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1. Former Nagaland Chief Minister, Dr. S.C Jamir stresses India's Unity in Diversity; cautions against growing political divisions threatening national harmony.
2. Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee accuses ruling government of neglecting socio-economic issues
3. Centre secures 1.56 crore rupees relief for aspirants and students in education sector through refunds from coaching centers.
4. And, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan emphasizes that the new National Education Policy has been envisaged to take India to global level.



A two-day Youth Conclave and Cultural Fest, organized by Linguistic Minority Forum of Nagaland, was held at the Lions Club in Dimapur today. Former Chief Minister Nagaland, and former Governor of Gujarat, Goa, Maharashtra, and Odisha, Dr. S.C. Jamir, speaking as the chief guest emphasized on India's rich diversity, noting that the country has long been a symbol of unity in diversity. He, however expressed concern that this unity is gradually eroding, with national issues often being viewed through the lens of political party divisions. He also

spoke on challenges posed by extremism, which threatens the country's secular fabric, warning that unless the principles of secularism are upheld, India faces a perilous future.

Highlighting Nagaland's history, he said that the State was purchased by blood and stressed the need to overcome divisions within the state that foster negativity. Dr. Jamir further urged youth to embrace the spirit of unity, harmony, and broader leadership.



Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee (NPCC) today criticized the ruling government, for not focusing on socio-economic factors and problems faced by people but is instead only focused on political issues. During a press conference held at Congress Bhavan, led by AICC Secretary in charge of Nagaland Christopher Tilak, along with MP, Lok Sabha and President of NPCC, S Supongmeren Jamir and other party leaders, the party said, they have completed the first phase of their tour to six districts. Mr. Tilak observed that people of Nagaland have been focusing too much on political issues, while socio-economic aspects, have not received much attention.

Mr. Tilak pointed out that in India, 65 percent of the population is below 40 years old, making it a young nation, and Nagaland is equally a young state with a predominantly younger population. He, however, claimed that the government does not have a clear vision for youth empowerment.



Nagaland's MP (Lok Sabha) and President of NPCC, S Supongmeren Jamir, today said, reimposition of Protected Area Permit and reduction of Free Movement Regime are serious issues and should not affect the people, adding that it goes against government's own policies. He said, government initially introduced 'Look East Policy' and later changed it to the 'Act East Policy,'. He therefore added that the establishment of International Trade Centre would be meaningless if it negatively impacts the people.

Responding to queries during a press conference at Congress Bhavan in Kohima, Mr. Jamir remarked that restrictions on tourists and related matters are one issue. The MP further said, such matters remain issues between the central government and international policies.



Centre has secured 1.56 crore rupees relief for aspirants and students in education sector through refunds from coaching centers. Department of Consumer Affairs has successfully secured refunds for over 600 aspirants and students in education sector. These students, enrolled in coaching centers for Civil Services, Engineering Course and other programmes, were previously denied refunds despite following the terms and conditions set by the coaching institutes. The relief was made possible through grievances filed by the students via the National Consumer Helpline, which facilitated a streamlined process for dispute resolution. Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ministry said the swift action by the Department has helped students receive compensation for unfulfilled services, late classes, or cancelled courses, ensuring they do not bear financial burden of unfair business practices. The Department has instructed all coaching centers to adopt a student-centric approach, mandating clear, transparent refund policies to protect students' financial interests.



Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has emphasized that the new National Education Policy has been envisaged to take India to the global level. Addressing the 101st convocation of University of Delhi in New Delhi today, Mr Pradhan stressed that making India a developed nation by 2047 is possible through the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 20) across the country. Mentioning that 60 percent of country's population consists of youth, with many of them in colleges and universities, he urged students to advance Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat.

The Minister further lauded Delhi University for implementation of NEP 2020, expressing hope that it will take lead in making Delhi a knowledge hub in coming years.



The Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela began in New Delhi today, showcasing latest seed varieties and technologies in the agriculture sector to farmers, students and other stakeholders. The theme of the three day fair is Unnat Krishi - Viksit Bharat. Inaugurating the event, Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said, government is continuously working in the field of agriculture to make India a developed nation by 2047. Mr Chouhan highlighted the paramount importance of high-quality seeds, asserting that efforts must be made to ensure that the best seeds are swiftly accessible to farmers. He said that it is essential to integrate scientific advancements with the farming community. The Minister said that a modern agricultural forum, or chaupal, will be established to bridge the gap between farmers and Agricultural Scientists.



In Jammu and Kashmir, representatives of India and Pakistan Armies have agreed to uphold the February 2021 ceasefire agreement and explore measures to prevent future misunderstandings. Brigade commanders of both the countries held a flag meeting in Poonch district to ease tension after recent skirmishes and IED incidents along the Line of Control and the International Border. Besides agreeing to uphold ceasefire agreement renewed on February 25, 2021, Brigade commanders also agreed upon leveraging established communication channels to de-escalate tension. Both sides emphasised on importance of ceasefire agreement in maintaining peace and stability along the border.

