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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) in New Delhi today. 61 Speakers and Presiding Officers of 42 Commonwealth countries and four semi-autonomous parliaments will attend the Conference. Yesterday, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla chaired the meeting CSPOC at the Red Fort in Delhi. In a social media post, Mr Birla said, the 28th CSPOC will serve as a key global platform to advance dialogue, innovation and collaboration in support of stronger and more effective parliamentary democracies.

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India has advised all its nationals to leave Iran by available means of transport, including commercial flights amid escalating protests in the West Asian country and a rapidly evolving security situation. The advisory applies to students, pilgrims, businesspersons, tourists, and other Indian citizens present in Iran. Meanwhile, External Affairs Ministry has once again strongly advised Indian nationals to avoid travel to Iran until further notice.

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At least 3,428 protestors have been killed amid the crackdown on protests in Iran, and more than 10,000 have been arrested, Norway-based Iran Human Rights NGO said. Around 3,379 of the deaths took place during the height of the protests from January 8 to 12. The US-based Human Rights Activists News Agency had reported that the number of dead was at least 2,571. Iranian state television has acknowledged that the country had a "lot of martyrs" without providing a specific figure.

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NITI Aayog released the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2024, a comprehensive assessment of export readiness across India's states and union territories. Briefing the media after the release of the Index in New Delhi yesterday, NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam highlighted that India's export trajectory is increasingly shaped by the preparedness of states and districts.

VC: The 2024 Index is structured around four pillars, further disaggregated into 13 sub-pillars. The 2024 edition indicates that Maharashtra, along with Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, are leading performers among large states. Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Nagaland, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, and Goa are listed as leading performers in the category of small states, northeastern states and union territories.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the new Amrit Bharat trains mark a significant step in improving passenger comfort and connectivity. Sharing the social media post of Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw regarding the flagging off of nine new Amrit Bharat Express trains, Mr Modi said other benefits include boosting commerce and tourism. Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw on Tuesday announced that nine new Amrit Bharat Express trains will be flagged off soon.



The Department of Financial Services yesterday launched a composite salary account package for central government employees in association with Public Sector Banks. The Finance Ministry said that this initiative is aligned with the Government's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 and the national commitment towards Insurance for all by 2047. As per the Ministry, the package sought to provide Central Government employees with a comprehensive suite of banking and insurance benefits under a single, seamless account structure. The product has three core segments Banking, Insurance and Cards.



Veteran Journalist and poet T Monalisa Changkija latest collection of verse 'This Silence' was released by Vice Chancellor, North East Christian University Dr. Darlando Thanmi Khathing yesterday. In her review of the book, Assistant Professor Benny Sumer Yanthan said her verse offers as much food for thought as her editorials, post-eds, op-eds, and anchors. Prof Yanthan said it is both provocative and insightful for the reader of today, inviting deep reflection on so many issues permeating both the social and individual fabric of our society. Earlier Ms. Monalisa acknowledged all those who have put their hands together to compile her poems in a book form.



And, 29 old Venuzo Dawhuo, hailing from Thenyizu Village, won the Champion title of the 31st Chokri Area Wrestling Association (CAWA) meet. Mr Dawhuo defeated Swüyieveyi Nakro from Chetheba in the final

held at Phusachodu Village. The champion received cash prize along with the championship belt.

