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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi holds bilateral talks with Swiss President Guy Parmelin; India and Switzerland ink several agreements
- Kohima Police seize suspected Yaba worth 1.60 crore rupees, arrest two individuals
- National People's Party seeks disqualification of five MLAs
- Sericulture training-cum-processing centre inaugurated in Phek district

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India and Switzerland today inked several agreements to promote collaboration on transportation technologies, mobility systems, and infrastructure. Department of Science and Technology also signed a Letter of Intent with the Swiss National Science Foundation and an Implementation Arrangement for cooperation in innovation, technology transfer and entrepreneurship with the Zurich University of Applied Sciences. These agreements were signed after the bilateral talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Swiss President Guy Parmelin in New Delhi. In a joint press meet, Prime Minister Modi said that India and Switzerland have taken several important decisions to enhance market access for Indian exports in Switzerland and further facilitate investment between the two countries. He said, this will increase exports of Indian agricultural products, pharmaceuticals, textiles and engineering goods to Switzerland.

Mr Modi said, through these initiatives, the two nations will work together to develop trusted supply chains and reliable solutions for the entire world.

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Kohima Police have seized around 20,000 tablets of suspected Yaba, or methamphetamine, worth an estimated one crore 60 lakh rupees, and arrested two persons in connection with the alleged interstate drug trafficking case. The seizure was made during routine vehicle checking at Kidima Prayer Park Junction, where police intercepted a Hyundai Venue bearing an Assam registration number. Police said, they noticed suspicious modifications in the vehicle, and conducted a detailed search which led to the recovery of several packages of suspected Yaba tablets from concealed cavities in the vehicle's floorboard. The two arrested persons have been identified as 36-year-old Nazrul Islam and 40-year-old Deben Kumar Das, both from Silchar in Assam. According to police, preliminary interrogation indicated that the consignment was being transported from Churachandpur in Manipur to Silchar. A case has been registered at Kezocha Police Station under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. Further investigation is underway to trace the wider network and supply links involved in the trafficking.

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The National People's Party (NPP) has filed separate petitions before the Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly seeking the disqualification of five MLAs recently joined the Naga People's Front (NPF). The petitions have been filed today under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution, which deals with disqualification on grounds of defection. The five MLAs are A. Nyamnyi Konyak, Nuklutoshi, C. Kipili Sangtam, Dr Tseilhoutuo Rhutso and Benei M. Lamthiu. They formally joined the NPF on October 1. The NPP said it respects the constitutional office of the Speaker and will present its case in accordance with the law.

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A training centre-cum-silk processing unit was inaugurated today at Phusachodu village in Phek district, aimed at promoting sericulture as a livelihood opportunity, particularly for women. The facility, financed by NABARD under the State Plan 2023-25, was inaugurated by Director of Sericulture Zachivelu Khamo Dolie, in the

presence of Advisor for CAWD Kudecho Khamo. Speaking at the programme, Ms Dolie described sericulture as a low-investment activity, noting that it can generate income several times a year when pursued consistently. She assured trainees of departmental training and handholding support to help them take up the activity as a viable livelihood. The Director further encouraged people to move beyond dependence on government jobs and explore alternative livelihood opportunities, stressing that government support can provide an initial push, while trained individuals can eventually sustain the activity independently. Meanwhile, Advisor Kudecho urged villagers to make proper use of the new centre as a long-term community asset and develop a sense of ownership in maintaining the facility. He also called for the participation of all sections of the community in development initiatives.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is completing 25 years in public service, a journey defined by the mantra of Jan Seva Se Desh Seva, and a relentless commitment that continues. Guided by this vision for Seva and Sushasan, the Government has been ceaselessly working towards achieving Viksit Bharat by 2047. Today, in our Special series, we bring you an instance of how this vision has been translated into action by establishing a new normal against terror.

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The Supreme Court today declined to pass an interim order seeking suspension of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over allegations of unilateral decision-making in the Election Commission during the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. A bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant issued notices to the Centre, the Election Commission and other respondents. the court also observed that it cannot pass an ex-parte order solely on the basis of newspaper reports.

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The Pochury community is celebrating its premier festival Yemshe today, to mark the welcoming of the new harvest and seek blessings for a bountiful harvest, prosperity, and the well-being of the community. As part of the celebrations, Pochury Hoho organised a programme at Lephori Village on Saturday. Addressing the gathering Advisor for NSDMA and Inland Waterways, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe said that traditional festivals were not merely occasions for celebration and merrymaking, but embody values of hard work, dedication, sincerity and collective responsibility. He urged the community, particularly the youth, to preserve their cultural identity and uphold the values of love, mutual respect, unity and togetherness. Deputy Commissioner, Phuleshe K. Yepthomi, also called on the community to protect and promote its rich traditional culture and heritage for future generations. The celebration featured vibrant folk-dances representing the five Pochury areas, along with traditional games and competitions. Rajya Sabha MP S. Phangnon Konyak and Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton have extended Yemshe greetings to the Pochury community. In her message, Ms. Konyak expressed hope that the festival would be a time of gratitude for blessings received and prayers for continued grace and guidance. Mr Patton also wished that the festival would bring abundance and contentment to every household.

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The Central Administrative Tribunal, Guwahati Bench, will hold a Circuit Court Sitting at Kohima on 8th and 9th of this month. The two-day sitting will be conducted through hybrid mode by a Division Bench comprising Judicial Member Rajinder Singh Dogra and Administrative Member Mallika Arya. The sitting will provide an opportunity for central government employees and employees of organizations notified under the Tribunal, who posted in Nagaland, to have their cases heard in Kohima.

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