



THE HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi calls for democratising AI at India AI Impact Summit
- Union Minister of State Ram Nath Thakur reviews agricultural development programmes in Longleng
- Three-day 'Colours of Spring' flower show begins in Dimapur
- Home Minister Amit Shah to launch second phase of Vibrant Villages Programme tomorrow



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stressed on democratising AI saying it must become a tool for inclusion and empowerment, particularly for the Global South. Inaugurating the India AI Impact Summit 2026 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi in the presence of many world leaders, Mr Modi said, the world is entering an era where humans and intelligent systems co-create, co-work and co-evolve. He said, AI will make the work smarter, more efficient and more impactful.

Mr Modi outlined the M.A.N.A.V. vision for AI - Moral and Ethical Systems, Accountable Governance, National Sovereignty, Accessible and Inclusive, Valid and Legitimate. He asserted that India's M.A.N.A.V. Vision will become a crucial link for humanity's welfare in the AI-driven world of the 21st century.

Addressing the event, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said, AI must belong to everyone and its future cannot be decided by a handful of countries.

Later, Prime Minister Modi addressed the leader's plenary at the Summit, where he said AI technology should be accessible for all. Making three vital suggestions on the ethical use of AI, he highlighted the need for a robust data framework for AI training that respects data sovereignty; the importance of clear and transparent safety rules for AI platforms; and clear human values and guidance for AI.



Nagaland's Task Force of Arts & Music (TaFMA) will present a cultural performance titled 'Hornbill Dream - Where Tradition Meets Technology' tomorrow at the ongoing AI Impact Summit 2026 at Bharat Mandapam. The performance will celebrate the rich traditions of Nagaland, blending folk rhythms and indigenous motifs with contemporary and digital innovation. TaFMA's presentation is one of the two cultural programmes featured at the Summit, celebrating India's rich heritage and its evolving technological spirit.



Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ram Nath Thakur, visited ICAR-KVK in Longleng today on the second day of his two-day visit to the district. He reviewed ongoing agricultural development programmes aimed at improving livelihoods for farmers. During interactions with officials and famers, he emphasized the need to modernize traditional jhum cultivation by adopting climate-resilient and location-specific technologies, while preserving indigenous knowledge. The Minister also reviewed low-input responsive crop varieties, water harvesting initiatives, and value addition projects. He encouraged entrepreneurship development among women farmers, through processing, seed production, and allied agri-enterprises, to create sustainable self-employment opportunities. Mr Thakur also stressed upon conserving indigenous crop varieties, protecting farmers' rights, and ensuring benefit-sharing mechanisms for local communities. The Union Minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to scientific support and inclusive agricultural growth in remote and tribal

regions, calling for stronger coordination between research and line departments to accelerate adoption of technologies. The Minister also visited ongoing development projects, including NECTAR Project at Bautung Government Higher Secondary School, and District Hospital Longleng, where he expressed concern over work progress of the district hospital.

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The three-day 'Colours of Spring' flower show began today at the IDAN premises in Dimapur, marking the event's return after 17 years. The exhibition was organized by the Dimapur District Ladies Club (DDLCL) in collaboration with the Department of Horticulture and Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland. Inaugurating the show, DDLCL Chief Patron, Kaisa Rio, emphasized that the exhibition provides a platform for plant enthusiasts to celebrate both aesthetics and skills.

Mrs Rio highlighted the immense potential of floriculture in Nagaland as a viable income generator with proper support, training and market linkages. Noting that development is not only about infrastructure and statistics, she emphasized on nurturing skills, culture and human connections. The exhibition will also feature seminars on floriculture, and dragon fruit and mushroom cultivations.

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah will launch the second phase of the Vibrant Villages Programme tomorrow, aimed at strengthening development in border areas. Mr Shah will formally inaugurate the programme from Nathanpur village in Cachar district of Assam. With a total outlay of more than 6,800 crore rupees, the programme will be implemented in select strategic villages across 15 states and two Union Territories, including Nagaland, until 2028-29. The initiative seeks to improve essential infrastructure and create sustainable livelihoods, while fostering secure and

resilient border communities in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

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Deputy Commissioner Kohima B. Henok Buchem informed that the resignation of the Deputy Chairperson of the Kohima Municipal Council (KMC) has been processed in accordance with the provisions of the Nagaland Municipal Act. Speaking to media persons today, he said the Deputy Chairperson's resignation letter was received on January 17. Following due procedure, a mandatory 15-day notice was issued on January 27, after which the matter was forwarded on February 11 to the Department of Municipal Affairs for final orders. Regarding the resignation of the KMC Chairman, Mr Buchem said that the resignation letter will be forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs after the mandatory 15 days are over.

Mr Buchem said the resignation of the KMC Chairman was on medical grounds.

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Akashvani Kohima is inviting eligible candidates for filling up 11 posts of Part-Time Correspondents in the districts of Chumoukedima, Longleng, Meluri, Mon, Noklak, Peren, Phek, Shamator, Tuensang, Tseminyu and Zunheboto. The prescribed proforma and details are uploaded on the Facebook page - All India Radio News Kohima. The last date of submission of applications is tomorrow, the 20th of February.

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