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- **Nagaland's Lok Sabha MP, S. Supongmeren Jamir places important issues concerning Nagaland at on-going Parliament session.**
- **Zeliangrong Youth Organization launches second phase agitation demanding justice in April 7 Pimla murder case.**
- **Naga Students' Federation expresses strong objection to Non-Naga candidate seeking admission into MBBS under Nagaland state-allocated quota.**
- **Prime Minister Modi introduces C. P. Radhakrishnan as NDA's Vice Presidential candidate; INDIA bloc announces B Sudershan Reddy as its candidate.**

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Nagaland's Lok Sabha MP, S. Supongmeren Jamir has placed two important issues before the Union Government concerning the development and connectivity needs of the state in the on-going Parliament session. A press statement from the Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee stated that Mr. Jamir highlighted the limited presence of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in Nagaland. He said, while Assam and Arunachal Pradesh have expanded their NABARD initiatives to cover wider areas, Nagaland continues to remain largely uncovered. Mr. Jamir informed that out of the 17 districts in the

state, only nine districts are currently covered, leaving 12 districts without proper NABARD establishments. In this regard, he urged the Union Finance Minister to appoint the required staff and ensure that all districts of Nagaland are adequately covered under NABARD. Mr. Jamir also highlighted the long-standing demand for extension of the BG Express Train from Mariani Railway Station in Assam to Tuli Railway Station in Nagaland. He emphasized that this is not a request for a new service but an extension of an existing passenger train on a railway line that has already been constructed but remains unutilized. Mr. Jamir appealed to the Union Minister of Railways to consider this demand on priority, as it would greatly benefit the people of Nagaland.

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The Zeliangrong Youth Organization (ZYO) today launched the second phase of its agitation, demanding justice in the April 7 Pimla murder case, in which a woman's body was discovered between Mhaikam and Pimla village in Peren district. The agitation was joined by the Zeliangrong Students Union, Zeliangrong Mipui Organization, and federating units of the Western Naga Youth Front. Addressing the gathering, ZYO President R. John Zeliang said that the agitation would continue until justice is delivered. He asserted that the fight was not only for Zeliang women but for the Naga community as a whole. Stating that their only demand is for the forensic results to be released at the earliest, Mr. John said the organizations would not be held responsible for any untoward incident against the prime accused, who has been granted bail. As part of the agitation, all government offices remained closed, movement of government vehicles was restricted and interstate vehicles were barred from plying along National Highway 129(A).

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The Naga Students' Federation (NSF) has expressed strong objection to the candidature of one Vatsala Panghal, a NEET-UG 2025 student, who is seeking

admission into MBBS in a medical college under the Nagaland state-allocated quota. To voice their protest, NSF took to the streets today and staged a sit-in protest at Naga Solidarity Park in Kohima and later, marched to the gate of the Directorate of Technical Education. Addressing the protestors NSF President, Medovi Rhi expressed concerned that an individual has taken the state of Nagaland to court for the issue. He added that it is worrisome that Article 371(A) cannot protect the Naga people's rights and identity and he called for a collective efforts to fight for the rights of the people's future.

While the high court had given a stay order today, the next hearing is listed again in the first week of September. Mr. Rhi stated that during such time the NSF will not allow the individual to come and collect the nominee certificate from the department. The NSF President also appealed to the state government to take the matter to the Higher Court.

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The NDA Parliamentary Party meeting was held in New Delhi today. During the meeting, Prime Minister Narendra Modi introduced the NDA's Vice Presidential candidate, C. P. Radhakrishnan, and felicitated him. Briefing the media after the meeting, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Kiren Rijiju said that Prime Minister Modi appealed to all MPs, including those from the opposition, to elect him unanimously.

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Meanwhile, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge today announced Former Supreme Court Judge B Sudershan Reddy as the candidate for the Vice-Presidential election from the INDIA bloc. Announcing the decision at a press conference in New Delhi this afternoon, Mr. Kharge said that all opposition parties agreed that it is an ideological battle and that is why they are contesting. Congress

President also informed that Mr. Reddy will file his nomination on the 21st of this month.

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Deputy Commissioner of Wokha district, Vineet Kumar today flagged off a 10-day exposure cum training programme for 19 farmers, including 13 women farmers, to leading national research institutes in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. In an initiative to boost agri-entrepreneurship and scientific farming practices, the event is being organized by the Wokha District Administration, in collaboration with the Department of Horticulture, Central Institute of Horticulture, Department of Agriculture, Mission Shakti and National Rural Livelihoods Mission. The farmers' team will undergo specialized training at the ICAR-National Research Centre for Banana at Tiruchirapalli in Tamil Nadu and the ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute at Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala.

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Union Cabinet has approved development of Green Field Airport at Kota-Bundi in Rajasthan at an estimated cost of 1,507 crore rupees. The project includes construction of Terminal Building spanning an area of 20 thousand square meters capable of handling 1000 Peak Hour passengers.

Briefing media in New Delhi this afternoon, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, Cabinet has also approved construction of 6-lane access-controlled Capital Region Ring Road in Odisha on at a cost of 8,307.74 crore rupees.

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