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Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday announced the constitution of a high-powered task force led by Renowned technology expert Nandan Nilekani on examination reforms. In a video message, he said that the task force will focus on examination reforms, and based on its report, steps will be taken as soon as possible to ensure the credibility of upcoming examinations. He said that the country's examination system must be trustworthy, transparent, and leverage technology to the maximum extent. The task force will also consist of Former IB Director Tapan Deka, Former ISRO Chairman S Somnath, IIT Chennai Director V Kamakoti. Besides, Former Education Secretary Anita Karwal, and Logistics Expert Amrit Lal Meena are also part of the task force. The Prime Minister added that the government is also moving forward toward introducing a new law in Parliament today with stringent legal provisions regarding examinations. Mr Modi also emphasised the government's commitment to safeguarding the integrity of competitive exams and protecting the future of millions of students.

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The government will introduce the the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026 in the Lok Sabha today. The Bill seeks to amend the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024. It will be introduced by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh. On Friday, Union Cabinet had approved a draft Bill to set up fast-track courts and to ensure stricter punishment in cases of paper leaks and exam malpractices.

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Assam Rifles hosted the screening of Weaves of Empathy: A Journey into Naga Oral History, a Project Empathy production, at the Headquarters Directorate General Assam Rifles Laitkor, Shillong yesterday . Conceptualised by Project Empathy founder Vibha Lakhera and directed by Parasher Baruah, the documentary explores the oral traditions, resilience and rich cultural heritage of the Naga people through the voices of community elders and the younger generation. Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Air Command and Director General Assam Rifles, Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera, attended the screening among others.

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PHED & Cooperation Minister Jacob Zhimomi yesterday launched the Sümi Küküpütsa mobile app- the first and only Sümi vernacular coinciding with the newspaper's ninth anniversary celebration. Mr Zhimomi said the mobile application marks the beginning of a new digital journey for the newspaper. He commended Sümi Küküpütsa for its consistent efforts over the past nine years in delivering quality news while preserving the Sümi language and identity. Mr Zhimomi expressed hope that the digital platform would enable more people to stay connected and informed. Editor-in-Chief Honikali Lohe said the launch of the application reflects the changing media landscape, where readers increasingly access news through mobile devices, while strengthening efforts to promote and preserve the Sümi language. She said the app has been developed to provide readers with easier access to the newspaper and its daily PDF edition. She said, the application was developed by the Nationalist Institute of Technology & Innovation (NITI), Dimapur, under the leadership of CEO Rishav Sethi.

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At the ongoing Commonwealth Games, Olympic medallist weightlifter Mirabai Chanu won India's first gold medal of the competition, taking the country's overall medal tally to four in Glasgow. Mirabai dominated the women's 48kg weightlifting event with a record-breaking total lift of 190 kilograms. The 31-year-old set new Commonwealth and Games records by lifting 85 kilograms in the snatch and 105

kilograms in the clean and jerk. The triumph also earned her a third consecutive Commonwealth Games gold medal, following her victories in 2018 and 2022. India added two more silver medals in weightlifting. Chanambam Rishikanta Singh finished second in the men's 60kg event with a total lift of 264 kilograms. Raja Muthupandi claimed silver in the men's 65kg category with a combined lift of 286 kilograms, comprising 126 kilograms in the snatch and 160 kilograms in the clean and jerk. India also made progress in boxing. Jadumani Singh advanced to the men's 55kg quarter-finals after defeating Pakistan's Sumama Rehman, while Preeti Pawar moved into the women's 54kg quarter-finals with a victory over Malawi's Deborah Mtenje. India's medal tally now stands at four with one gold, two silver and one bronze. Para-powerlifter Jhandu Kumar had opened the country's account with a bronze medal in the men's heavyweight event on the opening day of competition.

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