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Nagaland's lone Lok Sabha MP, S Supongmeren Jamir has asked the central government to immediately implement the Naga Political solution and two other priority projects for the state. In his maiden participation during the discussion on the Union Budget for 2024-2025 yesterday, Jamir raised the long pending Naga political issues saying that the people have been waiting for implementation of the agreements made in 2015 and 2017. He said the Union budget 2024 made no mention of the government's agreement of rehabilitation scheme. Jamir informed the members of the Lower House that despite announcement of the successful conclusion of the peace talks by the then Nagaland Governor, the Government of India continue to impose the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in the state, while the ceasefire monitoring unit is not doing well. He said with 24 Naga groups in the state, killings in day light and anti social activities of collecting taxes are taking place. Jamir further requested the government to give priorities in establishing the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research in Nagaland which was announced by the then Finance Minister during the budget speech in 2015. Also urging for providing air connectivity to the state capital Kohima, he said Nagaland is the only state whose capital is not connected by an airport. The State MP further questioned the Union budget for neglecting North east region particularly in the road infrastructure, tourism and flood mitigation.

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Chief Executive Officer of Kohima Smart City Development Limited, KSCDL K. Theunuo yesterday inaugurated the newly constructed

community building of Kitsubozou Panchayat, Ward No. 5, Kohima. Speaking at the inaugural function, he said that under the Kohima Smart City Project, the Centre approved only 285 acres of land to be developed by KSCDL covering seven municipal wards – Midland, Daklane, D Block, Nagabazaar, Kitsubozou, North Block Keziekie and New Market. The KSCDL made proposal for the community building for the seven wards, he said, adding that five have been completed and two are remaining. The new building has car parking in the ground floor, apartments in first floor and community hall in second floor. Theunuo hoped that the new building would not only provide the basic facilities but bring about unity and cooperation among the leaders and people of the wards

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Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan yesterday launched the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme-NATS 2.0 portal and released 100 crores as a stipend through Direct Benefit Transfer in New Delhi. The Scheme aims to democratise apprenticeship, bridge skills gaps, fulfill youth aspirations and make them future-ready. Addressing the launch event, Pradhan said that the platform is helping students to enhance their skills and industry bodies to get manpower. He added that under the scheme 45 hundred rupees per month will be provided to students during the apprenticeship period of six months to the 18th month. Pradhan said that Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has stressed increasing employment ability skills in the union budget 2024-25. He added that the government is focusing on the skill development of the country's youth. The education minister urged industry bodies and education institutions to come forward and join the portal.

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The government has said there is no Bill proposed at present for complete mechanization of sewerage cleaning and abolition of manual scavenging. This was stated by Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Ramdas Athawale in a written reply in the Lok Sabha yesterday. Athawale said there was a proposal to amend the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2014 with the aim to formalise the institutional set-up for safe cleaning practices.

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In the 56th International Chemistry Olympiad, the Indian team won one Gold, two Silver and one Bronze medal. The Competition was held in Riyadh city of Saudi Arabia from 21st to 30th of this month. Devesh Bhaiyya from the Jalgaon district of Maharashtra won gold while Mumbai's Avanish Bansal and Hyderabad's Harshin Posina grabbed silver medals. Kashyap Khandelwal from Mumbai brought a bronze medal. Altogether 327 students from 94 countries participated in the Olympiad.

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