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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the government aims to make India the third-largest economy in the world in its third tenure. Addressing the Indian community in Moscow, Russia, Modi said, today's India achieves whatever goal it sets. He said, this is his first interaction with the Indian diaspora after the formation of his government for the third time. Prime Minister Modi said that he has taken a vow to work with three times more strength and at three times more speed. He said, today India is giving the most reliable model of digital transactions to the world and empowering its citizens through excellent policies of social sector. Modi said, the whole world is amazed at the pace of development that the country has achieved in the last ten years. He said, when people from around the world come to India, they say that India is transforming. The Prime Minister said, this change in India is not only in the system and infrastructure, but this change is also visible in the self-confidence of every citizen and youth of the country. Modi said, India's new momentum of growth will write a new chapter in the development of the world. He said, when India talks about Peace, Dialogue and Diplomacy, the whole world listens to it. Prime Minister said, in the growth of global economy, India's contribution stands at 15 per cent and this will rise even bigger in the coming times.

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Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has called upon States and Union Territories to work together for building a collaborative education system. Addressing the inaugural session of review meeting of Department of School Education and Literacy with States and UTs in New Delhi today, Pradhan shared his thoughts on the roadmap for the next five years for the holistic development of school education. He said that education is a key pillar of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat and called upon States and UTs to work together to achieve this goal. He said, the implementation of National Education Policy is key to transforming India into a knowledge superpower and enabling equitable and inclusive access to quality education. Speaking about education in Indian languages, Pradhan said that the National Education Policy 2020 stresses upon the importance of education in mother tongue and all Indian languages.

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Naga Students' Federation today asked the government to bring the erstwhile Dimapur district under the Inner Line Permit regime. In a representation to the Chief Minister, the NSF said the exclusion of Dimapur District from the ILP regime, has created a perilous haven for illegal immigrants. It said Dimapur, as a melting pot overrun by individuals with questionable identities, poses a grave threat not only to Nagaland but also to the North Eastern hills. The NSF called on the government to establish ILP Monitoring Cells at Dimapur Railway station, Dimapur Airport, and all entry and exit points to the state and that the ILP regime is strictly implemented in all District Headquarters. The students body also called for extensive awareness campaigns to educate all communities residing in Nagaland and beyond about the mandatory requirement of the ILP for entry into the state. The NSF while appreciating the establishment of the Nagaland Staff Selection Board for the recruitment of Grade III posts also called on the government to check the prevalent issue of backdoor appointments in various government departments. It said numerous discrepancies have been uncovered which suggest the continuation of backdoor appointments, undermining the integrity of our administrative system. The NSF further appealed the government to take decisive action to eliminate these backdoor appointments and institute stringent measures to ensure compliance with established recruitment protocols.

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Patkai Christian College (Autonomous) has become the first college in Nagaland to be selected for implementation of the "Strengthening component of Star College Programme" by the Department of Biotechnology, under the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. The Department of Biotechnology has launched the Star College scheme for strengthening of science education and training at undergraduate level for improving critical thinking and hands-on experimental work at the undergraduate level in sciences. The Star College Scheme is a pan-India Scheme that envisages a Star College in every district of the country. It is expected to encourage more students to take up higher education in science.

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The Sub Divisional Planning and Developmental Board, Bhandari, (SDPDB) held its monthly meeting yesterday at the newly inaugurated Summer House-**Bhandari. MLA Cum-Guest** House. and Chairman. **SDPDB** Bhandari, Achumbemo Kikon welcomed the new members and congratulated the newly elected Councillors who emerged successful in the recently concluded Urban Local Body (ULB) Election. Kikon also lauded the ADC Bhandari, Longdiba L. Sangtam and his team of officers for conducting the ULB election in free and fair manner with peaceful atmosphere. He said the long awaited Town Council election has become a reality and that it marks a new beginning ensuring more systematic and progress for the people. Deliberating on the performance of Government School under the sub-division, Kikon cautioned the underperforming Schools to redeem themselves with good results to avoid action against them. The Chairman also urged Government officers to judiciously utilize all fund allocation effectively with transparency for the benefit of the people.

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Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Secretary Rajesh Aggarwal today said that Employment, Education and Assistive Technology are the three pillars for raising the living standards of the differently-abled. Addressing the 6th Conference on Empowering Persons with Disabilities through Accessible and Assistive Technology, Aggarwal noted that employers should utilize the differently-abled with the best of their abilities and not view these opportunities as charity. Aggarwal called for private companies to explore new modes of assistance along with existing CSR-initiatives.

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Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) has requested students to participate in the Youth Parliament competitions. In a notification, NBSE informed that the Ministry of Education, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has requested students to participate in the Youth Parliament competitions, which is being held with the aim to strengthen the roots of democracy, inculcate healthy habits of discipline, develop tolerance of divergent views and familiarize the student community with the procedures and functioning of parliament. NBSE informed that Registration for the 4th edition and information with regards to eligibility, registration of institutions to web-portal and resources for conducting the competition can be excessed on the National Youth Parliament Scheme portal and can be accessed at <u>nyps.mpa.gov.in</u>.

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