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The upcoming Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zone-III Plenary Conference is set to take place in Kohima this November. In preparation for the event, Nagaland Legislative Assembly Speaker Sharingain Longkumer met with Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla in New Delhi on Saturday to discuss key parliamentary initiatives such as CPA India Region Zone-III and the proposed establishment of the North East Regional Parliamentary Studies, Training, and Research Centre. Mr. Longkumer briefed the Lok Sabha Speaker on the ongoing preparations for the Plenary Conference and emphasized its importance in fostering regional cooperation and dialogue among the North Eastern states. Speaker Om Birla expressed his interest in visiting Nagaland and confirmed his support and presence at the conference. He also expressed hope that Speakers and legislators from the region would make full use of the platform to deliberate on critical policy matters and regional concerns needing national attention.

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The Centre has advised States to ensure rational use of cough syrups, particularly among children, as most coughs are self-limiting and do not require pharmacological treatment. It has emphasized on strict compliance with the Revised Schedule by all drug manufacturers in view of recent concerns relating to the quality and administration of cough syrups. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare convened a high-level meeting under the chairmanship of the Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava with all States and Union Territories to review compliance with drug quality norms and promote the rational use of cough syrups, especially in paediatric populations. The matter was earlier reviewed by Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, who had directed that the matter should be discussed with States and UTs to ensure necessary actions. A report-

SYRUP V/C: During the meeting it was informed that Risk-Based Inspections have been initiated across 19 manufacturing units in six states to identify systemic gaps and strengthen quality assurance mechanisms. States and UTs were also advised to ensure enhanced surveillance, timely reporting by both government and private health facilities. The meeting follows recent reports of child deaths in Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh, allegedly linked to contaminated cough syrups. With Anupam reports,, Akashvani News Kohima.

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The new GST reform is a big relief for Assam's weavers, farmers, and small businesses. Under the revised rates, tax has been reduced from several traditional and regional goods of the state. The reform especially benefits Assam's tea industry, which now attracts only 5 per cent GST, making it cheaper and competitive in both domestic and international market. Assam's rich handloom and craft sector, that has over 12 lakh weavers, will also see major relief as GST on this sector has been reduced to 5 per cent. The tourism sector will also gain from this reform, as hotel rooms priced up to seven thousand five hundred rupees per night will attract only 5 percent GST, making Assam an affordable destination for visitors.

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As part of the Rashtriya Poshan Maah, the Department of Social Welfare, under CDPO Wokha Project, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Family Welfare, organized a one-day Anemia awareness cum screening camp for adolescent girls at the Urban Health Centre, Wokha. The camp aimed to raise awareness about adolescent health, especially anemia, menstrual hygiene, and oral care. Speaking at the event, Medical Officer, Wokha, Dr. Chonben Ezung, emphasized the need for open discussions around menstrual hygiene and called for increased community awareness to promote proper healthcare practices. A total of 60 adolescent girls underwent anemia screening during the camp.

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The excitement is building as the 25th Anniversary Edition of the NSF Martyrs' Memorial Trophy 2025 storms into the pre-quarterfinals. The action resumes at

the iconic Indira Gandhi Stadium in Kohima, with thrilling knockout clashes between 16 teams lined up from today till 9th October. we have a report from our correspondent

VC NSF -*So far, a total of 29 matches have been played in the tournament, which kicked off on September 13. In the first pre-quarterfinal match, Rever Gangtok SC will face off against Chedema Village Youth Organisation, followed by a clash between Tangkhul Katamnao Saklong and Mez & Co in the second match.*

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And now for the weather update, The India Meteorological Department has forecast scattered to isolated rainfall, accompanied by thunderstorms, across most parts of Nagaland today. The weather agency has also issued a warning for thunderstorms with lightning, likely to occur at isolated places in Dimapur, Kohima, and Peren.

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