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Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will inaugurate the 22nd Annual Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), India Region Zone-III, in Kohima today. The inaugural function will be graced by the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Harivansh and Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly and Chairman of CPA India Region Zone-III, Sharingain Longkumer.

V/C : The two-day conference will bring together Presiding Officers, Members of Parliament, and Members of Legislative Assemblies from the eight Northeastern states that comprise Zone-III of the CPA India Region. The theme of the conference is "Policy, Progress & People: Legislatures as Catalysts of Change." Its sub-themes include "Role of Legislatures in Achieving Viksit Bharat" and "Climate Change – In the Light of Recent Cloudbursts and Landslides in Parts of the Northeast Region." The closing ceremony will be addressed tomorrow by Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Harivansh.

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Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla called on Governor of Nagaland Ajay Kumar Bhalla at Raj Bhavan, Kohima last evening. Mr Birla discussed with the Governor on various legislative matters, including the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference being held from today.

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The country is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its national song, Vande Mataram. A song that has inspired generations of Indians to unite, rise and

celebrate the spirit of the nation. Today, our correspondent brings a report on the man behind the immortal words of Vande Matram.

VC -The national song Vande Mataram was written by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, one of India's foremost literary figures and a pioneer of modern Indian literature. Born in 1838 in the Bengal region, Bankim Chandra combined the vision of a reformer with the power of his pen and imagination. Marking the beginning of a new era in Indian fiction, he wrote his first Bengali novel, Durgeshanandini, in 1865. It was in his celebrated novel Anandamath that the patriotic hymn Vande Mataram first appeared. The poem was first published in his literary journal Bangadarshan, in a serialised form, and later included in the complete edition of Anandamath in 1882. The song celebrates the motherland as the embodiment of strength, prosperity and divinity, and gives poetic voice to India's awakening spirit of unity and self-respect. With Vande Mataram, Bankim Chandra Chatterjee's legacy continues to echo through the corridors of India's freedom story.

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In a spirit of national unity and pride, Shamator Battalion, in collaboration with the State Government, organized a "Unity March / Padyatra" to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India. The event aimed to spread the message of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" promoting harmony, integration and collective strength among the citizens. Various sections of society joined the march to celebrate the vision and legacy of Sardar Patel, whose tireless efforts laid the foundation of a united India.

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Nagaland will join the global observance of Remembrance Day on November 11, honouring the sacrifices of British and Commonwealth servicemen and women during the World Wars and subsequent conflicts. The observance, organised by the State Government of Nagaland in collaboration with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, serves as a solemn reminder of the human cost of war and the enduring call for peace. According to the State Home Department, the first

formal observance held last year was a significant event, attended by the British Deputy High Commissioner, which further strengthened ties between Nagaland and the United Kingdom. The commemoration has since become a regular feature of the State Government's official calendar. This year's programme will be held at the Kohima War Cemetery, with Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio as the Special Guest and Bhaarat Dave, Deputy Head of Mission, British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata, as the Honoured Guest.

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And, The India Meteorological Department has forecast Cold wave conditions to prevail over Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand during the next three days. Similar weather conditions will persist over East Rajasthan today. Minimum temperature is expected to fall by two to three degrees Celsius over Northeast India during the next two to three days.