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Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu yesterday said terrorism has no religion and boundaries and nobody should be allowed to get away with acts of violence in the name of ideology. Addressing a function to mark the 33rd Raising Day of the National Security Guard (NSG) at Manesar in Haryana, Naidu said, the time has come for the international community to launch a concerted effort to isolate States which are sponsoring terrorism. He said, over last 33 years, NSG have successfully handled terrorist and hijack situations, defining role in Akshardham, Mumbai and Pathankot attacks. Naidu said, NSG has always risen to occasion to ward off challenges, be it counter terrorist or counter hijack operations or protection of people. The Vice President also paid homage to 19 Brave Martyrs of elite commando force, who made supreme sacrifice in line of duty.

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Nagaland based newspapers, both English and language dailies have expressed strong resentment over harassment and threats regularly meted out by individuals or organizations against media houses with regard to publication and non-publication of news articles. In this regard, the editors and publishers of Nagaland Post, Eastern Mirror, Morung Express, Nagaland Page, Tir Yimyim, Capi and Ao Milen have resolved to take a firm stand against all such attacks to any of the media fraternity. In a joint statement, the editors and publishers stated that Nagaland newspapers are united and resolute in the stand against all coercions and threats in order to function freely as the fourth pillar of a democratic society. The statement said that in the process of upholding its responsibility, the media continues to be exposed to ongoing harassment and threats by individuals and organizations that coerce the media to publish their articles and statements. Simultaneously, there are also people who take it upon themselves to determine what the media cannot publish. The Nagaland newspapers, therefore urged all sections of society to enable a free and vibrant fourth estate which is the only means to publicly confront all forms of political, economic and social suppression. Every citizen is responsible to ensure that the media is allowed to function freely, it stated.

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Nineteen women farmers were honoured in recognition of their 'role and contribution in ensuring food and nutritional securities in their communities' yesterday during an event to observe World Food Day at Chizami village in Phek district. The event was organised by North East Network, Nagaland under the theme of 'Strengthening local food and farming systems – a call for action. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Phek, Kovi Meyase, stated that despite the many advancements made by human civilization, hunger and poverty remains to be addressed. Reiterating that people across the world are migrating not by choice but by circumstance, Meyase stressed on the need to develop a roadmap for sustainable agriculture and food production. Stating that local indigenous food can contribute in addressing hunger and poverty, he said this can be leveraged through community extension services.

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Germany and the United States have reached the quarter-finals of the ongoing FIFA Under-17 World Cup. In the first two Round of Sixteen matches played at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi yesterday, while Germany outplayed Colombia 4-nil, United States routed Paraguay 5-nil. Four pre-quarterfinal fixtures are slated for today which is to be played at 5 PM. Iran will take on Mexico in Goa, while France will meet Spain in Guwahati. In the encounters scheduled for 8 PM this evening, England will face Japan at Kolkata and Mali is pitted against Iraq in Goa.

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