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THE HEADLINES :-

- Opposition moves No-Confidence Motion against Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla
- Home Minister Amit Shah calls Cyber Security key to national safety
- Nagaland observes Safer Internet Day 2026
- And, Union Minister Kirti Vardhan Singh discusses eco-tourism, community practices in Nagaland

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The Opposition has given a notice of no-confidence motion against Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. Lok Sabha Sources said, opposition has submitted the notice to the Secretary General of the lower house. Sources added that the notice will be examined and processed as per rules. Opposition parties including Congress, DMK, Samajwadi Party, RJD and Left parties have signed the notice submitted to the secretary General. However, TMC has not signed it. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has said, he will not sit in the Lok Sabha Speaker's Chair until the no-confidence motion brought by the opposition is resolved

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Home Minister Amit Shah today inaugurated the National Conference on 'Tackling Cyber-Enabled Frauds and Dismantling the Ecosystem' in New Delhi. Addressing the event, he said, cyber security is now linked to national safety. Highlighting government initiatives to eliminate cyber crime, he noted the role of Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs, as an important platform. He added that, currently 795 institutions, including banks, Fintech, NBFCs, and e-commerce platforms have been established and are associated with I4C. Mr Shah stressed on the need for more awareness about cyber security among citizens, and coordinated efforts among departments to tackling the crisis.

On the occasion, the Minister also inaugurated the New Cybercrime Branch of CBI and launched State Cyber Crime Coordination Centre Dashboard of I4C. The two-day conference, organised by the CBI in collaboration with the I4C, aims to build a shared understanding of the scale, trends, and evolving nature of cyber-enabled frauds in India.

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Nagaland today observed Safer Internet Day 2026 with programmes held across districts, focusing on the safe and responsible use of the internet and artificial intelligence. The programmes were organised by the National Informatics Centre and district administrations under the theme 'Smart Tech, Safe Choices: Exploring the Safe and Responsible Use of AI.' Addressing the event in Kohima, EAC Imtiyenla K highlighted the growing importance of the internet but cautioned against risks such as cyberbullying, misinformation, deepfakes and online fraud. She stressed the need for digital literacy and responsible use of technology and artificial intelligence in daily life. In Dimapur, EAC Imlijungla Lemtur, emphasized upon using AI responsibly to improve efficiency in the workplace. However, she warned against replacing human judgment and critical thinking, and urged participants to remain mindful of sharing personal data online. In Zunheboto, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tiameraen Chang called upon citizens, especially the youth, to ensure ethical use of digital platforms and AI to contribute positively to society. During the programmes, participants were briefed on common cyber threats, preventive measures and ways to report cybercrimes through the national helpline 1930, the portal cybercrime.gov.in. or at police stations.

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Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change and External Affairs, Kirti Vardhan Singh met with Nagaland's Minister for Tourism & Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along, in Kohima today. The two leaders discussed on eco-tourism as well as forest and wildlife management. Mr Singh also met officers of the Nagaland Forest Department and appreciated their effective use of GIS for mapping and monitoring. They also shared valuable insights, particularly on community-level practices in the state.

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On World Pulses Day today, Tourism Minister Temjen Imna Along highlighted Nagaland's traditional jhum farming, where maize is grown with pulses and beans in mixed cropping systems, which has been practiced for generations. He said, the crops help maintain soil fertility naturally, support largely chemical-free farming, and are well-suited to the fragile hill ecology. The Minister hailed the wisdom of Naga farmers, saying their age-old practices reflect sustainability long before it became a global focus.

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The Lok Sabha has also taken up discussion on the Union Budget 2026-27. Initiating the discussion today, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor criticised the Budget saying that government spending has reduced and tax receipts have remained flat. He alleged that this Budget has more shift on tax burden on individual payers rather than corporates

Aparajita Sarangi of BJP said, the Budget reflects commitment, conviction and consistency of the Government. Meanwhile, the Rajya Sabha also resumed the discussion on the Union Budget. Participating in the discussion, Shiv Sena MP Milind Deora said, during this very politically and economically tumultuous time, India stands alone as a rare island of macroeconomic growth and stability. Kanimozhi NVN Somu of DMK termed the budget as anti-poor saying it is detached from the country's economic realities.

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A seven-day training programme on Scientific Beekeeping is underway at the School of Agricultural Sciences, Nagaland University, with the aim to promote ecological awareness and support sustainable livelihoods. Speaking at the inaugural programme, Chairman of the Nagaland Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM), Obed Quinker, stressed the vital role of bees in ecology and biodiversity, and highlighted NBHM's focus on promoting native bee species, particularly *Apis cerana*. He also stressed the urgent need for scientific data generation in Nagaland, pointing to the lack of adequate scientific data on

beekeeping and pollinators in the state. The training is being attended by 25 participants from Noklak, Sirhima and Medziphema, and will continue till the 15th of February.

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The Dimapur district administration has directed all coaching centers to mandatorily apply for registration by February 18. Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Tinojongshi Chang noted that as per the 'Registration and Regulations of Coaching Centers' issued by Higher and Technical Department, any establishment providing tuition, instructions or guidance to more than 20 students for any academic programme or competitive examinations must be registered. Centers with multiple branches must submit separate applications for each branch. Registration forms will be available at the Deputy Commissioner's office from tomorrow.

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And, In cricket, Nagaland eves went down to Sikkim in the Senior Women's One-Day Trophy Plate match played today in Bhubaneshwar. After Sikkim won the toss and opted to field, Nagaland were bowled out for 148. Sikkim successfully chased down the target with eight wickets to spare.

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