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PATNA: Deputy chief minister [Sushil Kumar Modi](#), while inaugurating the 41st conference of Council of Board of School Education on Wednesday, said the nation required an education system that would empower human resources. He said, "Technical and vocational courses would reduce unemployment and help in [economic development](#) of the nation." Education minister P K Shahi said a three-member committee was formed to suggest methods for the betterment of basic education system in the state.

Anti-tobacco pledge: Under the aegis of Private Schools and Children Welfare Association, more than 400 school students on Wednesday took oath to abstain from tobacco consumption in any form to mark World Cancer Awareness Day. About 60 lakh students of 25,000 schools coming under the association simultaneously took the pledge.

St Joseph's Convent: Students of St Joseph's Convent High School participated in a cancer awareness seminar organized by Rotary Shakti on the school campus on Wednesday. Resource person Dr Pritanjali informed the students that majority of cancer cases are detected in advanced stage, which makes it difficult to treat the patients.

NITP's NSS unit opened: The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of National Institute of Technology Patna (NITP) was inaugurated by its director, Professor Ashok De, on Wednesday. The director, in his welcome address, shared with the students the achievements of IIT Kharagpur in the field of community service. He urged the students to participate in the scheme and make it successful at the institute. The programme coordinator for the NSS committee would be Kamini Sinha while Shailendra Kumar Mandal, Khursheed Ahmad and Pramod Kumar Yadav would be the programme officers.

Jesus and Mary Academy: Students of Jesus and Mary Academy, Patna City, participated in an inter-house carom competition organized on the school premises on Wednesday. Administrators of the school emphasized on the importance of sports in a students' life for their overall development.

Spic Macay programme: Students of Mount Carmel High School (MCHS) and J D Women's College (JDWC) enjoyed the tunes of Indian classical music as music maestro Ashwini Bhide Deshpande performed here on Wednesday. While Deshpande performed "Raag Vairagi Todi" in "Vilambit Jhaptaal" at MCHS, students of JDWC enjoyed "Raag Shuddha Sarang" in "Vilambit Rupak Taal". She was accompanied by Sanjoy Adhikari on the tabla and Vinay Mishra on harmonium. The event was organized by Spic Macay as a part of its Virasat 2012 campaign.

Ladies club at BITP: A ladies club was inaugurated at the Birla Institute of Technology Patna on Tuesday for the development and entertainment of women residing at the institute, mostly wives of the faculty members. It would organize cultural programmes, indoor games, get-togethers, conferences and workshops.

AISF stages march: Members of All India Students Federation (AISF) staged a protest march against the alleged fraud in the results of competitions held by Bihar Staff Selection Commission and the state government's silence on the matter. They threatened to intensify their agitation and stage a gherao of the commission's office on November 27 if their demand to cancel the results of all competitive exams held in last two years was not conceded.

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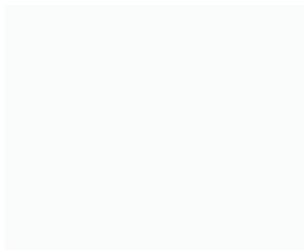
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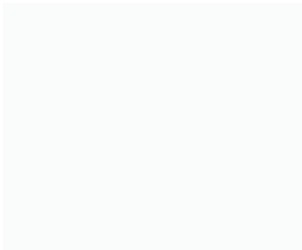
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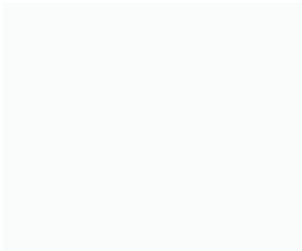
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