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- Deputy Chief Minister TR Zeliang calls for sustainable energy solutions amid Nagaland's growing power crisis; launches Energy for Health project to strengthen healthcare through solar energy
- Union Minister Amit Shah reiterates commitment to identify and deport illegal immigrants
- Bamsiakilwa Village in Peren district declares World's First Community Conserved Area for Asiatic Golden Cat
- Eid-ul-Azha, festival of sacrifice, celebrated with religious fervour across the country

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Deputy Chief Minister of Nagaland, T. R. Zeliang, today highlighted the State's growing power crisis and stressed the urgent need for sustainable energy solutions. Addressing the one-day programme on "Climate Smart Nagaland: Advancing Health & Livelihood Resilience" organised by Department of Health & Family Welfare in collaboration with SELCO Foundation, Mr Zeliang said the State's difficult terrain, inadequate connectivity, power and energy sector has always been a major concern. He said, Nagaland faces an annual power sector revenue deficit of nearly 300 crore rupees, adding that State's heavy dependency on energy imports can be decreased by looking towards sustainable sources. Mr Zeliang lauded "Energy for Health" initiative being implemented by SELCO Foundation in collaboration with Health & Family Welfare Department, describing it a commendable effort towards strengthening healthcare delivery through solar-powered interventions.

Appreciating participation of health officials, district administrations, development departments, NGOs and partner organisations on a common platform, Mr Zeliang said such collaboration and Public Private Partnerships are vital to addressing the State's development challenges. On the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister launched the E4H Nagaland Programme.

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Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has reiterated the government's commitment to identify and deport every illegal immigrant from the country. Addressing a public rally after inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for various developmental projects worth Rs 340 Crore in the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency today, Mr Shah emphasised that the government is committed to securing the borders and eradicating illegal immigration in the country.

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Bamsiakilwa Village in Peren District have declared Daukeling - Hebamlo Community Conserved Area (CCA) for protection of the elusive Asiatic Golden cat. Speaking after inaugurating the event, Wildlife Warden, Dimapur Division Dr. C Zupeni Tsanglai emphasized the urgent need to conserve small wild cats and protect forests that sustain both biodiversity and human communities. She highlighted that healthy forests are essential for maintaining clean air, freshwater sources, and ecological balance, in the face of increasing climate change impacts. Ms. Tsanglai added that conservation directly benefit future generations by safeguarding water security, regulating local climate, and supporting sustainable livelihoods for communities living around these landscapes. The wildlife warden also unveiled the monolith and statue of the Asiatic Golden cat erected in recognition of the initiative. Village Chairman, Pauka urged villagers to stop hunting and conserve wildlife within the conserved area. Community members, during the programme, also resolved to ban hunting and disturbance to wildlife within the conserved area. The project is a collective initiative of Bamsiakilwa community, Eastern Himalayas Marbled Cat Project, and Small Wild Cat Conservation Foundation.

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The festival of sacrifice, Eid-ul-Azha or Bakrid has been celebrated with religious fervour and gaiety in various parts of the country today. People offered prayers in Eidgahs and mosques this morning. Later they exchanged Eid greetings. President Droupadi Murmu greeted people on the occasion. In her message, the President said that the festival symbolises devotion, sacrifice and selflessness. President Murmu urged the citizens to strengthen their resolve to promote love and harmony in society. Vice President C P Radhakrishnan also greeted people on the occasion. In a social media post, Mr Radhakrishnan hoped that the sacred occasion would bring peace, happiness, and goodwill to all. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also shared greetings. In a social media post, Mr Modi hoped that the occasion would deepen the spirit of brotherhood and happiness in the society. He also prayed for everyone's success and good health.

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Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan today said that the country has ample food stocks, due to relentless efforts of India's hardworking farmers. Addressing the inaugural ceremony of the National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign 2026 in New Delhi today, Mr Chouhan highlighted that the estimated foodgrain production in the country this year is over 376 million tonnes, which is 5.3 per cent higher than last year. He said, Government has given special emphasis to agriculture and welfare for farmers. The Minister highlighted that India has become the largest producer of rice in the world, overtaking China. The Minister also said that the two day event will help in setting a roadmap for the welfare of the Kharif agriculture sector.

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Gorkha Youth Association Kohima marked its 34th Foundation Day by undertaking a visit to Destitute Children Home today. During the interaction GYAK president Narayan Bahadur highlighted that the visit aimed to extend support to those in need and encourage children to remain hopeful and committed to their future. Kevileno Chadi shared that the institution was formally registered in 2018 to provide shelter, care and support for underprivileged children. The association donated cash donation and essential supplies.

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The National Testing Agency (NTA) has released revised examination dates and admit cards for the Common University Entrance Test Undergraduate (CUET UG) 2026 examinations. As per NTA, examinations will now be conducted on 31st of this month and 6th and 7th of next month. The examination which was scheduled for today was rescheduled due to Eid-ul-Azha. NTA said that admit cards for candidates appearing for the test on Sunday can be downloaded from the official website of NTA – cuet.nta.nic.in.

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