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President Droupadi Murmu has said that security is among the key drivers of economic investment and growth. She said, building 'Surakshit Bharat' is necessary for building 'Samriddh Bharat'. Delivering the 38th Intelligence Bureau Centenary Endowment Lecture in New Delhi today, the President said India continues to face multi-dimensional security challenges, including border tensions, terrorism, insurgency, and the emerging threat of cybercrime. Highlighting the role of social media, President Murmu said it has transformed communication, but also carries the potential of both creation and disruption. She said, protecting people from misinformation is a very challenging task, and called for creating a community of active social media users who consistently present fact-based narratives in the national interest. She expressed her deep appreciation for the exceptional contribution made by the Intelligence Bureau to the internal security of the country.

The President emphasized the role of community participation in strengthening national security. She said that prioritizing citizen welfare and public participation can empower people to become effective sources of intelligence and security. Ms

Murmu said, this will help address the complex, multifaceted security challenges of the 21st century.

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Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan has called for making Artificial Intelligence (AI) an integral part of curriculum in schools and colleges to equip students with problem solving skills. The Vice President said this while addressing the National Conclave on AI Evolution- the Mahakumbh of AI in New Delhi.

The Vice President also emphasized that AI is crucial for the country as it charts its inspiring journey towards a self-reliant, inclusive and technologically empowered Viksit Bharat by 2047.

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Advisor for CAWD and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo, has called for urgent efforts to revive and uphold cultural, traditional and religious identity in the present-day Naga society. Addressing the 72nd General Session of the Thenyizumi Students' Union today, he cautioned that the erosion of identity poses a serious challenge to the community. Emphasizing that the family remains the foundation of a progressive society, Mr Khamo encouraged families to observe Family Week during the festive season for reflection and prayer. He urged the younger generation to become creators rather than seekers, and reminded students that every profession carries dignity. Also speaking at the event, Superintendent of Police, Phek, Dr. Pritpal Kaur urged students to use technology responsibly and adopt AI and modern tools while preserving their cultural roots.

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National Farmers' Day is being observed across the country today, honouring the invaluable contributions of farmers to the nation's growth and development. The day marks the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Chaudhary Charan Singh, renowned for his deep understanding of rural issues and steadfast commitment to farmers' welfare. On the occasion, Nagaland Rajya

Sabha MP S Phangnon Konyak paid tribute to farmers for their tireless dedication in ensuring food security and sustaining lives. Ms Konyak said, their hard work and resilience continue to nurture the soil and strengthen the country.

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As Christmas approaches, festive cheer is steadily spreading. Across Nagaland, the scenic hills have turned into festive spaces, with homes, churches and streets beautifully adorned with Christmas trees, stars and decorative lights. Families are exchanging gifts, while markets are bustling as people rush for their final shopping. In Wokha district, preparations are in full swing to welcome the birth of Jesus Christ.

Overall, Wokha is fully immersed in the spirit of Christmas, marked by faith, celebration and a strong sense of community unity.

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Nagaland Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla has extended warm Christmas and New Year greetings to the people of the State. In his message, the Governor said Christmas, commemorating the birth of Lord Jesus Christ, holds special significance in Nagaland. It reflects the values of love, compassion, humility, forgiveness and service to humanity, which have long guided the people of the State in promoting harmony resilience and mutual respect. Welcoming the New Year, Mr Bhalla called upon citizens to reflect on their collective journey and renew their commitment to peace, unity and inclusive development. He urged people to work together to strengthen social cohesion, uphold cultural heritage and contribute to the progress and prosperity of Nagaland. Wishing peace, prosperity, good health and happiness for every household, Governor Bhalla expressed hope that the spirit of Christmas would fill the people's hearts with hope and goodwill, and that the coming year 2026 would bring new opportunities and renewed optimism.

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President Droupadi Murmu today conferred the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025 at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. This is the nation's highest recognition for exceptional contributions in the fields of science, technology, and innovation. Padma Vibhushan Prof. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar was honoured with the Vigyan Ratna award posthumously. Eight scientists were conferred with the Vigyan Shree award, and 14 young scientists were awarded under the Vigyan Yuva category, while the Vigyan Team award was given to Team Aroma Mission CSIR.

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Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that an allocation of over one lakh fifty-one thousand crore rupees has been proposed under the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) scheme to ensure adequate funding for employment generation and comprehensive rural development. In a video message, the Minister said, workers are now legally guaranteed 125 days of employment instead of 100 days.

Mr Singh highlighted that the scheme focuses on water conservation, rural infrastructure works, livelihood-based activities, and disaster prevention measures to build developed, self-reliant, poverty-free and employment-oriented villages.

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