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- Lok Sabha MP, S. Supongmeren Jamir emphasizes on unity and accountability among Naga leaders
- Centre launches pilot programme to boost apprenticeship training in Northeast
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate 103 upgraded Amrit Bharat Stations tomorrow
- India begins diplomatic outreach programme to expose Pakistan-sponsored terrorism following Operation Sindoor

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Lok Sabha MP, S. Supongmeren Jamir has emphasized the importance of unity, humility, and accountability among Naga leaders to foster meaningful change in the state. He also called on tribal Hohos and civil society organizations to actively engage with and ensure that elected representatives voice their aspirations. Mr Jamir was speaking during a Community Ambulance Distribution Programme under the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme 2024–2025, in Dimapur today. He also appealed for collective efforts to safeguard Naga identity, culture, and rights amid external pressures.

Gracing the event as special guest, Deputy Commissioner of Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, lauded the MP's initiative and stressed the need to cooperation among the people to achieve development goals. During the event, four ambulances were handed over to Ao Senden Mokokchung; Chakhroma Public Organisation; Eastern Nagaland People's Union Dimapur; and Western Sumi Hoho.

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The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship yesterday launched a pilot programme to promote apprenticeship training in the northeastern region. Under the scheme, over 26,000 youths from the region will receive an additional 1,500 rupees per month for one year, over and above the regular stipend provided through the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme. Launching the scheme in Aizawl, Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Jayant Chaudhary, said the initiative will open

doors of real industry exposure for the region's youths, allowing them to understand the dynamics of contemporary industry, and align their skills with real-world demand. He emphasized that North East should not remain at the periphery of India's skilling efforts, but become a driving force.

The Minister also highlighted that North East leads India in women's participation in skilling, showcasing its progressive cultural ethos. A total of 43.94 crore rupees has been earmarked for the pilot initiative.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that tomorrow is a landmark day for India's railway infrastructure. In a social media post, he said, the Amrit Stations will boost comfort, connectivity and celebrate the country's glorious culture. The Prime Minister will inaugurate 103 Amrit Bharat Stations with modern amenities, from Bikaner, Rajasthan tomorrow. These stations have been upgraded and redeveloped under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme as city centres, showcasing regional culture and heritage.

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In a major push for climate resilience and women empowerment, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched the 'Women for Trees' campaign under the AMRUT Mitra initiative. The nationwide campaign is a women-led plantation drive aimed at increasing urban greenery in heat-stressed areas. The initiative will roll out in two phases. In the first phase, from today till May 23, over 50,000 women from Self Help Groups will visit plantation sites such as water bodies, parks and government lands. In Nagaland, site visits are scheduled at Mokokchung today, in Phek tomorrow, and at Dimapur, Kiphire, Kohima, Longleng, Peren, Tuensang, Wokha and Zunheboto on May 23. The second phase will begin on World Environment Day, June 5, during which active plantation of trees will be carried out.

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An all-party delegation led by JD(U) MP Sanjay Kumar Jha today left for a five-nation visit as part of India's diplomatic outreach on Operation Sindoor and to further expose Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. The delegation will visit Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Japan and Singapore to project the country's resolute approach to combat terrorism in all its forms. Talking to the media before the departure of the delegation in New Delhi, Mr. Jha said terrorism is a part of Pakistan's state policy, and they will tell the world how Islamabad has been sponsoring terrorism.

Another delegation led by Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde will also embark on the visit to UAE, Liberia, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Sierra Leone today.

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Operation Sindoor has emerged as a decisive and bold mission, reigniting the spirit of nationalism across India. Citizens across the nation are celebrating the valour of the soldiers. We have an NCC cadet who shares her thoughts...

Operation Sindoor has become a beacon of national pride, symbolizing India's strategic strength and the indomitable spirit of its people. It has reinforced the belief that together, as one nation, we can overcome any threat.

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Banu Mushtaq's short story collection 'Heart Lamp' has won the International Booker Prize in London. Ms. Mushtaq has become the first Indian author writing in Kannada to win the prestigious Prize. Her award-winning work, Heart Lamp, is a collection of twelve short stories translated into English by Deepa Bhashi. The book, originally titled Hridaya Deepa in Kannada, traces decades of her literary output from 1990 to 2023 and was recognized for its compelling portrayals of familial and societal conflict in Karnataka. The announcement was made at a ceremony in London, where both Ms Mushtaq and Ms Bhashi were present to receive the award.

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And, The Directorate of Technical Education has begun issuing registration forms for NEET (UG)-2025 candidates intending to avail Nagaland State Reserved seats for MBBS, BDS and other medical courses. Forms are available at the department office and can also be downloaded online at dte.nagaland.gov.in. Candidates may submit completed forms along with required documents and a payment of 500 rupees, to the office on or before the 21st of June.

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