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Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K.G. Kenye has urged students to be contributors rather than mere recipients in society. He made the call while addressing the introductory session of the All Nagaland College Students' Union (ANCSU) 22nd Biennial General Conference at St. Xavier College, Jalukie yesterday. The Minister emphasized that Naga citizens, particularly students, should not only take from society but also give back by taking up leadership roles with a sense of social responsibility. He further urged ANCSU to continue its efforts to integrate students from the eastern region of the state, highlighting that Nagaland carries a significant responsibility to bring about positive change especially in addressing the growing challenge of drug abuse. Mr. Kenye noted that tackling unemployment requires collective effort and cooperation from the youth, as it cannot be solved by the government alone.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged the youth of the country to participate in the Viksit Bharat Quiz competition. In a social media post, Mr Modi said that the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2.0 is a great opportunity for the youth of the nation to contribute towards nation building. He said that the ideas and insights of the youth can pave the way in building a Viksit Bharat. People can participate in the quiz till 31st of this month. The Viksit Bharat Quiz completion will be held on 10th to 12th January, next year.

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_Narottam Jha, who runs an automobile business in Dimapur for over three decades, has welcomed the new GST reforms, describing them as a milestone in India's tax reform history. He said the changes are particularly beneficial for the middle class, as they help reduce the tax burden on the common people.

Mr Jha also expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for their efforts in easing GST rates for the common public.

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The Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCW) has strongly condemned the inhuman and brutal murder of a woman in Kohima, describing it as an act that has shocked the conscience of society. The NSCW said it has taken suo motu cognizance of the case and is closely monitoring all developments. It urged law enforcement agencies to expedite the investigation and ensure that the perpetrator or perpetrators are brought to justice without delay. The Commission reiterated that no stone will be left unturned until justice is delivered to the victim and her bereaved family. Appealing for the cooperation of citizens, the Commission called on the public to extend all necessary support to the investigating authorities to ensure a fair, transparent, and swift process of justice. Several organisations have condemned the act, demanding justice and urging authorities to expedite the investigation. As per the reports, the victim who was 22 years was found dead near her residence in Kohima on October 25 morning.

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In an another shocking incident, three family members including two minors were allegedly murdered at Hakhizhe village under Niuland district during the wee hours of Monday. Confirming the incident, police said the motive behind the triple murder is not known and the accused has been taken into police custody for further investigation. The accused identified as Abdul Gofur a 40 years old hailing from Morgian under Assam killed his brother Ashatul 35 years and his two children 12 year old daughter and 6 year old son using a machete. The accused after committing the crime surrendered to the village council along with the weapons used in the crime.

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A team of scholars from Nagaland, is participating in the Sakura Science Exchange Program 2025, being held in Japan. The program which commenced on Sunday, will conclude on November 1. The team comprises six young researchers from diverse scientific disciplines, is led by Dr. Viheno Iralu, Assistant Professor at Nagaland University and Dr. Meguovilie Sachu, Biochemist at the Chief Medical Office, Kohima. As part of this scientific and cultural exchange initiative, the delegation will visit leading universities and research institutions across Okayama, Kyoto, Kurashiki, and Osaka. Fully funded by the Japan Science and Technology Agency under the Sakura Science Exchange Program and hosted by Prof. Takahashi Yuichiro of Okayama University, the initiative aims to foster international collaboration, innovation, and mutual understanding between Japan and other Asian countries through short-term academic and cultural exchanges. During the program, participants will engage in lectures, laboratory visits, discussions with Japanese researchers, and cultural immersion activities.

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