report of the fact-finding committee. Speaking to media after the meeting, committee Convenor Dr. Kahuka Sema, highlighted the three recommendations, which include improving power infrastructure, and allowing domestic consumers to choose between smart meters and postpaid system.

The committee noted public confusion and outcry over forced implementation, unclear tariffs, and technical unawareness. DUCCF President Zasivikho Zakiesato said the groups reaffirmed their demand for revoking the government's order mandating installation of smart prepaid meters.



A Nagaland government delegation visited Bharat Forge Limited in Pune on Saturday to reinforce the partnership focused on advanced manufacturing and Industry 4.0. The team was led by Industries & Commerce Director P. Tokugha Sema and comprised representatives from the Department and the Nagaland Tool Room & Training Centre (NTTC). They toured Bharat Forge's world-class forging plant and advanced AI laboratories, gaining insights into cutting-edge technologies used across sectors like automotive, aerospace, and defence. The visit formally recognized Bharat Forge's key role in establishing the Centre of Excellence in Industry 4.0 at NTTC, Dimapur, which was inaugurated earlier this year. Discussions focused on expanding training, technology transfer, and skilling youth in the region.



And, in sports, North East United FC has retained the Durand Cup trophy. In a stunning display of dominance, the defending champions crushed Diamond Harbour FC 6-1 in the final played at Kolkata yesterday. NorthEast United FC also swept all the individual awards, with Moroccan forward Alaaeddine Ajaraie claiming both the Golden Ball and the Golden Boot, while Goalkeeper Gurmeet was awarded the Golden Glove.

