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1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi says Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue is unique initiative to involve youth in nation's development journey
2. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar says transparency & public accountability in conducting exams, interviews Must Be Fair and Seen as Fair
3. Union Home Minister Amit Shah calls for concerted efforts by Centre & States to deal with drug menace in country
4. And Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton highlights challenges facing state due to complex political situation



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue is a unique initiative to involve the country's youth in the nation's development journey. Mr Modi today shared an article written by the Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Raksha Khadse, on the National Youth Festival 2025 and the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue. He said the programme seeks to channel the energy, creativity, and leadership of young minds to realise the vision of a Viksit Bharat. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandviya said 3,000 participants, chosen out of 3 lakh youths

are brainstorming to develop their vision for Viksit Bharat. Dr Mandaviya highlighted that the Dialogue is in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day call to engage 1 lakh youth in politics without political affiliations.



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has pointed out that transparency and public accountability in conducting examinations and interviews must not only be fair but also be seen as fair. He was speaking in Bengaluru today after inaugurating the 25th National Conference of Chairpersons of State Public Service Commissions. He said that it was the vision of former President Rajendra Prasad to create an independent commission that is free from executive influence and will guard against jobbery, nepotism, and favouritism. He expressed concern over emerging trends of bureaucrats and politicians securing elite positions for their spouses. Mr. Dhankhar highlighted that the focus must shift to addressing post-retirement recruitment and continual extensions, which create discordance in the hierarchical system. The Vice President called for establishing the Public Service Commission as the sole unified recruitment authority that works with the spirit of convergence between state and central governments.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that drugs worth more than sixteen thousand nine hundred crore rupees were seized in year 2024, marking the largest figure since independence. Chairing the regional conference on Drug Trafficking and National Security in New Delhi today, the Minister said, If we aim to make India supreme, it cannot be achieved without a drug-free India. He said, this battle must be fought collectively by the central and state governments on a united platform.

Mr Shah highlighted that over last ten years, nearly 24 lakh kilograms of drugs were seized, while drugs worth more than 56 thousand 800 crore rupees were disposed off. During the event, the Home Minister

inaugurated the Drug Disposal fortnight and the extension of the MANAS-2 helpline to all states and Union Territories. The Drug Disposal fortnight drive will begin from today to 25th of this month. During this period, a total of 44 thousand seven hundred ninety two kilograms of seized narcotics worth 2 thousand four hundred eleven crore rupees in market value will be disposed of.



Deputy Chief Minister Yathungo Patton today highlighted pressing challenges that the state is facing particularly the complex political situation. Addressing 75th anniversary of Duncan Basti, Dimapur, he said that at present there are 28 factions, with only five operating under a Ceasefire Agreement with the Government of India.

Mr. Patton said despite the central government's firm stance on "one nation, one flag, one constitution, there are the difficulties in resolving the Naga political issue. He also mentioned that while the Government of India had extended offers to integrate the Naga cultural flag and Yezabo into the Indian Constitution, resistance from certain groups persists. Mr. Patton praised the current state government's efforts to bring together eight political parties to form opposition-less government. The Deputy Chief minister also urged Duncan Basti residents to work towards collective action for unified and peaceful Nagaland.



Minister for Women Resource Development & Horticulture Salhoutuonuo Kruse today stressed on the need to nurture future leaders who will positively contribute towards the society and the Naga society. She was addressing the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Mezoma Students' Union held at Mezoma village. Ms. Kruse urged students to strive for excellence in their studies, emphasizing that with unity and God's guidance, they can achieve great success. She encouraged them to move forward with determination and prayer, reminding them that

faith and hard work go simultaneously. The Minister encouraged Mezoma people to continue working together with unity and purpose.



With just two days left for the Mahakumbh 2025 in Prayagraj, special arrangements have been made for pilgrims and tourists to reach the city through different modes of transport. More than 10 thousand trains, over 350 specially designed shuttle buses and additional flights will be put into service to ferry the pilgrims from various parts of the country.



The Nagaland Football Association has inducted new office bearers for 2025-2029 tenure. The association will be led by K Neibou Sekhose as President, Kiyeka Sumi as senior Vice President and Benei Lamthiu as Secretary. Other office bearers include Vice President, Joint Secretary and treasurer.

