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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold talks with South Korean President Lee Jae Myung in New Delhi today. The two leaders will hold discussions on strengthening bilateral cooperation across a wide spectrum of areas. These include shipbuilding, trade, investments, AI, semiconductors, critical and emerging technologies, people-to-people connect and cultural exchanges. They will also exchange views on regional and global issues of mutual interest. Prime Minister will host a lunch in honour of the visiting dignitary. President Lee Jae Myung will also hold discussions with President Droupadi Murmu.

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Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav, has emphasized the need to preserve indigenous knowledge and cultural identity in a rapidly changing world. Addressing the first edition of the "Uttar-Poorv Janjatiya Basant Utsav" – North East Tribal Spring Festival, held at NEZCC Shilpgram in Guwahati yesterday , the Governor, who is also the Chairman of the North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), urged the youth to take pride in their roots while embracing progress and innovation. He said, the Festival symbolizes not only the arrival of spring but also celebrates unity in diversity. Highlighting the rich cultural heritage of the North East, he noted that the region is home to numerous tribes with distinct traditions, languages, music, and art forms, and such events provide a platform to showcase them. The Governor added that Basant Utsav symbolises renewal, hope, and harmony, and reflects the deep connection between nature and culture upheld by tribal communities. He expressed hope that the festival will grow in scale and significance in the years to come and continue to flourish as a symbol of cultural pride, harmony, and shared heritage.

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Deputy Chief Minister of Nagaland, Y Patton, has underscored that women's reservation and delimitation are crucial issues shaping the future of India's democratic framework. Mr. Patton lauded the BJP-led NDA government for its commitment to implementing 33 per cent reservation for women in legislatures. He said the move reflects the growing participation of women in public life and ensures their rightful place in decision-making bodies. The Deputy Chief Minister also stressed the need for fair delimitation among all states and regions particularly in the Northeast, to ensure adequate representation in Parliament. He added that Nagaland, with its distinct history and identity, must continue to have proper representation in both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. Expressing confidence in the Centre's approach, Mr. Patton said that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, the concerns of all states,

including Nagaland, will be addressed in a balanced and inclusive manner.

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The Naga People's Front (NPF) has reiterated its support for reservation of seats for women in State Legislatures and Parliament, while expressing serious concerns over recent developments related to delimitation. In a statement, the party said it supports women's reservation provided it is implemented in a fair, just, and equitable manner. However, the NPF voiced apprehension over proposed delimitation reforms, including reports of increasing Lok Sabha seats, warning that such changes may favour high-population states while leaving Nagaland and most North Eastern states with little or no increase in representation. The NPF noted that Nagaland continues to have limited representation in Parliament with one seat each in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, calling it an imbalance. The party also expressed dissatisfaction over the lack of consultation, stating that despite being a senior NDA partner. Further, the NPF criticized the silence of Nagaland's two sitting Members of Parliament on the issue, stating that it was their responsibility to strongly represent the state's interests. Reaffirming its commitment, the NPF said it will continue to work towards safeguarding the rights, interests, and aspirations of the Naga people, and push for fair and equitable representation at all levels.

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And, In Football, Mohun Bagan Super Giant edged NorthEast United FC with a 1-0 victory in a rain-affected contest at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Guwahati yesterday in the ongoing Indian Super League 2025-26. With this victory, Mohun Bagan SG move to the top of the table with 20 points from nine matches, opening a two-point lead over Mumbai City FC. NorthEast United FC, meanwhile, remain 12th with seven points from the same number of matches.

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