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Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav has called on the youth to embrace India's diverse cultural heritage and play a leading role in strengthening national unity, integrity and harmony. He was speaking at the Rajasthan State Foundation Day celebration held at Lok Bhavan in Kohima yesterday. Extending his greetings on the occasion, the Governor highlighted Rajasthan's rich legacy of courage, heritage and vibrant culture. He also underscored the spirit of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" in promoting unity in diversity across the country.

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The SAMARTH Northeast Innovation Hackathon 2026 concluded yesterday at NIELIT in Kohima. Addressing the event, Principal Director, School Education, Shashank Pratap Singh, emphasized that a hackathon is more about collaboration than competition. He urged young minds to focus on purposeful innovation aimed at solving real societal problems and local challenges, and the need for energy-efficient solutions. Mr Singh further noted that India's target for 2047 can be achieved through innovation and collaboration. Hackathon 2026 saw participation of 13 teams from across the northeast region. PM Shri School, Mizoram, secured the first position, while PM Shri School, Thahekhu, Dimapur, finished in second. Jalukbari Higher Secondary School, Guwahati, claimed the third position.

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Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh called for more reforms in the agriculture sector, saying it is the backbone of the Indian economy, and that the shortage of funds would not come in the way of doing more for the farming community and rural India. Addressing the three-day Unnat Krishi Mela, Mr Singh said the

government has launched several schemes to boost farmers' income and farm productivity.

Calling on the youth to engage with agriculture, the Minister said farming can be made smart through drones, sensors and mobile technology.

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Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, KG Kenye, has said that while change is inevitable, it must be embraced without compromising customs, traditions and indigenous values. He was addressing the 13th General Conference of the Chakhesang Mothers Association at Thenyizumi Village yesterday. Emphasising the role of women in society, Mr Kenye described mothers as the foundation of a strong and upright community, stating that morally grounded women are instrumental in shaping responsible citizens and in preserving cultural heritage. Also speaking at the event, Advisor for CAWD and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo, lauded the resilience and sacrifices of mothers, describing them as key agents of peace and social change. Mr Khamo urged women to uphold faith, guide younger generations, and work towards a society rooted in strong cultural and moral values.

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A 26-year-old man, identified as Yilobemo Kikon, from Pangti village drowned in the Doyang Reservoir yesterday after his canoe reportedly capsized. The incident, which occurred between 2:00 PM and 2:30 PM, was witnessed from a distance by anglers in the area, though the exact cause remains unclear. The State Disaster Response Force was informed around 4:00 PM. However, search operations could not be initiated due to late hours. The search is expected to resume this morning with support from the National Disaster Response Force.

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In cricket, Nagaland finished as runners-up in the North East Cricket Development Council Under-23 Women's Inter-State Tournament T20 2026. In the final match played at Sikkim Cricket Ground yesterday, Mizoram defeated Nagaland by seven

runs in a closely contested game. While Mizoram posted a total of 75 runs, Nagaland was bowled out for 68 runs in 17.5 overs, falling just short of the target. Mizoram captain Hmangaihsangi Syhlo was named the Player of the Match. She also earned the Player of the Tournament and Highest Scorer, with a total of 100 runs and seven wickets across the competition. Nagaland's Roma Subba emerged as the leading wicket-taker of the tournament with 11 wickets.

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