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Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Dr Jitendra Singh, today launched the nationwide Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan at Wokha Village. Addressing the gathering, Dr Singh lauded the resilience and contribution of the people of Nagaland to India's growth journey, adding that the Northeast, particularly states like Nagaland, would play a pivotal role in India's emergence as a global power.

Speaking on developmental concerns, Dr Singh noted that he had discussed key issues, including on highway improvements, with local legislators. He assured efforts to promote technology-driven ventures, particularly in start-ups in the fruit and food sectors under the One District One Product initiative, and urged local youth to embrace innovation and technology-driven agriculture. Additionally, he recommended constructing a legislative building in Nagaland, suggesting that the DoNER Ministry contribute to the project. Dr Singh also described women as the backbone of rural communities and essential stakeholders in India's development, and encouraged more women's self-help groups.



The Nagaland Government will begin disbursing Post-Matric Scholarships for Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in a phased manner, benefitting a total of 41,793 students for the academic year 2024–25. Addressing the media at the Directorate of Higher Education today, Officer on Special Duty (Scholarship), Keduosilie Keyho, said the state has so far received 30.70 crore rupees out of the total 56.38 crore rupees required.

The OSD said, in the first phase, a one-time full scholarship will be disbursed to 22,000 authenticated beneficiaries. He said, this will be disbursed through the National Scholarship Portal using Aadhaar-based transfer for the first time since the state's onboarding of the portal last year. Mr. Keyho also informed that 30,451 beneficiaries have been authenticated through the Aadhaar-seeded system, while 11,342 students could not be verified, adding that auto-generated SMS alerts have been sent to these students with instructions for further action. The second phase of disbursement will commence after the remaining fund is received and utilization certificate for the first phase is submitted. The department is expected to release the first phased of scholarship this week.



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar emphasised that Viksit Bharat is not merely a dream but a certain destination, powered by a robust knowledge economy. At an event in Pondicherry University today, he highlighted the critical role of youth and students as key stakeholders in driving India towards Viksit Bharat. Underlining the importance of education, he said that education is a great equaliser. He cautioned, however, against the commodification and commercialisation of education, urging a return to values rooted in India's traditional gurukul system.

The Vice President also appealed to corporates, business and industry to invest in India's educational sector to create institutes of excellence rivaling the best globally.



India has undergone a decade of remarkable transformation, driven by the principles of Seva, Sushasan, and Garib Kalyan. Akashvani News Kohima brings you a special feature on the Government's efforts over the last 11 years across key sectors. Today, we focus on Affordable and Healthcare for all.

Over the last decade, India's healthcare system has undergone a remarkable transformation. Flagship initiatives like Ayushman Bharat have provided financial protection to nearly 55 crore people. While under the Ayushman Vay Vandana scheme, benefits have been extended to all senior citizens aged 70 and above. With Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission modernising healthcare delivery to healthcare infrastructure expanding rapidly under the PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission. The establishment and expansion of AIIMS across multiple states, including the first-ever AIIMS in the Northeast in Assam, reflects the government's strong commitment to decentralised and equitable medical education and tertiary care. India also took early and bold steps during the COVID-19 pandemic. India's healthcare transformation over the past 11 years has been both comprehensive and compassionate. Guided by the vision of "Health for All," the government has made unprecedented strides in expanding access, improving quality, and ensuring affordability.



As part of his two-day official tour of Wokha district, Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh, convened a high-level review meeting with prominent scientific institutions from across the Northeast today. The meeting was aimed at strengthening technological integration in key developmental sectors such as agriculture, horticulture, educational research, and the implementation of central schemes, particularly in Wokha district and the state of Nagaland. Special emphasis was placed on bioresource utilization and the emerging bioeconomy, with particular attention to banana fibre extraction in Wokha. Dr. Singh called for active collaboration with line departments in Wokha to translate research into real-world outcomes.



The four legislators from Wokha district has submitted a representation to Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, outlining four major demands and urged Centre's interventions. The memorandum was jointly signed by Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton and MLAs Mhathung Yanthan, Y.M. Humtsoe, and Achumbemo Kikon. It called for declaring the Wokha–Merapani Road as a National Highway, given that the road is a vital link connecting Assam. It also highlighted the upgradation of Wokha-Bokajan Road, describing it as a lifeline for several districts and the shortest route to Dimapur. The legislators also sought support for various infrastructure development in the District Headquarters, and appealed for a comprehensive policy and special package to address the growing menace of human-elephant conflict.



As a run-up to International Day of Yoga 2025, Akashvani News Kohima brings you a special series -"Practice Yoga for Good Health and Wellness." Each day, we discover different practices to stay healthy with Yoga. This evening, we explore on Uttana Mandukasana or the Stretched-up Frog Pose.

UNDERPLAY: Uttana Mandukasana is an uplifting back-bending posture that calms the mind, relieves stress, improves digestion, and eases back pain. The practice expands the chest, improves diaphragmatic movements and boosts lung capacity.



Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar has nominated MP from Nagaland S Phangnon Konyak to attend the Second Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue, to be held in Rome, Italy, from 19th to 21st June. In a post on X, Ms Konyak, said she was looking forward to attending the global conference, which stands as a significant step toward embracing inclusivity, dialogue and harmony across faiths and cultures.

