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The special discussion on Operation Sindoor will resume in the Lok Sabha today. The discussion on India's strong, successful and decisive Operation in response to the terrorist attack in Pahalgam was initiated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in the House yesterday. Participating in the discussion, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said, India's military response to the Pahalgam attack signaled a "new normal" in countering cross-border terrorism. He outlined a five-point approach that now defines India's stance, which is, terrorists will not be treated as proxies, cross-border terrorism will face appropriate response, terror and talks cannot go hand in hand—only talks on terror are possible, India will not succumb to nuclear blackmail, and terrorism cannot coexist with good neighbourly relations.

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The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) completes its 5 years today. The launch of NEP, laid out an ambitious roadmap to transform India's schools into spaces where learning is no longer confined to textbooks, marks or memorisation. Our Correspondent reports that over the past five years, the Policy has laid the foundation for a more inclusive, learner-focused and future-ready education system in India.

National Education Policy 2020's impact is visible across every stage of learning through meaningful reforms. Initiatives like NIPUN Bharat and Vidya Pravesh have benefitted over 4.2 crore students across 8.9 lakh schools. Indian Sign Language is now a subject, with over a thousand ISL videos and talking books developed. The "5+3+3+4" structure and National Curriculum Framework for School Education 2023 promote experiential and competency-based learning. CBSE board exams now include 50 percent competency-based questions, and subjects are offered at two levels. Over 4 lakh teachers have also been trained under NISHTHA Teacher Training Programme. Other initiatives including Bal Vatikas, Jadui Pitara and PRASHAST App have further promoted multilingual, inclusive and holistic education. Whether through support for girls and children with special needs, the promotion of Indian languages, or efforts to reduce regional disparities, NEP 2020 is creating a system where every learner has the chance to thrive. Asonuo Akashvani News, Kohima.

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Nagaland's Lok Sabha MP, S. Supongmeren Jamir, has urged the Centre to adopt region-specific strategies to unlock the state's clean energy potential. In a letter to Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, Jamir called for a dedicated Hydropower Development Scheme, revival of the off-grid solar programme, and a Green Energy Corridor for the Northeast. He also proposed targeted incentives like GST waivers and tax holidays to attract private investment in renewable energy. Highlighting structural challenges in Nagaland, Mr Jamir stressed the need for sustained policy support to align clean energy efforts with the national goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

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Hepatitis continues to pose a significant public health challenge in Nagaland, with new data revealing concerning infection rates across the state. According to the 2024–25 surveillance report from the State Health Department, Hepatitis C infection rates have reached 4.01%, while Hepatitis B stands at 2.4%. Alarming, among pregnant women, the prevalence of Hepatitis B is reported at 0.8%, indicating a

potential risk of vertical transmission. Dimapur has recorded the highest prevalence of both Hepatitis B and C, including the highest rate of Hepatitis B among pregnant women. This has been attributed to the city's diverse and cosmopolitan population. These findings were highlighted by Mission Director of the National Health Mission Nagaland, Dr. Avile Zao, during the observance of World Hepatitis Day in Kohima yesterday.

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In a significant nationwide initiative, the "Mediation for the Nation" campaign has been launched from 1st of July, as a 90-day intensive drive to resolve pending cases through mediation in all Taluk, District, and High Courts of India. The Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA), following directives from the National Legal Services Authority, has mobilized all District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) across the state to actively participate in the campaign. As part of the campaign, DLSAs in Nagaland have already referred 450 cases for mediation, with 12 cases successfully settled so far. Categories of cases eligible for mediation include matrimonial disputes, accident claims, cheque bounce cases, domestic violence, commercial and consumer disputes, among others.

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