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THE HEADLINES :-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Jordan King Abdullah II outline ambitious plans to transform economic cooperation between the two nations.
- Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Bill 2025 introduced in Lok Sabha to boost rural jobs and infrastructure.
- NLA Speaker Sharingain Longkumer urges adaptation and respect for culture
- and, Joint Secretary MSME, Mercy Epao reviews development initiatives in aspirational District Kiphire

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and King Abdullah II of Jordan jointly addressed the India-Jordan business forum in Amman today, with both leaders outlining ambitious plans to transform economic cooperation between the two nations. The forum was attended by leading business dignitaries from both sides, with participation from high-level business delegations in sectors such as fertilizers and textiles, as well as new areas of cooperation including renewable energy, information technology and the health sector. In his address, King Abdullah highlighted that under the great leadership of Prime Minister Modi, India has witnessed great growth and both the nations will work together to take the economic partnership to further heights.

In his remarks, Prime Minister Modi has said that India-Jordan relations are of a different nature, where historical trust and future economic opportunities come together.

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Several memoranda of understanding are set to be signed between Indian and Jordanian trade bodies during the forum. Meanwhile, the Prime Minister has reached Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, in the second leg of his three nation tour.

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The Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Bill 2025 was introduced in the Lok Sabha today. The Bill will replace the twenty-year-old Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA). Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan moved the Bill to establish a modern statutory framework aligned with Viksit Bharat 2047, guaranteeing 125 days of wage employment per rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Mr Chouhan said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, several welfare schemes are being implemented for the upliftment of the poor.

He said, during the UPA government, an amount of two lakh 13 thousand crore rupees was spent on the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), while the Modi government has spent over eight lakh 53 thousand crore rupees on the scheme and has made sustained efforts to further strengthen it. We have more reports from our Correspondent-

During the introduction of the Bill, Various members of the opposition parties including Congress, DMK and TMC opposed the introduction of the bill. The opposition members also trooped into the well and raised slogans demanding withdrawal of the Bill.

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The Gorkha Union Mokokchung today celebrated its golden jubilee at the town hall Mokokchung under the theme “Adapt and move forward”. Speaking at the programme, Speaker Nagaland Legislative Assembly Sharingain Longkumer acknowledged the contribution of the Gorkha community in the development of Mokokchung town over past several decades. He lauded the pioneers and founders of the Union for the history and lasting legacy they have built. Emphasising the need for unity, Mr. Longkumer called for adapting with one another while respecting culture and tradition in order to move forward cohesively. Envisioning ‘Vikshit Mokokchung 2047’, the Speaker stressed the importance of collective contribution and cooperation for all section of the society to achieve a developed Mokokchung by 2047. He also gave a clarion call for citizens to move forward together and urged all to participate in making a better plan for the future. On the occasion, the NLA Speaker also released the jubilee souvenir.

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Central Prabhari Officer for ADP/ABP Kiphire and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Mercy Epao yesterday visited Kiphire Aspirational District and held a review meeting with district officials. During the meeting, Ms Epao reviewed the progress of various initiatives under the Aspirational District Programme (ADP). Following the review, she conducted field inspections to assess the implementation of the five core sectors of the programme Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture, Water Resources, Financial Inclusion and Skill Development, and Basic Infrastructure. Heads of the respective district offices also made presentations, highlighting their progress and reporting the ground-level status of ongoing projects and activities in the district.

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The Governor of Nagaland has declared the 23rd December as a holiday for the Bank employees in Nagaland. The declaration of holiday was issued under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (Act, XXVI).

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MLA & Chairman SDPDB Bhandari, Achumbemo Kikon yesterday inaugurated the Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) office, at Ralan under Wokha. Speaking at the inaugural programme, Mr Kikon congratulated all stakeholders and described the new office as a significant milestone in bringing the administration closer to people in remote areas. He said the office would enhance public service delivery and strengthen coordination with grassroots institutions. The MLA urged officers to serve with dedication and transparency, and appealed to the public for full cooperation. He also encouraged youth leaders to actively partner in promoting peace and development in the region. Mr Kikon asserted that the government remains committed to inclusive growth and development, particularly in border areas. Meanwhile, presenting the technical report, Assistant Engineer (CAWD) Daniel H Lotha informed that the total cost of construction of the Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) office building has been projected at Eighty lakh rupees.

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39 science students from Government Higher Secondary Schools in Nagaland undertook exclusive exposure trip to the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Guwahati, a premier autonomous research institute of national importance dedicated to cutting-edge research across diverse domains of science and technology. The four-day exposure programme held from 13th to 16th December was organised by Samagra Shiksha Nagaland, under the RashtriyaA vishkar Abhiyan, with the objective of nurturing scientific curiosity and promoting research-oriented thinking among young learners. During the visit, students were given first-hand exposure to advanced research facilities and laboratories, allowing them to experience a professional scientific environment beyond the classroom. The students were also sensitised to various scientific programmes and facilities, including BIONEST–IASST services. Detailed demonstrations and discussions were also held on advanced instruments and research areas.

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