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The Waves Film Bazaar 2025 wrapped up yesterday at the 56th International Film Festival of India, marking five days of global collaboration, creative exchange and cinematic innovation. Filmmakers, producers and emerging talent from across the world participated in dynamic sessions and project showcases. Joint Secretary (Films) Dr Ajay Nagabhushan announced that the 20th edition of WAVES Film Bazaar will be expanded next year. NFDC Managing Director Prakash Magdum reaffirmed the organisation's commitment to nurturing independent filmmakers and supporting promising projects.

The closing ceremony featured major award announcements across co-production, script development and AI film categories, highlighting new voices in cinema.

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In an effort to support vulnerable urban communities, the National Skill Development Corporation held consultation meetings in Dimapur recently with district officials, urban local bodies, industry groups, and training partners. The discussions focused on shaping the upcoming Skill India Centre for Empowering the Urban Poor to be set up in Dimapur. The centre aims to strengthen skill development initiatives for vulnerable urban communities in Nagaland.

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MLA Namri Nchang has underscored quality education as essential for the societal progress, stressing the role of students as future nation-builders. Speaking at the inauguration of the new High School Section Building of Yettrang School in Ahthibung, Peren recently, he called upon parents and educators to instill strong values to help young people become responsible and productive citizens. He also warned against substance abuse. The MLA further emphasized upon unity, highlighting the shared responsibility among community leaders and institutions for sustained development.

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Indian Cinema's legendary actor, Dharmendra passed away at his Mumbai residence yesterday at the age of 89. The iconic star, who had been grappling with health complications leaves behind a legacy that spans more than six unforgettable decades. President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have led the nation in paying tributes to the veteran actor and Padma Bhushan awardee. In a social media post, President Murmu said, the demise of the veteran actor and former Member of Parliament is a great loss to Indian cinema. Prime Minister Modi said the passing of Dharmendra marks the

end of an era in Indian cinema. The Prime Minister added that besides being an iconic film personality, he was equally admired for his simplicity, humility and warmth.

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The fifth Khelo India University Games were officially inaugurated at the grand ceremony held at Jaipur's Sawai Mansingh Stadium last evening. Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma and Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya lit the ceremonial lamp to mark the beginning of the event. Addressing the gathering, Mr Mandaviya highlighted the goal of placing India among the top nations in the world in the field of sports. In line with this vision, the Khelo India initiative is identifying and nurturing sporting talent. He added that world-class facilities are being provided to prepare athletes emerging from Khelo India for international competitions.

Around 7,000 participants from 230 universities across the country, are taking part in the Games.

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Host Nagaland registered their first victory in the Dr. T Ao Junior National Football Championship Girls' Tier 2, with a comfortable 7-nil win over Andaman & Nicobar yesterday. Punjab continued their strong run, earning back-to-back wins after a 2-1 result against Uttarakhand. In Tier 1, Manipur and Tamil Nadu are set to face off in the first semi-final in Anantapur today.

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