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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has returned to India this morning after successfully concluding his final leg of a five-nation tour in Italy, where both nations announced the upgradation of their ties to a Special Strategic Partnership, marking a major step forward in bilateral relations. The two countries signed several agreements in areas including agriculture, critical minerals, Ayurveda, science and technology, and facilitation of mobility of Indian nurses from India to Italy. Both nations also signed MoUs for curbing tax crimes, Money Laundering and Terror Financing. In a Joint Press statement with his Italian counterpart, Georgia Meloni in Rome yesterday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, India-Italy's shared initiative against terror financing has presented an important example before the entire world.

Prime Minister of Italy, Georgia Meloni, said the aim is to enhance the complementarity between the two countries in many. PM Modi was also conferred the prestigious Agricola Medal by the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome.

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The elected NPF councillors of the Dimapur Municipal Council have unanimously resolved their differences following the intervention of NPF party leaders, reaffirming their commitment to party unity and public service. In a joint statement issued by DMC Chairperson Hukheto Yephthomi and Deputy Chairperson Imlinaro Stephanie Ezung, the councillors stated that they had set aside their differences in the greater interest of the party and the people of Dimapur. The statement said the councillors remain committed to carrying out their responsibilities with sincerity and dedication while ensuring good governance, accountability and transparency in the functioning of the municipal council. It further stated that as all members have reconciled and agreed to work together as a united team, the concerned authorities have been officially informed to call off the trust vote that was scheduled to be held on May 22.

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Bharatiya Janata Party Nagaland organised a combined District Prashikshan Mahabhiyan for Wokha, Phek and Kohima districts at Riphym village under Wokha district yesterday. Addressing the programme, Deputy Chief Minister and BLP Leader Yanthungo Patton emphasized the importance of humility, dedication and selfless service in political life. Recalling how Prime Minister Narendra Modi considers himself a simple party worker, Mr. Patton said the strength and growth of the party lie in the hands of committed karyakartas. He urged party workers to "let the work speak," while stressing that the BJP should not be politicized on religious lines.

State BJP President Benjamin Yepthomi said the party must now focus on holistic revival to further strengthen its grassroots presence and influence. He urged party workers to stay united and dedicated towards organisational development and public service.

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Enhancing healthcare delivery in Kohima, the newly upgraded Nagabazar Sub-Centre was inaugurated yesterday by Chief Medical Officer Kohima, Dr. N. Leamnyei Konyak. Constructed under the 15th Finance Commission health grants for 2021–2022, the centre will provide essential preventive and promotive healthcare services to the community. Speaking at the programme, Dr. Leamnyei said the centre represents a renewed pledge of care and hope for accessible and affordable healthcare. He informed that the facility will offer maternal and child healthcare, treatment for communicable and non-communicable diseases, emergency medical services, free medicines and diagnostic facilities. Under the Government of India's Free Drug Service initiative, 106 essential medicines will also be made available free of cost, he informed.

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Following the detection of African Swine Fever (ASF), positive cases in pigs at Signal Angami village under Dimapur district, the Deputy Commissioner of Dimapur has declared the area as an infected and surveillance zone. A one-kilometre radius from the infected area has been declared as the infected zone, while a 10-kilometre radius has been notified as the surveillance zone. Movement of pigs, pork and other pig-related products into and out of the affected areas has been strictly prohibited. The district administration has directed all concerned to strictly comply with the order and cooperate with the Veterinary department to prevent further spread of the disease.

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