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Nagaland Minister for Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak, called on Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda, in New Delhi yesterday. During the meeting, Mr Konyak expressed his sincere appreciation to the Union Minister for his continued commitment towards the development of Nagaland's eastern region, particularly for the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement for the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority. The Minister briefed the Union Minister on ongoing infrastructure development initiatives under the State Programme Implementation Plan (SPIP), enhancement of the Resource Envelope, and the progress of academic and infrastructural activities at Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (NIMSR) and Mon Medical College. He also acknowledged the Union Minister's support in extending MBBS seats for students from Nagaland at the central level. The two leaders further deliberated on key national health initiatives, including PM-ABHIM, the 15th Finance Commission grants, and the early utilisation of the National Health Mission Resource Envelope to optimise future allocations and strengthen healthcare delivery in the State.

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Niti Ayog has released three study reports on Scenario towards Viksit Bharat and Net Zero, in New Delhi, focusing on an overall roadmap, macroeconomic implications and financing needs. During the launch of the reports yesterday, Chief Economic Adviser Dr V Anantha Nageswaran described the reports as a crucial pathway towards achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat. He underlined that energy transition remains a key pillar of India's long-term growth strategy, as highlighted in the Economic Survey 2025-26. He noted that these reports will be the benchmark for future deliberations on the development of the country. Dr Nageswaran further highlighted the importance of strengthening manufacturing

capabilities in line with the aspirations outlined in the Union Budget 2026-27.

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Financial Advisor (Defence Services) Raj Kumar Arora yesterday said that increased budgetary allocation for defence sector will further enhance combat readiness of Armed Forces, reduce dependency on imports, increase strategic autonomy and improve supply chains. Talking exclusively to Akashvani News Mr Arora said 7 lakh 85 thousand crore rupees have been allocated for defence sector in Union Budget. He said, the allocation is more than 16 percent of last year's allocation.

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A three-day training programme on Music Education under Samagra Shiksha, in collaboration with Yamaha Music India, began yesterday at the Directorate of School Education in Kohima. Director of School Education, Razouseyi Vese, described the initiative as the first educational partnership with Japan, recalling the historic friendship between the two regions since World War II. He encouraged teachers to use this opportunity to guide students toward diverse career paths beyond government jobs, highlighting music as a gateway to better opportunities. Yamaha Music India's Sales Unit Head, Ryoji Maruyama, emphasized music's power to inspire and connect lives, while Yamaha Corporation's Risaka Tokoro expressed hope that the programme would strengthen music education in Nagaland and enrich students' futures.

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An awareness and sensitisation programme on various minority welfare schemes was organised by the Directorate of Minority Affairs at the Multipurpose Hall in Zunheboto yesterday, Joint Director Andrew C. Imti said the initiative aimed to promote awareness of departmental schemes and minority rights, noting that only six religions are officially recognised as minorities in Nagaland. Key schemes including minority scholarships, micro-credit loans, PM VIKAS skill development initiatives, and PMJVK infrastructure projects were highlighted. It also outlined

benefits for artisans, women, and self-help groups under NMDFC schemes.

