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Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah termed AI and Deep Tech as the main pillars of the future economy. Inaugurating the ‘Million Minds Tech Park-Phase 1’ and ‘GREMI City Campus’ in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, today, he said that India has become a leader in every emerging sector of the world.

Mr. Shah, who is on a two-day visit to Gujarat, also inaugurated the Innovation and Incubation Centre of the National Institute of Design in Gandhinagar. The Minister also inaugurated and laid foundation stone of various development works of the Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation, which included inauguration of the newly built five-lakh-litre capacity plant of Gandhinagar District Cooperative Milk Producers’ Union Limited, Madhur Dairy.



Joining communities from across the world, the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial was observed today at the College of Nursing, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima. Speaking on the significance of the day, District AIDS Control Officer, DISHA, Dr. Chibenthung Kithan, said the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial is one of the world’s oldest and most meaningful community-led movements in response to HIV and AIDS. Dr. Kithan said the Candlelight Memorial is more than a symbolic event and described it as a powerful expression of solidarity and compassion. Highlighting this year’s theme, “Light the Legacy: Remember. Advance. Act.”, he said it honours those lost to AIDS-related illnesses, recognises the contributions of activists, healthcare workers, and caregivers, and calls for continued action against stigma, discrimination, and inequality.

Dr. Kithan noted that medical advancements such as ART and improved healthcare have transformed HIV into a manageable condition for many, but challenges like poverty, misinformation, and social stigma still limit access to care for vulnerable populations. He stressed the need for collective action from governments, communities, educational institutions, families, and civil society organisations to strengthen awareness, healthcare access, and support systems.



Following the directions from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Deputy Commissioner Kohima has called for strict compliance and mass awareness on proper use and dignity of the National Flag. The National Flag represents hopes and aspirations of the people of the country and must always occupy a position of honour. While there is universal affection and loyalty towards the National Flag, lack of awareness is often noticed among the general public as well as government agencies regarding the laws, practices and conventions governing its display. As per the Flag Code, paper flags may be used during national, cultural and sports events, but they must not be discarded on the ground and should be disposed of respectfully in a manner consistent with the dignity of the National Flag. All Heads of Departments have been directed to undertake mass awareness programmes and ensure wide publicity through electronic and print media advertisements regarding proper use and dignity of the National Flag. All concerned administrative officers under Kohima district have also been directed to monitor compliance and ensure strict adherence to these statutory instructions.



Government has said that the On-Screen Marking (OSM) system in the CBSE Class 12th examinations has enhanced transparency and objectivity in evaluation process. Addressing concerns over the Class 12 results declared by the CBSE, in New Delhi today, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Sanjay Kumar said that some concerns have been raised by the students regarding marking and a slight decline in pass percentage. He said that the welfare of students is of utmost importance and no child should feel they have received less marks than they deserve. Mr. Kumar noted that OSM is not a new system and was first introduced in 2014, and widely used by several universities and international boards. Mr Kumar said that earlier, answer sheets were checked within specific regional offices, but the new system of OSM allows evaluation beyond geographical boundaries.



Minister for Road & Bridges, G Kaito Aye has called for stronger customary governance and social reforms to ensure community growth and development. Addressing the Sümi Kükami Hoho general conference held at Zunheboto yesterday, the Minister cautioned village chieftains against joining underground groups as that complicate leadership and governance. Referring to Article 371A and the Nagaland Village and Tribal Councils Act, he called for uniformity among village leadership bodies and appealed for joint efforts to curb electoral corruption. He urged the gathering of tribal leaders, legislators, village chieftains, and community members to adopt constructive practices while preserving the unique identity of the people. On the issue of proposed ban on religious symbols and stickers on vehicles, Mr Aye defended the role of churches and NGOs, saying such symbols reflect identity and social service.



MLA & Advisor, Water Resources Tongpang Ozukum formally launched a biography titled ‘Samanir T Sentichuba’ authored by Tiala Imchen in Ao dialect, yesterday at Dimapur. Late T Sentichuba was first elected to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly from Yisemyong constituency in 1969 on a United Front of Nagaland ticket. He contested ten assembly elections and won seven times. Speaking at the event, the Advisor described Mr. Sentichuba as a visionary leader and fatherly figure whose wisdom, compassion, and dedication guided his people through difficult times. He said Mr. Sentichuba’s life reflected strong character, conviction, and selfless service, urging the younger generation to draw inspiration from his legacy and work towards a progressive society.



The All Commercial Vehicle Association (ACVA), Wokha, celebrated its 12th Foundation Day today at VDB Hall, with Associate Pastor, WTBC Zurethung Humtsoe urging members to stay dedicated and put God first. Founding member Renbomo Humtsoe highlighted the Association’s mission of “One Government, One Tax.” The house resolved to support the “Drug-Free Wokha” campaign, reaffirmed earlier resolutions on non-local vehicle ownership, and appointed Simon Ezung as Joint Secretary of ACVA Wokha district.

