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- EAC Namsang headquarters relocated to Yonglok; Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio says move will boost governance in remote areas
- Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton urges youth to lead with integrity and creativity on National Youth Day
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor hold delegation-level talks; India-Germany sign 19 MoUs
- Union Budget 2026-27 to be presented on February 1

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today attended the programme marking the relocation of the EAC Namsang headquarters from Kongshong to Yonglok in Longleng district. Addressing the event, he said the decision follows long-standing public representations, and aims to strengthen administrative reach in remote and border areas, improving governance and service delivery. In a social media post, Mr Rio noted that changing development needs, population distribution and connectivity have necessitated the relocation. Commending the people of Namsang for their active role in regional development, the Chief Minister expressed hope for continued growth, harmony and prosperity in the area.

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Today is National Youth Day, commemorating the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. On the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton said the day celebrates the energy, ideas, and courage of young citizens. He added that their curiosity pushes boundaries, their service strengthens communities, and their ambition fuels progress. Mr Patton expressed hope that the youth would continue to lead with confidence, creativity, and integrity, making the nation stronger and brighter. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is attending the concluding session of the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2026 in New Delhi.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz held a high-level meeting in Gandhinagar today. India and Germany announced a wide range of initiatives spanning defence, trade, and technology, marking a new chapter in bilateral relations. Addressing the joint press meet, Prime Minister Modi said that

India and Germany are not just economic partners, but are committed to global peace and stability. He said, the bilateral trade between India and Germany has reached its highest level ever, surpassing the 50 billion dollar mark.

Speaking at the briefing, German Chancellor Merz said both countries want to elevate India-Germany relations to an even higher level. Mr Merz arrived in Ahmedabad early this morning on a two-day maiden visit to India.

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India and Germany signed 19 key MoUs and made eight key announcements following the maiden visit of German Chancellor Merz to India. Addressing a press briefing, Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said the exchanges focused on enhancing cooperation in sectors such as defence, trade, skill, green energy and people-to-people ties. A major announcement was visa-free transit for Indian passport holders through Germany, alongside a new framework for the recruitment of Indian healthcare professionals.

Germany announced funding of 1.24 billion euros under the Green and Sustainable Development Partnership.

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The Union Budget 2026-27 will be presented on the 1st of February in the Lok Sabha. The Budget Session of Parliament is scheduled to commence on the 28th of this month. During a press conference in New Delhi today, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said, the process of budget presentation will begin at 11:00 AM in the Lower House on the 1st of February.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio yesterday met with Union Minister of State for Coal and Mines, Satish Chandra Dubey. In a social media post, Mr Dubey said the meeting focused on avenues in the mining sector, local job creation and sustainable developments. Talks also covered strengthening centre-state coordination for effective implementation of central schemes. During his two-day visit to Kohima, the Union Minister reviewed progress of various projects, reaffirming the Centre's commitment to work closely with the state government for the all-round development of Nagaland.

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Vice President C P Radhakrishnan today said that education should be used to reduce inequalities, empower marginalised communities and ensure that development reaches every corner of the country. Speaking at the 9th

convocation ceremony of Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi today, he said education not only forms character but also strengthens the mind and expands intelligence. Mr Radhakrishnan urged the students to work for the country's economic, social and scientific prosperity.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extended warm greetings to the Chang community on Poang Lüm. In a message on *X*, he said the festival celebrates friendship, renewal of bonds, and heralds the upcoming cultivation season. Mr Rio expressed hope that the year ahead would bring blessings of peace, harmony, prosperity, and abundant harvests. The Chief Minister also greeted the Mech Kachari community on the occasion of Aai-Sagi. Mr Rio wished that the post-harvest festival would be a time of gratitude, strengthen friendship and unity, and bring happiness and prosperity for all.

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Prime Minister's flagship platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, PRAGATI, has marked a significant milestone with the successful conduct of its 50th meeting. Since its launch by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, PRAGATI has transformed governance by enabling real-time monitoring and resolution of key infrastructure projects and public grievances through direct Prime Ministerial review. Today, in this special series, we take a look at the Jabalpur-Gondia Gauge Conversion project of Ministry of Railways.

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The Central Goods & Services Tax (CGST) Office, Dimapur have arrested a person for alleged GST fraud involving fake invoices and wrongful Input Tax Credit worth over 53 crore rupees. The person, identified as Atiqur Rahman Barbhuiya was arrested on Saturday during an investigation conducted by the Anti-Evasion Unit, a CGST Dimapur press release said. The arrested person is said to be a director of two coal supply companies namely, M/s Bendangtoshi Mining Private Limited and M/s Kevitho Mining Private Limited, which were found to be non-existent or non-operational at the declared addresses. He was found to have committed offences under the CGST Act, 2017 by issuing invoices without supply of goods and also fraudulently availing tax credit. This is the second such GST fraud arrest by CGST Dimapur in recent months.

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