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Nagaland Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio has underlined that the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 must be driven by the aspirations of states like Nagaland. Speaking at the 10th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog in New Delhi yesterday, Dr. Rio reaffirmed the state's commitment to economic self-reliance and inclusive growth. He shared that Nagaland's own vision document, Viksit Nagaland at 2047, is currently in progress. It aligns with national frameworks while addressing regional needs, to transform Nagaland into a peaceful, progressive, and self-reliant state. To harness the potential of its youth population, Dr. Rio noted that the state has outlined a multipronged strategy centered on improving ease of doing business, promoting entrepreneurship, expanding access to finance, and enhancing skilling infrastructure. Towards this, he highlighted the implementation of the Business Reforms Action Plan, the State Startup Policy 2019, the Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative, and the Integrated Business Hub & Innovation Centre. During the meeting, Dr. Rio also flagged several pending projects in the state awaiting Central approval, including the Foothill Road, Ciethu Airport, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, and the High Court Complex, among others.

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All States and Union Territories expressed unanimous solidarity and support to the Armed Forces on Operation Sindoor during the Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog. Briefing media, NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam said there was anger over what happened in Pahalgam and everybody commended the role and valour of defence forces and leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said, during the meeting, Prime Minister stressed that achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat would require the strength of Team India which was shown during Operation Sindoor.

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The Rising Northeast Summit 2025 concluded in New Delhi yesterday, attracting investment commitments of 4.3 lakh crore rupees. Addressing the valedictory session, DoNER Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia termed the event a beginning of transforming the North East into a true engine of India's progress.

The two-day event saw participation from delegations representing 80 countries and witnessed the signing of multiple MoUs with major national and international investors.

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Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya announced that the government will organise Khelo India Northeast Games in one of the eight states every year. Addressing the Rising Northeast Investors Summit 2025 yesterday, he said Government is fully committed to strengthening the sports ecosystem in the region.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts in the 122nd episode of the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani at 11 AM today. The programme will be broadcast across the entire Akashvani and Doordarshan network, AIR News website, and Newsonair app, and live-streamed on YouTube.

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And, Principal Secretary for Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Y. Kikheto Sema, raised several concerns tied to the Northeast and Nagaland in the upcoming guidelines of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). Speaking at the Fisheries Secretaries Conference 2025 and National Workshop on Aquaculture Technology and Innovation in New Delhi on Friday, Mr Sema called for urgent revision of the scheme's cost norms, saying the current funding of 8.4 lakh per hectare was outdated and insufficient. Highlighting the region's susceptibility to natural disasters, he urged the Centre to reintroduce provisions for renovating water bodies. A key proposal was to revise the current funding ratio of 60:40

between the Centre and States to 90:10 or 80:20 for the Northeast. Mr Sema also requested setting up a modern fish market in Dimapur and appealed for better financial support from banks for fisheries projects.

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