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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi firmly tells US President Trump that India did not accept third-party mediation to resolve issues with Islamabad
- Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio stresses on skill development to tackle unemployment
- Deputy CM T.R. Zeliang calls for stronger action to safeguard region's ecological legacy
- And, Nagaland launches Awareness and Benefit Saturation Camp to boost tribal development

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has firmly told US President Donald Trump that India never accepted third-party mediation to resolve issues with Pakistan and will never accept it. Mr. Modi held a telephonic conversation with President Trump and discussed the recent Operation Sindoor. The Prime Minister's remarks came following US President's repeated claims of taking credit for the ceasefire between India and Pakistan. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said that during the 35-minute conversation, Mr Modi clearly conveyed to Mr Trump that talks were never held at any level on India-America trade deal or on mediation by the US for cessation of the recent military action between India and Pakistan. Mr. Modi and President Trump were scheduled to meet on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Canada, but Trump had to return to the US early, due to which the meeting could not take place.

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Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio today highlighted the growing gap between education and employment in Nagaland. Speaking during the presentation of the Chief Minister's Meritorious Students Fellowship to the top 50 students in the HSLC Exam 2025, Dr. Rio emphasized the urgent need to integrate skill development into the education system. He said, while the state is producing a large number of educated youth, many remain unemployable due to the saturated government sector and limited private sector opportunities in the state. Emphasizing on a shift in mindset, he urged the youth to pursue entrepreneurship as a viable career path. He also stressed the need to re-orient the education system to not only promote academic excellence but also equip students with life skills, critical thinking, and adaptability to succeed in the competitive and rapidly advancing world. Wishing the achievers continued success, the Chief Minister urged them to remain focused, committed, and industrious to help build a Viksit Nagaland for a Viksit Bharat by 2047.



Nagaland's Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang today called for stronger environmental education, local participation, and improved communication to protect the Northeast's ecological legacy. Speaking at the launch of the Mobius Young Climate Leaders for Himalayan Development North East India in Kohima, he said Nagaland's rich ecological heritage and vulnerability to deforestation and climate change made it a fitting starting point for the initiative. Mr Zeliang underscored that indigenous knowledge, such as community-led forest management, must be central to India's National Climate Adaptation Plan.

Pointing to growing environmental threats in the Northeast region, the Deputy CM highlighted low environmental awareness due to educational and infrastructural gaps. Mr Zeliang lauded the importance of initiatives like Mobius Project and called for unified efforts to build a sustainable future that balances tradition and innovation.

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The State-Level "Awareness and Benefit Saturation Camp" under the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) was launched in Kohima today. Advisor for Tribal Affairs, H. Tovihoto Ayemi officially launched the programme which aims to accelerate development in tribal areas.

Mr Ayemi said the campaign will benefit more than 9 lakh people, and urged officials to judiciously use the available funds for the welfare of all villages. State Nodal Officer for DAJGUA, Imsumeren, informed that the mission will cover 17 districts, 74 blocks, and 608 villages in Nagaland over a five-year period till 2028-29, involving 17 line departments. The campaign seeks to bridge critical gaps in infrastructure, education, healthcare, and basic services by converging various government schemes. The campaign is being rolled out across all districts of Nagaland to ensure widespread outreach and participation.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Zagreb this afternoon in a historic first-ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Croatia. Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenković received him at the Franjo Tuđman Airport, where he was welcomed with traditional cultural performances. Mr Modi also met the Indian diaspora. Later, Prime Minister Modi will hold a delegation level talk his with Croatian counterpart, and sign a series of agreements.



President Droupadi Murmu has stressed on augmenting defence capabilities by strengthening public sector undertakings and integrating the expertise of the private sector. She said that the country can accelerate indigenization efforts and position itself as a global defence manufacturing hub with the integration of private enterprises. President Murmu today met with probationers of the Indian Corporate Law Service, the Defence Aeronautical Quality Assurance Service, and the Central Labour Service at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The President emphasized the officers should serve as torchbearers of good governance, transparency, and accountability.



The 11th International Day of Yoga will be celebrated across the world on 21 June. Akashvani News Kohima brings you a special feature on yoga's evolution from ancient Indian tradition to a global movement.

(V/C -43 Secs). The history of Yoga is deeply rooted in India's ancient civilisation. It began as a spiritual practice in the early Indus–Saraswati Valley culture and gradually evolved into a disciplined path towards self-realisation. Over time, this practice blossomed into a rich discipline. In 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the United Nations General Assembly, proposing June 21 as International Yoga Day. The proposal was adopted with overwhelming support. Since then, 21st of June has been celebrated as International Day of Yoga across the world. As we mark the 11th International Day of Yoga this week, the 2025 theme “Yoga for One Earth, One Health” conveys a message of unity and well-

being. No matter one's religion, race, or nationality, Yoga offers a path to a healthier, more balanced, and meaningful life.



The Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resource today held an awareness-cum-river ranching programme under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana at Doyang in Wokha. The event marked the stocking of fingerlings in local rivers as part of efforts to boost fish populations. Principal Secretary, Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Y. Kikheto Sema urged the community to adopt strict conservation measures. On concerns over deforestation linked to traditional community fishing, he called for discontinuing outdated practices.

He also called for an end to hunting wild animals for food or gifts, highlighting the importance of preserving biodiversity. Community leaders pledged to stop harmful fishing methods, including the use of batteries and toxic substances.

