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Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for giving priority to the concerns of the Global South, in particular Africa. Addressing the Outreach Session at the G7 Summit in Apulia, Italy on Friday, Modi recalled that it was a matter of honour for India that African Union was admitted as a permanent member of the G20 under its presidency. Modi elaborated on India's energy transition pathway noting that its approach was based on availability, accessibility, affordability and acceptability. Prime Minister Modi congratulated the Group on its 50th anniversary milestone. The Prime Minister also held a series of bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the G7 Summit at Apulia in Italy.

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The Supreme Court yesterday sought responses from the Centre and the National Testing Agency on a plea seeking a CBI probe into the allegations of question paper leak and other irregularities in the NEET-UG 2024 examination for admission to undergraduate medical programmes. A vacation bench of justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta, which was hearing a PIL, also sought responses from the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Bihar government within two weeks. It said, the PIL will also be taken up with other pending ones on the 8th of July.

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The mortal remains of 45 Indian nationals who lost their lives in the fire incident in Kuwait were brought back to India by a special Indian Airforce flight. Out of a hundred and 76 Indian workers who were present in the housing facility at the time of the fire, 45 died and 33 were hospitalized with injuries, while the remaining are safe. As per the External Affairs Ministry, it continuously coordinated with the authorities in Kuwait to provide assistance to the injured and to ensure the safe return of all affected individuals.

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The Self-Defense Training for 214 Government school Master trainers concluded yesterday at Pele Khezhe's Taekwondo Stadium, D Khel Kohima. The training was conducted by Nagaland Taekwondo Association (NTA) and funded by Samagra Shiksha Nagaland under Gender and Equity to train the girls studying in government schools on self-defense. Addressing the valedictory programme, Tamsunaro Aier,

State Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha lauded the NTA for the commendable job to train the Government School Master Trainers to train the girls studying in government schools in Nagaland. Aier congratulated the teacher Master trainers and reminded them that NEP 2020 envisage to provide holistic, inclusive, and equitable quality education where self- defense programme for girls instil self confidence, self-esteem and basic skill to defend themselves to from gender related crimes. She encouraged the teachers to go back to schools and give their best to impart training to girls in the schools. During the valedictory programme, students from Government High School Meriema, who recently participated in the National Level Taekwondo Competition, demonstrated taekwondo skills.

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The two-day skill training programme on packaging for export of food, handloom and handicraft products of Nagaland began yesterday at SBI-RSETI, Peren. The skill training is being organized by the District Administration, Peren in partnership with ATMA Peren and India Institute of Packaging, Kolkata. Inaugurating the training, Deputy Commissioner Peren, Vineet Kumar said packaging is an important part of a product as it enhances the aesthetic value of the products which are to be sold. Kumar therefore urged the participants to take maximum advantage out of the training period and apply the acquired knowledge and skills to enhance the value of their products. Around 30 participants attained the first day of the training programme. The DC also released the annual magazine of SBI Rural Self Employment Training Institute Peren District.

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Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) will be required to provide a full refund of fees for all cancellations or migrations up to 30th September this year. The University Grants Commission has announced this in the new fee refund policy for the 2024-25 academic session. This has been done to address complaints from students and parents regarding non-refund of fees upon cancellation or withdrawal of admissions. This policy applies to all HEIs under Central or State Acts, UGC-recognized institutions, deemed universities, and organizations involved in admissions counselling.

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