

**MORNING NEWS  
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi met President Donald Trump at the White House this morning. In a special gesture, Trump and the first lady Melania came out on the South Portico of the White House to receive Prime Minister Modi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump held delegation level talks. The two leaders reviewed bilateral relations and affirmed their commitment to take the partnership to new heights. In a joint press statement following the talks, Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the talks as an important chapter in bilateral relations. He said, both countries agreed to enhance cooperation in fighting the menace of terrorism, extremism and radicalization. Modi said, India considers US a valued partner in its flagship programmes. In his address, US President Donald Trump said, the relations between the two countries have never been stronger and better.



Parliamentary secretary of sericulture, civil defense and home guard, E.E Pangteang has urged the government servants to be sincere in performing their duties and reiterate their commitment. Addressing the Konyak Union Kohima 28th general meeting in Kohima yesterday, Pangteang asked the Konyak tribe to maintain cordial relationship with other communities and hohos. Pointing out that language is the main identity for any tribe, Pangteang insisted that every Konyak individual should learn the common language of the Konyak. Also speaking at the programme, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Y.M. Yollow asked the Union to give priority in educational sector as education is the only agent that could change the world.



Inspector General of Police, Nagaland, K Mero said lack of discipline in all levels of society and the urge to get easy money are fertile grounds for drug dealing and usage. Speaking during the observation of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Kohima yesterday, Mero also criticized the complacency of citizens towards drug trafficking and usage. He cautioned the situation in Nagaland is ripe for drug pushers to take advantage and pull in susceptible children, gullible youths and greedy adults into the vortex of drug addiction and trafficking. The Police Officer informed that since 2016, 560 persons have been arrested for smuggling liquor and banned drugs in the state, and 427 cases have been registered. However, he said this may just be the tip of the iceberg, and much more must be crossing the state, both the processed products as well as the raw materials including the chemicals that are needed for such processing. Mero further lamented that the State Police Department do not have the manpower, the gadgets and the knowledge to identify and detect such materials.

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Union minister of state for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Dr. Jitendra Singh said the eight North Eastern states would benefit from the Goods and Services Tax (GST). Talking to media persons on the sidelines of a programme in New Delhi yesterday, Dr. Singh said GST would offer North Eastern states an opportunity to realize fiscal growth in tandem with the more developed states of India, and thus make up for their own shortcomings.

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The Centre has deferred implementation of Tax Deduction at Source, TDS and Tax Collection at Source, TCS provisions under GST to ensure its smooth rollout from 1st of next month. Finance Ministry in a statement said, the decision to postpone the provisions was taken in view of the feedback received from trade and industry. The Ministry said, it will provide more time for persons liable to deduct tax at source and E-

