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Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India - Indonesia relations are not just geopolitical but also date back thousands of years. In his remarks during Maha Kumbabhishegam of Shri Sanathana Dharma Aalayam in Jakarta, Indonesia yesterday, Mr Modi said India and Indonesia are connected through culture, civilizational ties and spirituality. He added that whenever an Indian visits the temples in Indonesia like Prambanan Temple, they are reminded of Kashi and Kedarnath.

PM

The Prime Minister extended his congratulations to all devotees of Lord Murugan in Indonesia and around the world on the occasion of the Maha Kumbhabhishegam of the Jakarta Temple.

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The NCC A-Certificate Examination was successfully conducted under the aegis of NCC Group, Kohima across multiple locations in Nagaland yesterday. The exams were held in Dimapur, Kohima, Mokokchung, and Sainik School Pungalwa. A press release issued by PRO Defence said that altogether 896 cadets of the Junior Division and Junior Wings appeared for the NCC examination.

NCC

Brigadier Shantanu P Mainkar, Group Commander, visited and inspected the Kohima Centre at Don Bosco Higher Secondary School

and encouraged the cadets to continue upholding the ideals of NCC, which is Unity and Discipline. At the other locations officials from NCC units visited and supervised the examination to ensure its smooth and fair conduct.

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The Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with Akashvani launched a special classical music program 'Har Kanth Mein Bharat' at Akashvani Bhawan in New Delhi yesterday. This programme will be broadcast live from 21 Akashvani centers every day until February 16, from 9:30 to 10 AM. The event was inaugurated by the Secretary in the Ministry of Culture Arunish Chawla and CEO of Prasar Bharati Gaurav Dwivedi. Director General of Akashvani Dr. Pragya Paliwal Gaur was also present on the occasion. Talking exclusively to Akashvani Mr. Chawla mentioned that Har Kanth Mein Bharat will provide a platform for young artists to showcase their talent to the nation.

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India's ambitious mission to send scientists to explore the depths of the ocean in specially-designed submersible Samudrayaan got a boost with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman allocating 600 crore rupees for the Deep Ocean Mission. The mission involves mapping deep ocean floors and developing technologies like a manned submersible with 6000 meters water-depth rating. It also involves exploration of deep sea mining for sustainable utilisation of deep-sea bioresources and developing engineering designs for offshore thermal energy-driven desalination plants. The finance minister also allocated 1,329 crore for

Mission Mausam, an Earth Sciences Ministry initiative to improve weather forecasting capabilities.

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ISRO's attempts to place the NVS-02 satellite in the desired orbit suffered a setback after the thrusters on board the spacecraft failed to fire, the space agency said yesterday. The NVS-02 satellite, which was crucial for India's space-based navigation system, was launched on January 29 on board the GSLV-Mk 2 rocket which was ISRO's 100th launch from the spaceport at Shriharikota. The satellite is orbiting the Earth in an elliptical Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) which is not suitable for the navigation system.

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India has retained the ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup title, beating South Africa by 9 wickets in the final match at the Bayuemas Oval in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Gongadi Trisha's unbeaten innings of 44 runs helped Niki Prasad led Indian team to chase the target of 83 runs in the 12th over.

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