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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron held delegation-level talks at historic Villa Kérylos at Nice in France. The discussions between two sides focused on expanding the Special Global Strategic Partnership between two countries, across key sectors including defense, technology, and trade. Earlier, Prime Minister Modi and French President Macron jointly inaugurated Bharat Innovates event, which showcases India's rapidly expanding innovation and startup ecosystem. It features innovations across 13 key sectors, including advanced computing, semiconductors, artificial intelligence, clean energy and others. Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Modi highlighted India's startup revolution by saying that the country's youth are developing solutions for global challenges in a number of areas.

After completing the first leg of his visit to France, Mr Modi reached Slovakia last night on a two day visit. This marks the first-ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to the country.

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Nagaland is set to hold by-elections to three municipal wards tomorrow, June 16. Polling will take place in Ward 11 (Chaara) under Chümoukedima Town Council, Ward 8 (Tsumang 'B') under Wokha Town Council, and Ward 9 (Samba Ghoki) under Atoizu Town Council. In view of the polling, the Home Department has declared tomorrow as a paid holiday for all State and Central Government employees who are registered electors in the three wards to enable them to exercise their franchise. The holiday also applies to bank and financial institution employees, and other electors registered under the three wards but residing or working elsewhere. Further, Shops and commercial establishments owned or managed by registered electors in the concerned wards will also remain closed during polling hours. However, the holiday exemption will not apply to employees whose absence could result in danger or substantial loss to essential services.

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The National Testing Agency (NTA) has released the admit cards for the NEET-UG re-examination for admission to undergraduate medical courses. Candidates can download their admit cards from NTA's official website, neet.nta.nic.in. The Re-examination is scheduled to be held on 21st of this month, from 2 PM to 05:15 PM. NTA has advised the Candidates that they should verify their Bank Account details for refund before downloading the Admit Card.

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The Government has debunked a WhatsApp message circulating online that falsely claims applications are being accepted for free laptops under the National Student Laptop Scheme 2026. The Fact Check Unit of the Press Information Bureau has clarified that this claim is fake and that the Government has not announced any such scheme. PIB cautioned that such messages are often designed to collect personal or financial information. It advised citizens not to click on unknown links and urged them to verify information through official sources before sharing or forwarding such messages.

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In sports... The fifth edition of the Nagaland Futsal Club Championship will be held from June 18 to 20 at Riga Turf, New Terogvunyu Village in Tseminyu district. The tournament marks the first time Tseminyu will host a state-level football event. Altogether, ten teams from across the state will compete in a league-cum-knockout format for the championship title. The winning team will secure the opportunity to represent Nagaland at the National Futsal Championship.

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And in weather... India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy rainfall over parts of North East India today. The department said heavy rainfall is likely over isolated areas in Nagaland and its neighbouring states. The showers are expected to continue till the 20th of June accompanied by thunderstorm and lightning.

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