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The three New Criminal Laws- Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023, come into force from today. The government of India has held regular meetings with States and Union Territories and they are fully geared up in terms of technology, capacity building and awareness generation to implement the new Criminal Laws. As the new Criminal Laws lay emphasis on technology in investigation, trial and court proceedings, the National Crime Records Bureau has made 23 functional modifications in the existing Crime and Criminal Tracking Networks and Systems application. It is also providing technical assistance to the States and Union Territories for seamless transition to the new system.

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Union Minister of State for Law & Justice, Arjun Ram Meghwal highlighted that the new criminal laws aim to prioritize 'justice' over mere 'punishment', marking a departure from colonial-era legislations. He was addressing the one day conference titled 'India's Progressive Path in the Administration of Criminal Justice System' in Mumbai yesterday. The Minister emphasized that the formulation of these laws involved extensive consultations with stakeholders, including MPs and MLAs across party lines, as well as common citizens, and incorporated recommendations from the Law Commission of India.

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General Upendra Dwivedi took charge as the new Chief of the Army Staff in New Delhi yesterday. Born on 1st July, 1964, he was commissioned into the Infantry (Jammu and Kashmir Rifles) of the Indian Army on 15th December, 1984. During his long and distinguished service spanning nearly 40 years, General Upendra Dwivedi has served in different capacities. An alumnus of the Sainik School, Rewa, the National Defence College and US Army War College, General Upendra Dwivedi has an M Phil in Defence and Management Studies and two Master's Degrees in Strategic Studies and Military Science. He has been decorated with the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and three GOC-in-C Commendation Cards.

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The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) yesterday interrogated the accused at Beur Central Jail in Patna, Bihar, in the alleged question paper leak case of the NEET UG examination. This marks the second consecutive day that the Central Agency has conducted interrogations at Patna Jail in this case. So far, the agency has arrested five suspects from Bihar and Jharkhand. The Central Agency is also questioning 13 other accused who are lodged in Beur Jail; they were previously arrested by the Economic Offence Unit (EOU) of Bihar Police. The CBI took over the case on the 24th of June from the EOU.

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India has initiated an anti-dumping probe pertaining to glass fibre imports from China, Thailand, and Bahrain, following a complaint from a domestic player. If confirmed, anti-dumping duties can be imposed. Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) initiated the anti-dumping investigation based on the evidence submitted by the applicant concerning the dumping of the product. The DGTR is the commerce ministry's investigation arm, and can recommend imposing anti-dumping duties on the imports. However, that final decision is taken by the finance ministry. Anti-dumping probes are conducted to find out if domestic industries have been hurt because of a large surge in cheap imports.

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The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued orange and red alerts over Northwest, East, and Northeast India during the next 4 to 5 days due to heavy to very heavy rainfall. The IMD said that heavy rainfall will prevail over parts of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, East Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh till the 3rd of July. In East and Northeast India, these conditions will be present over Bihar, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura during the next 3 to 4 days. In West India, heavy rainfall conditions will affect Gujarat, Central Maharashtra, and Goa till the 4th of July.

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