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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today inaugurated the JSW Women-Centric BPO at the Integrated Business Hub and Innovation Centre in Dimapur. The facility has been set up by the Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) in collaboration with the JSW Foundation under the JSW Shakti initiative. Described as the first women-centric BPO of its kind in the Northeast, the centre will provide IT-enabled employment opportunities to women aged 18 years and above. Addressing the event, Mr Rio said the initiative marks a significant milestone in Nagaland's journey towards inclusive and technology-driven growth. He said the project aligns with the government's vision to women empowerment, skill development and meaningful employment within the state, and highlighted the immense human potential of Nagas.

Mr Rio noted that the collaboration focuses on the three key pillars of skills, technology and employment, which essential for building a resilient and future-ready workforce. He expressed confidence that the centre will create local job opportunities, reduce outward migration and attract further investment.

Speaking on the occasion, IDAN Chairman Abu Metha informed discussions are on with JSW to expand the scope of BPOs in Nagaland.

The programme concluded with the ceremonial presentation of engagement letters to selected candidates.

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Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ram Nath Thakur today reviewed development works in Longleng district. In a social media post, Mr Thakur said that he held detailed discussions with district officials and local representatives on initiatives under the Purvottar Sampark Setu programme. The Union Minister asserted that the government is injecting new energy and momentum into the Northeast through inclusive development.

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President Droupadi Murmu, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, today reviewed the International Fleet Review 2026 off the coast of Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, underscoring India's growing maritime capability and its commitment to global naval cooperation. Embarking on the Presidential Yacht, INS Sumedha, she inspected a formidable assembly of 71 Indian and foreign vessels anchored along the coastline. The fleet comprised 45 Indian Navy ships, 19 visiting warships and other vessels representing the Coast Guard, Merchant Navy and research organisations. Addressing the gathering, the President emphasised the importance of unity, trust and collective responsibility among nations in ensuring a stable maritime order.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a series of bilateral meetings with world leaders on the sidelines of the India AI Impact Summit in New Delhi today. During a meeting with President of Spain Pedro Sanchez, the leaders discussed areas including trade and economy, digital, innovation, health, climate action and education. Mr Modi said both

nations are marking 2026 as the India-Spain Year of Culture, Tourism and AI. The Prime Minister also held talks with Finnish counterpart Antti Petteri Orpo focused on cooperation in sustainability and digitalization, AI research, ethical innovation and doubling trade. He also met with Presidents of Estonia and Serbia, and Prime Ministers of Croatia, Bhutan and Kazakhstan. Earlier, Prime Minister Modi met Google CEO Sundar Pichai and discussed potential collaboration with Indian students and professionals in AI.

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India AI and Intel India have created a new World Record under the category for most pledges received for an AI responsibility campaign in 24 hours. More than 2.5 lakh students took pledge under the campaign. Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw, said the achievement reflects the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He also noted that it is the direction in which the country should lead the thought process of Responsible AI. The Minister also congratulated and thanked the entire team for this achievement.

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French President Emmanuel Macron and Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda inaugurated the Indo-French Campus on AI in Global Health at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi. This initiative aims to advance research, innovation, and capacity building in AI-driven healthcare solutions, fostering academic excellence and international partnerships. French President Macron said India and France will establish better connections in order to have better sourcing.

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Additional Deputy Commissioner, Medziphema has informed that the bridge between Jharnapani and Molvom has been closed with immediate effect due to dismantling and construction works. All forms of vehicular traffic has been restricted from today. Commuters have been advised to use the alternate route via Tri Junction-Cattle Breeding Farm towards SAS--Dzumha river during the closure period. The order will remain in effect until completion of the repair works and further notification from the District Administration.

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The Office of the District Cultural Officer, Kiphire, under the Department of Art & Culture, organized a one-day workshop under the Living Morung project at Kiphire village today. The workshop focused on traditional crafts and weaving with participants from Langkok and Longthonger villages. District Cultural Officer Kiphire, Moses Newmai, emphasized the importance of embracing one's culture and identity irrespective of age or social status and encouraged preservation of traditional heritage despite advancement and influence of western culture.

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