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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi illustrates Government's intent to make Viksit Bharat possible by 2047.
- All three service chiefs were given free hand to decide course of Operation Sindoor, says Chief of Army Staff General Dwivedi
- CDS General Anil Chauhan says Operation Sindoor is a testament to synergy and operational cohesion among the three services.
- Nagaland University marks International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi illustrated his Government intent to make Viksit Bharat possible by 2047 with active support of Indians. Speaking after the inauguration of the third phase of Namma Metro in Bengaluru today, he set the benchmark for India's journey towards development. He listed out steps initiated by his Government to make India a developed country through reforms, performances and transformations. He informed that the journey began when India was among the fragile 10 countries before 2014. Now the Indian economy is the fifth largest and fastest economy. Metro rail has grown from five cities to 24 cities and is the third largest globally in terms of metro network.

Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi has described Operation Sindoor as a strategic, high-stakes mission that combined military precision with political clarity. Addressing students and faculty at IIT Madras yesterday, he recounted how the operation was conceived and executed in the days following the April 22 dastardly terror attack in Pahalgam by Pakistan-based terrorists. Sharing rare insights into the planning and execution of the Operation, he said, all three service chiefs agreed that decisive action was needed, and they were given a free hand to decide the course.



Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan today said that Operation Sindoor is a testament to the synergy and operational cohesion among the three services. Addressing the participants of the 21st Higher Defence Management Course and senior officers at the College of Defence Management, Secunderabad, General Chauhan shared strategic perspectives on integration in the Armed Forces, and highlighted key takeaways for shaping the future roadmap of joint operations. The CDS also laid stress on the importance of comprehensive capability development, Aatmanirbharta, and in-depth understanding of the transformative changes being pursued in the military to deal with the disruptive changes in the technology-driven modern warfare.

The Tribal Research Centre, Nagaland University, marked the International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples with a webinar on "The Indigenous Issue and Identity: Peninsular India versus the Northeast" on Saturday. The session featured noted social scientist Dr. Walter Fernandes, Director of the North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati, and drew over 100 participants, including scholars, students, and researchers. Chaired by Prof. Toshimenla Jamir, Head of Sociology and Director of the Centre, the webinar opened with reflections on the varied meanings of "indigenous" across global and

Indian contexts. Dr. Fernandes highlighted contrasts between Peninsular and Northeastern experiences saying that Peninsular identity is rooted in sacred groves and cultural resistance while the Northeast emphasizes customary law and autonomy. He said both regions now face increasing threats to land and identity from state and non-tribal interests. He also noted growing internal tensions, stating that "competition has arisen between the tribes", signalling a shift in indigenous dynamics. Urging collective action, Dr. Fernandes emphasized that achieving justice and reconciliation will require sustained leadership and unity.



Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai said that the judiciary, executive, and legislature exist to deliver justice to the last citizen of the country. Stressing the need for a calibrated and coordinated effort among these pillars, he said every step must be taken to ensure that justice is delivered at the earliest and at the least cost. He was speaking after inaugurating the newly constructed Court Building of the Gauhati High Court's Itanagar Permanent Bench at Naharlagun. Mr. Gavai said that North-East is one of the most important parts of India, and said that the Constitution provides special provisions to preserve and safeguard the tribal communities of the region.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for projects in Bengaluru to enhance mobility. After arriving in Bengaluru today, he flagged off Vande Bharat train service between Bengaluru and Belagavi. He also virtually flagged off Vande Bharat services between Amritsar and Katra and another from Nagpur to Pune. Thereafter the Prime Minister flagged off the much awaited Yellow line of Namma Metro station that connects Bommasandra Industrial area with Electronic city.



ISRO Chairman Dr V. Narayanan has said that the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology played a crucial role in the past several years to contribute best talents into the Indian Technology sector. Addressing the 13th convocation ceremony of IIST Valiamala, Thiruvananthapuram through a video message, he said, India is a fast growing economy in the world and ISRO has a very big role for this achievement. A total of 309 students from BTech, Masters, PhD programs, Dual Degree passed out and were awarded their degrees during the function.



Union Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Mansukh Mandaviya today said that the 'Sundays on Cycle' initiative has helped turn the 'Fit India' movement into a big movement in the country. The Minister said this while participating in the 'Sundays on cycle Fit India' event in the national capital. He highlighted that, so far, Panchayat representatives in more than 50 thousand villages across the country have spread the message of Fit India by participating in the event. He pointed out that this has connected villages with the movement.

and, In the Asian Surfing Championships, Ramesh Budhial became the first Indian to win a medal securing bronze in the Open Men's category in Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu today. Budhial, also the first Indian to reach the medal round, scored 12.60 points to finish third. Korea's Kanoa Heejae took gold with 15.17 points, while Indonesia's Pajar Ariyana claimed silver with 14.57.

