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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the youth of the country, today defines courage and commitment to a nation-first mindset. Addressing the Annual NCC PM Rally at the Cariappa Parade Ground in New Delhi yesterday, the Prime Minister said that the NCC is a movement that makes India's youth confident, disciplined and sensitive citizens dedicated to the nation. He said that today the world looks at India's youth with great confidence and this comes because of their skill and culture. Extending greetings to the cadets and officers from across the country, Mr Modi He noted that over the years, the strength of NCC has grown from 14 to over 20 lakh cadets, with increased participation from border and coastal areas. The Prime Minister expressed happiness as there has been a significant rise in the participation of girl cadets this year.

Mentioning about the recent India EU free trade agreement, Mr Modi said that the agreement will benefit Indian startups by improving access to funding and the innovation ecosystem and will also boost India's creative economy.

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will table the Economic Survey 2025-26 in Parliament today. The document is prepared by the Finance Ministry's Department of Economic Affairs under the guidance of the Chief Economic Advisor. The Economic Survey is a comprehensive review of the country's current economic state and future outlook.

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Nagaland's student learning outcomes continue to lag behind national averages, particularly in Mathematics, according to the PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan (PRS) Report 2024 released by the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Nagaland. The assessment conducted in December 2024 covered learning outcomes of 22,220 students and over 3,335 teachers from 724 schools across the state, assessing competencies in Language, Mathematics, Science and Social Science across Grades 3, 6 and 9. At the Grade 3 level, Nagaland performed below the national average, with Phek and Mokokchung emerging as top districts, while Kiphire and Tuensang ranked lowest. Kiphire also featured among the 50 lowest-performing districts nationally. For Grade 6, the state ranked among the bottom ten states in the country, particularly due to poor Mathematics scores. Mokokchung and Phek led district rankings, while Noklak, Mon, Shamator, Tuensang and Kiphire remained at the lower end. Noklak, Shamator and Kiphire were again listed among the 50 lowest-performing districts. In Grade 9, students performed above the national average in Language but lagged in other subjects. Kohima, Mokokchung and Dimapur performed better, while Shamator, Kiphire, Noklak and Mon ranked lowest. Shamator and Kiphire continued to feature among the 50 lowest-performing districts nationally. The report further highlights that , no district from Nagaland featured among the top-performing districts at the national level in any grade.

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