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*Chief Justice, Guahati High Court, Ashutosh Kumar administering Oath to Governor of Nagaland, Ajay Kumar Bhalla during the Swearing- in Ceremony held at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Chief Minister, Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio along with Deputy CMs T.R. Zeliang and Y. Patton, felicitated the participants of the Bharat Utsav Festival of India (Russia) during a Programme celebrating Cultural Diplomacy at State Banquet Hall, Kohima on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025*



*Lt. Governor, Jammu & Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, presenting the CIPS Award 2024 to Dr. Kika Longkumer, Joint CEO, and Dr. Yingnei Kongyak, Deputy CEO on behalf of NHPS held at Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir on 22<sup>nd</sup> August.*



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# OFFICIAL ORDERS *and* NOTIFICATIONS

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE INFORMS

The Department of Social Welfare has informed that the online application for Scholarship for Persons with Disabilities (State Scheme) from class I to VIII for the academic session 2025 will be active from 7th August 2025 for fresh applicants and renewal in the common scholarship Portal of Nagaland.

Eligibility criteria and guidelines of the Scheme have been made available on the website <https://scholarship.nagaland.gov.in>.

The last date of submission of the application will be 30th November 2025.

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## CABINET APPROVES CONSTITUTION OF A 7 MEMBER JOB RESERVATION COMMISSION

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The State Cabinet has approved the constitution of a 7 member Job Reservation Commission, which will be headed by a person with integrity and administrative experience from a retired senior IAS Officer of the Nagaland cadre.

**The composition of the Commission will include the following:**

1. One Member each to be nominated by:
  - Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO)
  - Central Nagaland Tribes Council (CNTC)
  - Tenyimi Union Nagaland (TUN)

**Three official Members:**

- Administrative Head of P&AR Department
- Home Commissioner
- Administrative Head of Law & Justice Department

The respective Tribal Apex Bodies - ENPO, CNTC, and TUN - have been requested to nominate credible and qualified individuals to represent their respective communities as Members of the Commission. The nominations are to be communicated to the Government at the earliest for necessary action.

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## CS INFORMS ON NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE JOB RESERVATION COMMISSION

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Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Sentiyanger Imchen, IAS has informed that the State Government has decided to constitute a Commission to examine and submit a report on Reservation Policy in Government Employment where the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation, the Central Nagaland Tribes Council and the Tenyimi Union Nagaland were each requested to nominate a credible and qualified person from the communities they represent, to be a member in the Commission.

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In this regard, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that the tribes represented under the 5 Tribes CoRRP are objecting to the nomination of members to the Commission by the Civil Society Organisations (CSOs). It may be clarified that the CSOs are to nominate a credible and qualified person from the communities they represent and not office bearers of the CSO.

It stated that this decision was arrived at to ensure that the opinion of the respective communities who are the most important stakeholders is suitably taken into account in the assessment and future applicability of the Reservation Policy in the State. The nomination of the stakeholders was sought as it is felt that such a vital issue should not be decided by the Government alone.

In light of the above, the CS requested to reconsider their position on the composition of the Job Reservation Commission to ensure that the Commission can submit a comprehensive and inclusive report.

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## **AJAY KUMAR BHALLA SWORN IN AS THE 22<sup>nd</sup> GOVERNOR OF NAGALAND**

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Ajay Kumar Bhalla was sworn-in as the 22<sup>nd</sup> Governor of Nagaland in a Swearing-in ceremony held at Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

The oath of office was administered by the Chief Justice, Guwahati High Court, Ashutosh Kumar in the presence of the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio and his Cabinet, Member of Parliament, Advisors, MLAs and Senior Bureaucrats, Police and Military officials from Central and State Government, Members of Civil Societies of Nagaland.

Meanwhile, the new Governor was also accorded the Rastriya Salute by the Nagaland Police Mahilla (IR) Contingents at Raj Bhavan. Chief Secretary of Nagaland, Sentiyanger Imchen conducted the swearing in ceremony.

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## **VARUN AHLUWALIA TAKES OVER CHARGE OF ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, NAGALAND: KOHIMA**

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The Office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E) Nagaland, Kohima, has informed that in pursuance of Headquarters' Office order No.877-GE-1/1-2025 dated 20-06-2025, Varun Ahluwalia, (IA&AS) has taken over charge as Officer on Special Duty (SG of JAG) Accountant General (A&E), Nagaland, Kohima on 21-08-2025 (N/N), while Frederick Syiemlieh (IA&AS), Pr. Accountant General (A&E) has been relieved from the additional charge of Office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Nagaland Kohima.

# OFFICIAL ORDERS *and* NOTIFICATIONS

## LABOUR COMMISSIONER, NAGALAND CLARIFIES ON EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN DURING NIGHT HOURS

Labour Commissioner, Nagaland, Er. S.L. Wati Aier has issued a clarification regarding Section 20 of the Nagaland Shops & Establishments Act, 1986 - Employment of women during night hours. It has clarified that, notwithstanding the wording of Section 20 of the Nagaland Shops & Establishments Act, 1982, there is no law, presently in force in the State of Nagaland, that prohibits women from working during night hours. It informed that women may be engaged in employment beyond 7:00 P.M. and/or before 6:00 A.M., subject to the following safeguards:

1. Voluntary Consent - Employment during night hours shall be only with the voluntary and written consent of the concerned woman employee.
2. Safety Measures - Adequate transport, lighting, and security arrangements shall be provided to ensure safety during travel and at the workplace.
3. Compliance with Labour Laws - All provisions relating to working hours, overtime, rest intervals, and weekly holidays under the Act and relevant labour laws shall be complied with in full.

The Labour Commissioner added that the clarification shall be applicable with immediate effect and is issued with the approval of the competent authority.



## 35th NAGALAND TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIPS CONCLUDES AT LONGLENG

The 35th Nagaland Taekwondo Championships concluded on 31st July 2025 at the Multi-purpose Indoor Stadium in Longleng, with the Director of Youth Resources and Sports, Kethosituo Sekhose, attending as the valedictory guest.

In his speech, Sekhose praised the organizers for hosting one of the best and most well-attended tournaments in the state. He also commended the warm hospitality in Longleng and expressed optimism about the district's development, highlighting the ongoing construction of 31 indoor stadiums, 20 futsal grounds, and 6 football turfs across Nagaland under the Chief Minister's

leadership. Sekhose also acknowledged the role of parents in encouraging their children to pursue Taekwondo, calling it a sport that instills discipline and sharpens the mind. He emphasized future collaborations to strengthen discipline and improve performance in the sport.

The team from DYRS Kohima emerged the champion of the 35th all Nagaland Taekwondo championships with 17 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze. In the Individual Category the best female fighter was awarded to Visazuno Sachu, while Vilabizo Nagi was awarded the best male fighter.

## NSLSA SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME CONCLUDES

The Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) held the culmination programme for the Summer Internship Programme 2025 on 31st July at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall in Kohima.

During the event, Neiko Akami, Member Secretary of NSLSA, spoke about the roles and responsibilities of the State and District Legal Services Authorities, along with other stakeholders involved in the effective implementation of the Legal Services Act, 1987. He also explained key legal procedures, including how to properly file an FIR, the role of police, and the steps involved in court trials and examination process.

Apila Sangtam, Retainer Lawyer at NSLSA, provided an overview of the newly introduced criminal laws — the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA). She highlighted

that these laws focus on modernization, significant and minor amendments under BNSS, and the restructuring of existing legal frameworks.

Kezhosano Kikhi, Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel in Kohima, shared her personal journey in the legal profession, encouraging interns to embrace patience and resilience, qualities she emphasized as essential for a successful legal career.

Throughout the internship, the participants visited various institutions such as the Gauhati High Court (Kohima Bench), district court, police station, State Mental Health Institute, orphanage home, district jail, and Kripa Foundation's Sakhi One Stop Centre. In addition, the interns conducted legal awareness programmes for street vendors, reaching 78 beneficiaries, and distributed informative pamphlets to the general public.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAM CELEBRATING NAGALAND'S GLOBAL FOOTPRINTS THROUGH CULTURAL DIPLOMACY HELD AT KOHIMA**

The Government of Nagaland hosted a special program with the theme “Nagaland’s Global Footprints: Cultural Diplomacy & International Engagements” at the State Banquet Hall, Kohima, on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025, to celebrate the state’s growing international presence through cultural initiatives and diplomatic engagements.

Speaking at the event as the Special Guest, Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, recounted personal experiences from his official visits to Japan and Russia. He expressed his gratitude to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and the Indian Embassy in Russia and Japan for their invitation and hospitality. Nagaland was one of the six Indian states and the only state from the North East to be invited. Dr Rio stated that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for cooperation and human resource development was signed between Nagaland and Kochi prefecture (Japan), which in itself was a historic feat. He also spoke about the various collaborations between Japan and Nagaland, such as the JICA project, the proposed establishment of a 400-bed hospital at the Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, and training programs for doctors and nurses with placements in Japan. Further collaborations are being planned in education, language training, sports and capacity building and with organisations such as the Sasakawa Peace Foundation for political and cultural cooperation, he said.

Dr. Rio also informed that Nagaland’s participation at the closing ceremony of Bharat Utsav, which was held in Russia,

gained international recognition through the outstanding cultural performances by Naga artists and performers, and it was well received by the audiences in Russia. He said that the Russia Today studio will also be inaugurated in Delhi this year, showcasing the close relationship between India and Russia. The Chief Minister also acknowledged the rich tradition and culture of both countries and also appreciated the cleanliness, landscaping and impressive historical sites and technological advancements in their public infrastructure. He highlighted the ongoing efforts by the state government to preserve and promote Naga culture, traditions and handicrafts through such cultural engagements and emphasised the importance of unity and international recognition. He ended his address by encouraging all Nagas to lend their continued efforts to develop Nagaland and promote its rich cultural heritage across the globe.

During the programme, Dr. Rio officially launched TREEKAM, an international music collaboration album cover, coordinated by producer Arpito Gope. Citations were also presented by the Chief Minister to all the artists who participated in the Bharat Utsav-Festival of India held in Russia.

A PowerPoint presentation was delivered by the Advisor to the Chief Minister and Chairman of IDAN, Abu Metha, showcasing the key outcomes of the visit. Some of the major achievements included institutional collaborations aimed at human resource development and economic growth, as well as the promotion of ‘Brand Nagaland’

as a destination for investment, tourism, and culture, Nagaland's contribution in strengthening strategic relations between India, Japan, and Russia and in creating opportunities for the Nagaland Youth to contribute towards Nation building process at global and international platforms. He ended his presentation by thanking the Chief Minister, Dr Neiphiu Rio, for his leadership, guidance, and foresight in taking Nagaland to the international community. Earlier in the program, Secretary, Tourism

Department, Nchumbemo Lotha gave a short speech on behalf of the department. The event witnessed musical performances by the Catholic Youth Association of Christ the King Church, Vilhou Kezo, Kedo and Vetho, and by Kekhrie Ringa & Friends.

The event concluded with a note of appreciation from the Chairman of TaFMA, Theja Meru. Cabinet ministers, advisors, MLAs, dignitaries from various departments, and other invitees attended the event.

### **47th NAGALAND INTER-DISTRICT BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP CONCLUDES**

The LI-NING 47th Nagaland Inter-District Badminton Championship 2025 concluded at K. Kire IPS Indoor Badminton Stadium, NAPTC Chumoukedima on 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2025.

Deputy Inspector General of Police (Training), Imnalensa, while addressing the gathering as Special Guest, lauded the Badminton officials for their perseverance and passion, noting that their efforts reflected true dedication to sports.

Imnalensa also complimented young

athletes from different districts and said their energy and spirit brought life to the championship. He further expressed hope that many among them would go on to represent the state and would serve as future inspirations for the sports. He also acknowledged the important role played by the coaches and said they are the architects behind the players dream. The tournament began on 29th 2025 July representing 13 districts.

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### **STATE-LEVEL SAMPOORNATA ABHIYAN SAMMAN SAMAROH ORGANIZED AT KOHIMA**

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Planning & Transformation Department organised a State-level Sampoornata Abhiyan Samman Samaroh for Aspirational Districts & Blocks at the Capital Convention Centre, Kohima, on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025.

Deputy Chief Minister in charge of Planning & Transformation and National Highway, T. R. Zeliang, gracing the program as the chief guest, said governance must touch every life and development must reach every village. Zeliang said Samapornatha

Abhiyan is a shining example of this spirit, a call to action that puts people first and brings government to the doorstep of the underprivileged people.

Zeliang emphasised that when community takes ownership, transformation becomes possible. He attributed the progress of the Abhiyan due to the collective effort of the field workers and districts administrators with support from the staffs, community leaders and citizen who believed that

change was possible. Zeliang further added that ownership at the grassroots is key to sustainability, and when communities are involved, development will not just be fast but also lasting.

Development Commissioner, Temsunaro Aier IAS, termed the event as a celebration of the collective journey of progress, participation and purpose. She recounted that the Aspirational districts program launched in January 2011 and the Aspirational blocks programme launched in January 2023, aiming to uplift underdeveloped regions through measurable socio-economic indicators. She added that through these programs there have been steady improvements in health, nutrition, education, agriculture and infrastructure. She remarked that out of all the aspirational blocks, Kiusan Block Kiphire district achieved 100% saturation in four out of the

six indicators, Thonoknyu under Noklak district achieved 100% in five indicators, and Akuhaito in Zunheboto district achieved 100% in two indicators under the aspirational districts program. Aier also encouraged everyone to further take the spirit forward to other key areas such as digital inclusion, financial inclusion, water conservation and more parameters indicators under school education and health and work towards saturation

Short speeches on notable aspirational journeys were delivered by the Secretary of Lokayuta, Arikumba and DC Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer.

CEO, NITI Aayog, BVR Subrahmanyam and Additional Secretary, Mission Director, NITI Aayog, Rohit Kumar delivered messages virtually. Medals and certificates of appreciation were awarded to the winners from NITI Aayog.

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## DR. NEIPHIU RIO CHAIRS NOA MEETING TO SHAPE FUTURE OF SPORTS IN NAGALAND

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President of the Nagaland Olympic Association (NOA), and Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, chaired a meeting at the NOA Office, Kohima, on 4th August 2025 to review ongoing sports initiatives and discuss key upcoming events that will shape the future of sports in the region.



*Chief Minister & President of the Nagaland Olympic Association, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, with officials during the Nagaland Olympic Association meeting held at the NOA's office, Kohima on 4th August 2025.*

During the meeting, discussions were held regarding the 39th National Games, to be hosted by Meghalaya in February 2027. Nagaland has formally proposed to co-host the Wrestling discipline, showcasing its growing expertise and structure in combat sports.

The President also reviewed plans for the next edition of the North East Games, which was scheduled in October 2025 but has now been postponed to early 2026, to be hosted by Tripura.

Preparedness to host the UWW Alysh Belt Wrestling & Naga Wrestling World Championship, scheduled from 15th to 23rd November 2025 and the 1st edition of Dr. T. Ao Junior (Girls) National Football Championship are also discussed in detail.

The President also inspected the near-completion of the NOA gym facility. Recruitment advertisements have been issued

for the positions of Gym Instructor, Multi-Task Assistant and Cleaner. The facility is expected to be operational soon.

Dr. Rio expressed his continued commitment to strengthening Nagaland's sports ecosystem and positioning the state as a key contributor to national and international sporting events.

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## NECTAR CONDUCTS ORIENTATION ON LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION TEAMS

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The Nagaland Education Project-The Lighthouse (NECTAR) conducted a two-day orientation on 'School Transformation Strategy' for the Lighthouse School Complex Implementation Teams (LSCIT) and LSC Managers at the Directorate of School Education, Kohima, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

In her opening address, Avelu Ruho, Joint Secretary of School Education and Deputy Project Director of NECTAR, stated that the concept of LSC as model schools was conceived in 2019 by former Principal Secretary of School Education and SCERT, Menukhol John, with the objective of reviving the reputation of government schools from one of neglect to a community-driven system with modern infrastructure, improved teaching-learning practices, and resource sharing. Ruho mentioned that the School Transformation Strategy is drawn from the National Education Policy 2020 and extensive community consultations across Nagaland. She also noted that this Strategy will be implemented in Meluri district as well.

Director of School Education, Razouseyi Vese, remarked that the Department with its large pool of human resources and that its efficiency is crucial for the State's progress. He also mentioned that those at the grassroots level can make the biggest impact and urged the Implementation Teams to ensure that they make a difference in their schools.

Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS, Principal Director of DoSE, while stating that the Department highly depends on human interactions, also noted that creating infrastructure would be impactful only if there is collaboration and exchange among



*Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS, Principal Director NECTAR and PD DoSE addressing the gathering during the two-day orientation on 'School Transformation Strategy' for the Lighthouse School Complex Implementation Teams (LSCIT) and LSC Managers at the Directorate of School Education, Kohima, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

all these stakeholders. He encouraged the school heads to approach additional work positively as a responsibility and not as a burden. He also interacted with the teams and received their inputs.

Guided by the School Transformation

Design Team, the orientation included sessions covering Roles and Responsibilities, Legalities, Digital Technology, School Vision and Mission, Annual Curriculum and Pedagogical Plan, and Operations and Implementation, and others.

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## EXHIBITION ON 'DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION IN NORTH EASTERN INDIA' HELD AT KOHIMA

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The National Archives of India, in collaboration with the Higher Education Department, Nagaland, organized an exhibition on the 'Development of Education in North Eastern India' at the Capital Convention Centre, Kohima, from 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

In his keynote address, Minister of Higher Education and Tourism, Temjen Imna Along highlighted the impressive strides made in the region's educational development, noting the importance of documenting the diverse cultural heritage of Nagaland. Along emphasized the essential role of archiving in documenting and preserving the culture and history of a community. He credited the early Christian missionaries for Nagaland's current status as

the second most literate state in the country.

Addressing the students present, the Minister reminded them that true education brings humility. He urged them to stay updated with the latest technological advancements and remain adaptable.

MLA, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso, in his address, noted that the exhibition served as an eye-opener, highlighting the urgent need for archiving the state's rich history and cultural legacy. He also appealed to the National Archives of India, through the Ministry of Culture, to consider setting up an Archives Centre in Nagaland. Such a centre, he stated, would allow various departments within the state to preserve vital documents, benefitting not only Nagaland but the entire North Eastern region.



*Minister of Higher Education & Tourism, Temjen Imna Along, MLA, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso, and officials from the National Archives of India & Department of Higher Education launching the Exhibition Brochure of the exhibition on the 'Development of Education in North Eastern India' at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima, on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

Samar Nanda, Director General of the National Archives of India, highlighted the importance of preserving culture to shape the future. Nanda expressed hope that more educational institutions would emerge in the North East, aligning with the vision of a developed India.

Earlier, Minister for Higher Education and Tourism, Temjen Imna Along, inaugurated the exhibition, tour the exhibits and launched the Digital Exhibition and the brochure.

The exhibition is based on various documents, private papers, rare books from the National Archives of India, New Delhi, Department of Higher Education, Government of Nagaland, State Archives, Department of Art and Culture, Government of Nagaland and other government documents providing a historical context. It also includes visual displays, photographs, multimedia presentations that capture the essence of the educational legacy of Northeast India.

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### **SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON CHILD RIGHTS & CHILD PROTECTION CONDUCTED AT PHQ**

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Nagaland Police in collaboration with the Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NSCPCR) organised a one-day sensitization programme on Child rights & Child Protection at the Conference Hall, PHQ, Kohima on 8th August 2025.

Chairman of the Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NSCPCR), Alun Hangsing, emphasised the state's ongoing commitment to safeguarding and promoting children's welfare. He highlighted the Commission's role in ensuring the implementation of legislations related to children including the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2005, the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016, and other issues related to child trafficking, child adoption, child marriage, children in street situations, and the prevention of drug and substance abuse among children, along with measures against illicit trafficking and other forms of exploitation. He also noted that the

role of the police is crucial and important, not only in enforcing laws, maintaining order, and ensuring safety and security, but also in protecting rights and providing a safe environment.

Director General of Police, Nagaland, Rupin Sharma, IPS acknowledged the Commission's awareness programs, which he said is essential in a time when crimes against children ranging from abuse and exploitation to trafficking and neglect continue to occur in various forms. The DGP stressed that educating children about their rights, as well as informing parents, guardians, teachers, and the wider community, plays a crucial role in preventing such crimes and ensuring that children grow up in a safe, secure, and supportive environment.

Member NSCPCR, Akumla Longchari, highlighted the police's key role under the POCSO Act, stressing timely case registration, victim sensitivity, and thorough investigations. Legal Consultant Lichani Murry outlined the Juvenile Justice Act, focusing on child care, protection, and rehabilitation.

## NAGALAND CONCLUDES THREE-DAY STARTUP ENGAGEMENT WITH FIRST-EVER HNIS AWARENESS SESSION

Nagaland's startup ecosystem reached a milestone with the conclusion of a three-day program connecting entrepreneurs, mentors, and High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs), organized by Startup Nagaland, Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland. The event concluded on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at Hotel Vivor, Kohima, with the state's first-ever HNIs Awareness Session.

The program began on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> August with the Startup Mentorship & Bootcamp 2025 at the Badze Leshüki Campus, Kohima, enriched by the insights of distinguished speakers - Pangerkumzuk Longkumer (Founder, Nexus Cipher Guard), Worrin Muivah (Founder, Step Academy), Dr. Noyingbeni T Erui (Founder, Erui Designs), Dr. Theyiesinuo Kreditsu (Academician & Author), Yashika Khatri (Startup India) Nikita Engheepi (Lawyer & Founder, Namaste Hallyu & Pinkbox Events), Rinzing C. Bhutia (Founder & Director, Agapi Sikkim & Trateng Greens Pvt. Ltd.), Syed Mufti Alam (Access Development Services, IFAD), and Lichan Humtsoe (Founder, Ete Coffee).

Delivering the keynote, CEO, Startup Nagaland and Director, Industries & Commerce Department, Government of

Nagaland, P. Tokugha Sema, stressed that the session was not about immediate investments, but about opening a window to show what's possible when local wealth meets local ideas. He elaborated on Nagaland's hidden economic gap, where startups often depend on personal savings or outside funding leading to a loss of jobs, profits, and decision-making power from the state.

Sema emphasized that local investors bring cultural understanding, community trust, and unique strategic advantages, and can play a decisive role not only through funding but by mentoring, sharing networks, and opening doors to markets. Capital is powerful, but so are connections, mentorship, and guidance. Many startups need doors opened more than they need immediate cash, he said, urging HNIs to see themselves as catalysts for change.

P. Tokugha Sema concluded with a vision for the next decade, one in which Nagaland's leading companies are home-grown, locally funded, and globally competitive, stating that the future of Nagaland's economy will be built by those who believe in it first and he believes that group is sitting in this very room."



*Officials and participants at the three-day Nagaland's Startup ecosystem programme organized by Startup Nagaland at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

The sessions offered practical strategies, sectoral insights, and growth roadmaps for early and growth-stage entrepreneurs. It also included presentations from emerging

startups, showcasing innovation and entrepreneurial potential, and closed with a networking session fostering collaboration between investors and founders.

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## **AWARENESS PROGRAM ON EMPLOYEES STATE INSURANCE SCHEME (ESI) CUM FREE MEDICAL HEALTH CAMP AND REGISTRATION DRIVE HELD AT DIMPAUR**

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An Awareness program on Employees State Insurance Scheme (ESI) cum free medical camp and registration drive was held at Hotel ACACIA Dimapur on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The program was organised by the Department of Labour in collaboration with ESIC Regional Office, Guwahati.

The Employees State Insurance Scheme is an integrated measure of social insurance embodied in the employees state insurance act and it is designed protect employees as defined in the employees state insurance act 1948 against the impact of the incidences of sickness, maternity, disablement and death due to employment injury and to provide medical care to insured person and their families.

The scheme applies to factories and other establishments such as hotels, restaurant, road transport, cinemas, newspaper, shop, educational/medical institutions where more than 20 persons are employed. Employees

of the aforesaid categories of factories and establishment, drawing wages upto 21,000 and 25,000 in case of persons with disabilities in a month are applicable for the scheme. The scheme is financed by contributions from the employers and employees 3.25% and 0.75% respectively of the wages payable to employees.

Avile Vitso, Additional Commissioner, Labour Department CEO ESI Scheme Nagaland, while addressing the gathering said that SPREE 2025 is a one-time special initiative by ESIC to encourage self-registration of unregistered employers and those who have not registered all eligible employees with ESIC. The duration of the SPREE is from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2025. She also highlighted the benefits of the scheme.

Pranay Sinha, Zonal Insurance Commissioner, NE Zone and Ahtesham, Deputy Director Co-ordination & Implementation also gave an overview of the scheme.

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## **REFRESHER TRAINING CONDUCTED FOR OFFICERS AND STAFF OF NAGALAND HOUSE, NEW DELHI**

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To enhance the knowledge and efficiency of officers and staff of Resident Commissioner's Office Nagaland House (NH), New Delhi, a refresher training was conducted from 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at Nagaland House, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi. The training was held in 2 (two) phases.

Retired Senior Accounts Officer, Treasuries & Accounts, Khinyi Woch and Deputy Secretary, Economics & Statistics, Rhonthungo Andreas Lotha were the resource persons for the training. On completion of the training, Joint Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House, New Delhi, Sharon Longchari presented certificate to all

the trainees.

Altogether 15 officers and staff were given hands-on training on service & leave rules, basic office procedure, matters related

to pension, pay and allowance, fixation of pay, noting & drafting and other office related matter.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS ACROSS THE STATE

### KOHIMA

Nagaland celebrated the 79th Independence Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima, where Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio hoisted the National Flag and addressed the state. In his speech, Dr. Rio honoured the freedom fighters and brave martyrs who secured our Independence and safeguarded our future. The Chief Minister reaffirmed that resolving the Naga Political Issue remains the government's highest priority. Describing the peace process as "a symbol of hope," he informed that the State has been playing the role of an active facilitator between all the stakeholders for a peaceful resolution to the Naga Political Issue. He also highlighted progress in talks regarding the Frontier Nagaland Territory (FNT), following the latest tripartite talks between the Government of India, Government of Nagaland, and the Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation (ENPO) on 23 July 2025 in Delhi. He expressed optimism that the development deficit in Eastern Nagaland would be addressed in the spirit of brotherhood.

Dr. Rio voiced concern over the Centre's decision to reduce the Free Movement Regime (FMR) along the Indo–Myanmar border from 16 km to 10 km with restricted crossing points, arguing that such changes have caused hardships for border communities with deep socio-cultural and economic ties across the international

border. On the Assam–Nagaland border, he clarified that the eviction drives in the Disputed Area Belt were being undertaken jointly by both the state police and district administrations to maintain status quo and prevent illegal migration. A landmark reform this year was the complete digitisation of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) system on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025. The portal has already processed over 26,500 permits, with new ILP categories introduced for workers in agriculture, transport, domestic helpers and drivers and the education sector. Village councils will maintain registers of ILP holders, and hospitality establishments must now notify police upon the arrival of guests from outside Nagaland.

The Chief Minister emphasised the importance of Agriculture and Allied Sectors in driving the socio-economic growth of the state. Notable achievements included, the expansion of cultivation of 300 hectares of ginger and 245 hectares of Naga Mircha (chilli), plus six new collection centres. Nagaland also received the Award for Trinity's Best of India Award 2025 for Valuable contribution towards the organic industry at the Goa International Trade Fair. Implementation of the Eri Silk Development Project in Mon, Longleng, Tuensang, and Zunheboto with a target to cover 870 beneficiaries and produce 40MT of Eri cocoon by the Department of Sericulture. Fisheries output of over 11,000 metric tonnes and an Integrated Aqua Park has been

established at Tzudikong, Mokokchung. Under the National Livestock Mission, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services has established 28 Pig breeding farms and has planned to set up 12 meat production units in the state. Under PMKSY (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana) 270 surface minor irrigation schemes are underway with an estimated cost of 206.85 crores which is being implemented by the Water Resources Department. Two externally aided projects namely The Forest Management Project funded by JICA and The Forest and Biodiversity Management Project supported by Indo German Financial Cooperation are being implemented by the Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change.

Dr. Rio mentioned that The State government is making big improvements in health sector. Under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY scheme, 98,761 treatments worth over 182 crores have been provided since September 2018. Additionally, Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS), has delivered 30,266 treatments valued at 120.42 crores since October 2022. To keep medicines safe and stop fake drugs, a new Drugs Testing Laboratory has also been set up in Kohima.

In the Education sector, the School Education Department has introduced Science streams in five existing Government Higher Secondary Schools. During 2024-2025, the Department completed the construction of four new school buildings, two Residential quarters and one Residential hostel. ICT Smart Classroom Program is being implemented in 41 GMS. Under the NECTAR project, 16 lighthouse school complexes are being developed to serve as model schools. Under Samagra Shiksha, 51

educational infrastructure including 15 new Schools amounting to 33.86 crores have been inaugurated on August 2, 2025.

The State Council of Education Research and Training (SCERT) is actively preparing to conduct the Nagaland Teacher Eligibility Test (N-TET) for the professional qualified candidates in September 2025 ensuring quality of education.

The Department of Higher Education under the Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) program is constructing Academic Buildings at Government Colleges of Zunheboto, Mokokchung and Dimapur. Model Degree Colleges for the newly created districts of Shamator, Noklak and Tsemnyu Districts have been approved. The Technical Education Department has set up an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Lab at ICIT, Mokokchung with support from Intel and MEITY.

Under the Labour Department during the FY 2024-25 a total of 5974 male and 735 women construction workers in the State got registered under the NBOCW Welfare Board availing the benefits of social security and welfare schemes.

All Employment Exchanges in the State have been designated as Special Employment Exchanges under the RPwD Act, 2016, supporting People with Disabilities (PwDs). Further, the Department is launching a program "Providing Access to Core Employability Skills" to skilling our rural youth using a mobile Morung skill van, with a budget of 100 lakhs.

Under the Department of Industries & Commerce, the Centre of Excellence in Industry 4.0, focusing on Industrial Automation, Robotics and AI has been inaugurated at NTTC, Dimapur on 25th April 2025 to skill our youths.

A State delegation visited Japan from

3 to 10 July 2025, and signed an MoU with Kochi prefecture for HR exchange and another between ARMS corporation and IDAN on HR and sports Cultural Troupes from our State participated in the Bharat Utsav -Festival of India from July 5th to 13th 2025 at Manezhnaya Square in Moscow.

Under the Department of Women Resource Development, the Transformative Livelihood Intervention (TLI) Project, 585 women received financial and material support to take up income-generating activities. The Department is also taking up construction of Working Women Hostels in 15 sites across 9 districts under SASCI during 2024-25 and 2025-26.

The Prison Department with the help of NGOs are providing training to inmates with a view to reintegrate them in the society after release.

Under Law and Justice Department, the first-ever State Mega Legal Services Camp was organized by NSLSA in collaboration with the State Government under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority on 12h April, 2025.

Under Rural Development, during the FY 2025- 26, MGNREGA generated 26.49 lakh person- days, as on June 2025, and provided employment to 2.00 lakh households, covering 2.04 lakh individuals. Under PMAY-G, the State has completed 36,144 houses out of the cumulative target of 48,830. Under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) 15,412 Self Help Groups (SHG) have been formed. Further 30,133 SHG members have been identified as potential Lakhpati Didi by engaging them in income-generating activities. 49 enterprises have been promoted under Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Program (SVEP).

The Municipal Affairs Department provided an amount of Rs. 11 Cr to the 25 Elected ULBs during the Financial Year 2024-25 to set up a Basic Functional Office. Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Housing for All-Urban, a total of 29,973 Households belonging to the Economically Weaker section have received financial support from the government and have successfully achieved 94 %completion. Under SASCI, 2024-25, the Department is taking up 12 infrastructure projects including Market complex in various ULBs to provide revenue generating Provision of sanitation of office Building for 18 ULBs and Provision of Sanitation vehicles to 15 ULBs is under process.

AMRUT 2.0 aims to make all Cities/Towns water secure including the components of Water Supply, Septage and Sewerage. To achieve that target, 64 projects have been undertaken in all 39 ULBs for early completion. The Department, through assistance from the Asian Development Bank, is preparing investment-ready urban infrastructure projects for 16 District HQs.

The Department of Youth Resources and Sports hosted the inaugural Nagaland Super League, the first-ever professional football league in the State from January 28 to April 1, 2025. Also, the Government used to announce three major initiatives at any event - Nagaland Football Academy, The Chief Minister's Sports Scholarships and Nagaland International Gold Cup in order to nurture local talent and promote sports. 31 Multi-Disciplinary Indoor Stadiums and 28 Futsal Grounds have been sanctioned under SASCI during this financial year out of which 3 Pre-Fab Multipurpose Hall and 13 Futsal grounds have been inaugurated on 2nd August 2025 and the rest will be made

functional by the end of this financial year. 4 (Four) more Multipurpose Indoor Stadiums are under construction under the Khelo India Scheme. Further, the Centre for Excellence in Music and Arts (CEMA), conceptualized to encourage and promote music and arts at National and International level, while conserving the age-old traditional music and art was inaugurated on 1st December 2024.

The Department of Information & Public Relations has notified the “Nagaland Film Policy 2024” to promote cinema in the State of Nagaland by fostering a conducive environment for filmmaking, film production, cinematic tourism, and increase the regional film production. 5 filmmakers and film students attended the Berlin International Film Festival in Germany from 13th- 23rd February 2025.

The Nagaland Tourism Department continues to make significant strides in unlocking the State’s vast tourism potential. Nagaland’s flagship Hornbill Festival 2024 recorded a remarkable tourist footfall of 2,05,968, reflecting a 33% increase from the previous year.

The Science & Technology Department has successfully commissioned the Innovation Hub and Space Education Centre at Science & Technology Complex, Kohima.

The Department of Power under NESIDS has upgraded the transformer capacity of the Nagarjan Substation Dimapur, to 350 MVA. Further, under PM-DeVINE a 220/132/33 KV Substation with associated transmission lines at Tsitrongse (Diezephe) is under construction to decongest Nagarjan Substation. To enhance the renewable energy generation capacity of the state, the Department has successfully commissioned two Small hydro projects- Duilumroi small hydro project in Peren (2.4MW) & Ponglefo

small Hydro Project (1MW) at Salomi village in Kiphire district.

Dr. Rio mentioned that the Nagaland Solar Mission (NSM) was launched on 14th April 2025 in convergence with PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana (Roof-Top Solar Scheme). To encourage the development of clean energy, the NRE Department has successfully completed a 5MW Solar Power Plant at Hovukhu Village, Niuland. Another 5MW Solar Power Plant at Zhadima/ Teichuma Village under Kohima district is under progress.

Rio reiterated the commitment of the Government to improve the road network in the State and highlighted the many initiatives undertaken by the Department of Road & Bridges. He also highlighted the infrastructural upgradation in the Police Department.

A key cultural initiative undertaken by DUDA with the support of NEC, the Konyak Heritage Complex in Mon district has been completed and inaugurated. The Department of Fire and Emergency Services has successfully achieved construction & installation of fire-fighting systems under SASCI in 3 designated Helipads in the State located in Kohima, Chumoukedima and Zunheboto Districts. The Department is planning to construct three new Fire Stations at Dimapur, Bhandari and Pungro and a Training Centre at Chiechama, Kohima.

Highlighting the tax scenario in the State, Dr. Rio said that the Taxation Department has developed GST Returns and Adjudication Management System (G-RAMS) in order to check discrepancies in returns and mismatch in tax liabilities. The Treasuries & Accounts Department has launched Grade- IV e-GPF system in September 2024 that has enabled greater transparency and accountability.

Furthermore, twenty-two Treasuries and Sub-Treasuries have been fully computerized and the integration of e-Pay Bills, e-NPS and the Budget Sub-Allocation System has enhanced efficiency and coordination across departments. The adoption of RBI's e-Kuber platform for receipts and payments has further contributed to the modernization efforts by the State. Dr. Rio also informed that the Nagaland state Transport Department will be establishing 10 new Helipads and up-gradation of 4 existing helipads will be done to enhance helicopter service connectivity. Construction of inter-State truck terminus along the NH-29 at Chumoukedima under MoDoNER has also been approved.

Regarding Law and Order situation in the State, he said that the overall law and order situation in the State remains largely stable and under control, with no major disturbances reported across districts made possible by the concerted efforts of the Civil Administration, State Police and Security Forces. This in large measure has been due to the dedicated surveillance, timely intelligence gathering, and proactive coordination with national security agencies by the State Police. In conclusion Dr. Rio urged the people of the State to build a self-reliant Nagaland for every citizen.

Presentation of Awards during State-Level Independence Day Celebration (15th August 2025, Kohima):

**President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service:**

Bendangwati Ao, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Nagaland

**Governor's Gold Medal:**

Niak Takonungba, 2<sup>nd</sup> NAP Battalion  
Khriezotunuo Theunuo, Athletic Coach

Hito Kito 'The Nagaland Madrigal

Singers'

**The awardees announced for the Police Medal for meritorious service:**

Kevithuto Sophie, Commissioner of Police

Aboli Metha, Commandant, Nagaland

At Chiephobozou, Advisor, Prisons, Printing and Stationery, Er. Kropol Vitsu graced the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day at as the Chief Guest, hoisting the National flag and delivering the Independence Day speech at the Local Ground, Chiephobozou HQ, Kohima District on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The parade contingents was led by Parade Commander, ABI, Thupusahu Yoho.

The 79th Independence Day was celebrated at the SDO (Civil)'s Office premises in Jakhama on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil), Jakhama, Vineikho Tetso,(NCS) hoisted the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute from the 12th IR, led by UBI Joseph Zeliang, Officer-in-Charge of Khuzama Police Station.

**DIMAPUR**

Dimapur district celebrated the 79<sup>th</sup> Indian Independence Day at the DDSC Stadium, Dimapur, with Minister for Roads & Bridges, G. Kaito Aye, as the Chief Guest on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025. He hoisted the National Flag followed by taking Rastriya salute from the parade contingent.

The parade contingent was commanded by Imkongsangba Jamir, NPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police (East), Dimapur, with Neichuzo Rio (ABI, CP Dimapur) as Parade 2 i/c and Havildar Khekato Sema from the Police Commissionerate, Dimapur, as Parade BHM. It included personnel from the Police Commissionerate Dimapur, 11<sup>th</sup> NAP (IR) Battalion, Home Guard Civil Defense & SDRF, SEFTI (Forest Guard),

Ex-Servicemen, NCC Dimapur Government College, Government Higher Secondary School Nagarian, PM Shri Government High School Burma Camp, Bethesda Higher Secondary School, and Zakiesato Memorial Higher Secondary School also took part. The 15th Assam Rifles Band Platoon, led by RR Debbarma, added ceremonial grandeur to the celebration.

A key highlight of the celebration was the presentation of awards to outstanding female achievers in academics and sports under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative, led by the District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW), Department of Social Welfare, and Mission Shakti. In academics, top scorers from government and private schools were felicitated, including Veineiling (HSSLC – Arts) and Parvina Khatun (HSLC) from Government Higher Secondary Schools in Lengrijan and Dimapur, respectively. From private schools, Lungshiyang Nirhu (St. Paul HSS) and Wattula Imchen (Christian HSS) were honoured for their HSLC achievements. In sports, Seyiekhrieno Tepa was recognized for winning multiple medals between 2023 and 2025 at both national and international Sepaktakraw Championships, including the World Cup. Hinokali was also honoured for her medal-winning performances in the 9th Asia Pencak Silat Championship and the National Pencak Silat Championships from 2020 to 2025.

The Chief Guest also inaugurated and inspected stalls set up by various Government departments and Societies.

### **MOKOKCHUNG**

The 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung with Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer

as the special guest on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The special guest hoisted the National Flag, took Rastriya salute from the parade contingent and delivered the Independence Day Speech.

The Parade Contingents was led by Tizhisie Pojar, NPS, SDPO (Hq) as the Parade Commander while 2<sup>nd</sup> in Command was ABI Tekatemjen SM RHQ, DEF, Mokokchung. The Parade Contingent includes DEF Mokokchung, 2nd NAP Battalion, 13th NAP (IR) Battalion, Home Guards and Civil Defence, Ex – Servicemen, NCC Fazl Ali College, NCC Mayangnokcha GHSS, NCC GHS Dilong, Bharat Scout & Guides Queen Mary HSS, Bharat Scout & Guides Mayangnokcha GHSS, GMS, Bharat Scout & Guides ImrongUngma and 2nd NAP Battalion Pipe Band.

In recognition for their commendable service to the people, 9 individuals were felicitated with the District Award. The awardees were Temsummeren, Dobashi II (District Administration), Opangnenla Jamir, LDA (SP Office), Imsenkala, MTS (Agriculture), John Ato Kips, LDA/CA (CMO), Lanutoshi, HA (MCTE), Mayangkala Ao, ABSI (SP Office), Shiluwati, Forester-1 (DFO) and Taliwati, MTS (District Administration).

Showcasing the diversity and unity of the nation, cultural items were presented by the Eastern Nagaland Peoples Union, Mokokchung represented by Konyak Union, Mokokchung and Laxmi Narayan Gritan Mandal, Mokokchung.

Along with the rest of the Country the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated at Changtongya Sub-Division, Mokokchung with SDO(Civil) Changtongya, Nukshimatong as the Chief Guest. The Programme started with hoisting of the National Flag by the

Chief Guest, Salute Presentation by OC Police Station Changtongya, National Anthem was presented by the Students of St. John School, Changtongya followed by Independence Day speech by the Chief Guest.

Mangkolemba Subdivision, Mokokchung marked the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebrations



*MLA, A. Pongshi Phom taking the Rastriya Salute during the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Tuli, Mokokchung on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

at the public ground, Mangkolemba, with Naiba Konyak, MLA and Chairman of SDPDB Tobu, as the special guest. Konyak hoisted the National Flag, took the Rashtriya Salute, and delivered the Independence Day address. A total of six parade contingents participated in the march past, led by the 2nd NAP 'E' Coy, Tzutapela.

At Tuli Sub-division, the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated at the Local Ground, Tuli with MLA, A. Pongshi Phom, as the Chief Guest.

## **ZUNHEBOTO**

The 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated at the Local Ground of Zunheboto Town on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025. Advisor, Minority Affairs & Sericulture, Imkongmar graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He hoisted the National Flag, took the Rastriya salute and delivered the Independence Day speech, highlighting the significance of the day and the progress made by the nation.

District Awards for Meritorious Service were presented by Advisor to the following in recognition of their distinguished services: Kupe Kapfo, Superintendent of Police, Zunheboto; L. Chinglem Konyak EAC (HQ), Zunheboto; Dr. Antoly Swu, Dy.CMO, H&FW Zunheboto; Dr. Vinoto H Ayemi, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, AH&VS; Kenneth Jakha, Asst. District Education Officer, DEO Zunheboto; Hotoli Y Chishi, Head Assistant (HA), District Administration, Zunheboto; Shekheli Sumi -Divisional Head Assistant, PHED; Linoto K Yeptho-UDA District Administration; Newto A- UDA District

Administration; Lovitoli Awomi, Counseling Psychologist & Founder of Lapiye Center for mental well-being. NGO; I Inavi Aye ASI, Police; Z. Izhetto Hollo Havildar, Police; Abet S Swu, NK Police; Kakishe Aye Havildar, 8th NAP; Hekavi V Chophi Lance Naik, 8th NAP; Rarenpenba Ao Const., 8<sup>th</sup> NAP; Hoxuvi Sema, Technical Instructor, KPA, Atoizu; Hozhetto Sumi MTS, ADC office Akuluto; I Ahovi Sema MTS, NST Zunheboto; Toheli Y Achumi MTS, DIC Industries Zunheboto.

The event featured a total of 3 parade contingents, led by Parade Commander, Assistant Commandant, Imlisunup Ao, 8th NAP BN, Naltoqa Parade with secone-in-command, UBI G. Blesto Zhimomi, Parade CHM Havildar Nisheto Chishi, 8th NAP BN.

The participating parade contingents were as follows: DEF Zunheboto- ABSI M. Mongothung Lotha; 8th NAP BN- ABSI Kamugha Sema; Ex- Servicemen- Havildar Kiyeho Sema.

At Pughoboto Sub-Division, the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated with

MLA, Dr. Sukhato A. Sema, as the Chief Guest. The program commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag and the Rashtriya Salute by the Chief Guest. The march past contingents were led by Kakito ABI of the 8th NAP A. Coy.

As part of the celebrations, Certificates of Recognition were awarded to: The Office of the Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer, Pughoboto; Government Higher Secondary School, Pughoboto and Vishepu Swu, Village Council Chairman of Ghokimi village. Another major highlight of the day was the inauguration of a Public Waiting Shed at the New Administrative Complex. The Resting Shed, constructed under the LADP 2025–26, was inaugurated by Dr. Sukhato A. Sema in the presence of ADC Pughoboto, Tiameren Chang, NCS.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated at Atoizu with MLA and Advisor for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Kazheto Kinimi as the Chief Guest at Public

Ground, Atoizu, Zunheboto. The Chief Guest hoisted the national flag and took Rashtriya Salute from the Platoon Commander 8th NAP, Naltoqa, Dziesebeituo Rutsa and read out the speech of the Independence Day.

Akuluto sub-division under Zunheboto district also celebrated the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day with EAC HQ, Yapangmenla who hoisted the National flag and took the Rashtriya Salute from the 8th NAP F Coy. Akuluto, in the presence of all HoOs under its Sub-division.

At Aghunato HQ, Zunheboto the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated at Aghunato Public Ground, with Advisor for Labour & Employment, Skill Development and Excise, Moatoshi Longkumer as the Special Guest. Longkumer after hoisting the National flag, delivered the Independence Day speech. The 8 NAP “C” coy Contingent took part in the parade, with ABSI, Yanpothung Odyuo as the parade commander and Hav. Mughato as the 2<sup>nd</sup> in command.

### CHUMOUKEDIMA

The 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration commenced with the hoisting of National Flag by Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Village Guards, CL John followed by Rashtriya salute and Independence Day speech, at Sammogooting Stadium, Chumoukedima on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

The participating parade contingents comprised of 1st NAP Bn; 22<sup>nd</sup> Assam Rifle; Ex-service man; Patkai Christian College; Mount Mary Higher Sec School; GHSS Chumoukedima; North Town Hr. Sec School; Bharat Scouts & Guides; Pipe Band Shokhuvi. The contingents were led by parade commander Asst Commandant 1st NAP, T. Zubenthung Ovung; Parade 2<sup>nd</sup> in Command Thepfusalie Angami, ABI.

On the occasion, the Minister awarded three Angawadi workers namely Joyce Murry, Diphupar; Tiakala Swu, AWC Pimla, Dhansiripar; and Khesele Sumi, Pherima (B) Medzhiphema for demonstrating, dedication, commitment and active participation in mother and child care services and empowerment of women in the District.

Highlights of the program included a special performance by the Pipe Band, ARTC & S, Shokhuvi; a Cultural Presentation & Entertainment by Phom Women Cultural Troupe, folk Dance; Kachari Cultural Troupe, Dhansiripar; Patriotic Recital by Easter T. Ngullie; Patriotic Dance by DMI St. Joseph Global School, Ikishe and a special presentation by 15<sup>th</sup> NAP (IR) Mahila Bn.

Later, Exhibition Stalls put up by ATMA; MOVCD-NER; SHG; KVK Dmp-

ICAR Research Region, Jharnapani, Medzhiphema; Mission Shakti DIMUL, Polytechnic, Seithekema were inaugurated. The programme concluded with the Beating of Retreat by 1<sup>st</sup> NAP Bn, Chumoukedima.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was

celebrated at Medzhiphema with Advisor, Agriculture, Mathung Yanthan as the Special Guest. He hoisted the National Flag, took Rashtraya Salute and delivered the Independence Day speech.

## TUENSANG

Along with the rest of Country, Tuensang celebrated the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at the Parade Ground, Tuensang with Advisor for Information & Public Relations, Soil and Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen as the Chief Guest.

After the parade reviewing, the Chief Guest hoisted the national flag and delivered the Independence Day speech and took the Rashtriya Salute from 14 Parade Contingent led by Parade Commander, Asst. Commandant 3<sup>rd</sup> NAP Tuensang, I. Bunglang Chang.

Other highlights of the programme were a special presentation from Mutton Hau Tuensang Village and a patriotic song presented by GHSS Tuensang, a cultural presentation from Chang-un Cultural Club,

Sangli Cultural Troupe, Khamniungan Culture Club, Memifu Club and Tikhir Liujong Pailiu Dancing Troupe.

The Chief Guest inaugurated the exhibition stall set up by various departments namely Agri & Allied Department, Forest department, Land resources Department and Rural development Department.

Later the Advisor Virtually Inaugurated the Biofertilizer Production Unit for Tuensang and Noklak District in presence of I. Chubaonen Director Soil and Water Conservation Department. The Biofertilizer Production Units was set up under the Soil Health and Fertility Scheme of PM-RKVY under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.

The 79<sup>th</sup> India Independence Day was celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at the Public ground, Longkhim. The programme was graced by Advisor for Information Technology & Communication, Economics & Statistics, Evaluation, H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam. The Advisor hoisted the National Flag, took the Rashtriya salute from nine parade contingents and delivered the Independence Day speech. The parade contingents were led by Haveldar Major, VG. Sangsomong, Tsiose Sangtam.

At Noksen HQ, Tuensang, the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was observed with SDO (C), C. Puniang as the Special Guest. The Special guest hoisted the National flag and delivered the Independence Day speech.



*Advisor for IT&C, Economics & Statistics, Evaluation, H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam taking the Rashtriya Salute during the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Public Ground, Longkhim on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

**LONGLENG**

The 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was observed in Longleng with Advisor, Treasuries and Accounts, Art and Cultural, Konngam Konyak, as the Special Guest at the Public Ground, Longleng on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Konyak hoisted the National flag, which was followed by the national anthem led by 12<sup>th</sup> NAP IR Chingtok band party. He also inspected the ceremonial parades contingent and took Rashtriya salute from the 9<sup>th</sup> parade contingent comprising of DEF Longleng, 12<sup>th</sup> NAP IR Chingtok, Band party 12<sup>th</sup> NAP IR Chingtok, Village Guard Pongo, Yingli Collage, Bautung Government Higher Secondary School, St. Joseph High school and Phom Lempong School, led by the parade commander, District Commandant H/G Longleng, Chibeni Ezung.

The special guest presented the District Awards to the following HoOs/Officers level and others (1). ER. S.B. Angh Phom, Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Longleng (2). T. Imtiyanger Imsong, District Land Record & Survey Officer Longleng (3). B. Longai Phom, District Planning Officer (4). Meyazungba Jamir, NCS, Sub-divisional Officer (civil) (5). Dr. Lily Ngullie, Assistant Chief Technical Officer (Animal Science) KVK

**NIULAND**

Niuland District celebrated the nation's 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day at Niuland Public Ground on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Minister for Higher Education and Tourism, Government of Nagaland, Temjen Imna Along, hoisted the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute. The contingents were led by Parade

(6). M. ChingsangPhom, Agriculture Officer, DAO (7). Nokrentemsu Jamir, ABI, 12 NAP (IR) Battalion, chingtok and (B) category (1). K. MaobaPhom, DB-II Deputy Commissioner Office (2). I. AsanglaPhom, Typist DC office (3). K. OwpenPhom, MTS ADC office Tamlu (4). C. PhangmeiPhom, DEF Longleng (5). Y. Toshi Yimchunger, ABSI 12<sup>th</sup> NAP (IR) Battalion Chingtok (6). Angshom Chimdok, Medical Officer under CMO (7). Amose Phom, Inspector of Statistics under DESO Longleng (8). T. Chuchong Phom, GNM. PHC Sakshi, and (9). Shahong Phom, Pharmacist, CHC Yachem.

Other highlights of the programme included a patriotic song presented by the students of JNV, demonstration of Taekwondo, and Folks dance performed by Pongching Cultural Troupe.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Indian Independence Day was observed in Tamlu Sub Division, Longleng with MLA & Advisor for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Government of Nagaland, A. Pangjung Jamir, as the Special Guest at the Local ground, Tamlu.

The Special guest hoisted the National flag, inspected the ceremonial parade contingents and delivered the Independence Day speech.

Commander, Asstt. Commandant Haiding SAP.

Along, in his Independence Day speech, highlighted various achievements, challenges and undertaking of the state government. The celebration also witnessed special cultural presentation from Old Showba Village.

**MELURI**

Meluri District celebrated the 79<sup>th</sup> Indian Independence Day at Local Ground, Meluri on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025, with Advisor, Transport and Technical Education,

Temjenmenba as the Special Guest. Temjenmenba hoisted the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute from Eight parade contingents, comprising VG, Kukhegwo, NCC, Christian Higher Secondary School

Meluri, NCC, St. Xavier Higher Secondary School, Meluri, Christian Higher Sec School Meluri, St. Xavier Higher Secondary School, S, Pethüry School Meluri, Government Higher Secondary School Meluri and Meluri VG Pipe Band.

The Special Guest also inaugurated the exhibition stalls displayed by various government departments and SHGs.

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### SHAMATOR

Along with the rest of the country, Shamator district celebrated the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day with Advisor, Youth Resource and Sports, S. Keoshu Yimchunger as the Chief Guest.

Keoshu hoisted the National Flag and the Pipe band from 43rd AR. Shamator Battalion played the majestic National Anthem, which was then followed by inspection of parade contingents.

The parade contingents included the DEF Shamator; Assam Rifles; Village Guard Shamator; Shamator college NCC; GHS Shamator; Christian High School boys and

Other highlights of the Day included a drill display by St. Xavier Higher Secondary School and Christian Mission Higher Secondary School, Meluri. Project 5 PM, enthralled the gathering with special numbers and folk tunes and dances were performed by Women Welfare Society Meluri Town & Khumiasu Village Women Cultural Troupe respectively.

girls; and St. Xavier School boys and girls.

The District Commendation Awards were presented to Power Department Shamator, Athrong, SDO (C) Shamator HQ; Dr. Ezra Anar, Dental Surgeon CHC Shamator; S. Tomukam, G/T, GMS Leangkonger Village; and W. Tsukhumla Yimchunger, LDA, DC Office Shamator. The Progressive Farmers' Award was presented to Longkhangba of Yakor Village and Tsükhümä of Kuthur Village.

The Chief Guest also handed over trucks to four educated unemployed youths aimed at supporting self-employment initiatives.

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### NOKLAK

Noklak district celebrated Independence Day with P. Bashangmongba Chang Minister, Housing & Mechanical Engineering, as the Special Guest. He hoisted the National Flag and received Rashtriya Salute from nine parade contingents and delivered the Independence Day speech, at parade ground Noklak on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Chang received the Rashtriya salute from the parade commander, Asst. Commandant, 3rd NAP Noklak, Tianungba Ao NPS, and Parade 2nd in Command, ABSI, Alimeren DEF Noklak. The parade contingents consist of DEF & NAP, NVG (lengnyu), NVG (Phoklagan), GHS Noklak Village, GHSS, Christian High School Noklak, Holy Angel School, St. Paul School

and Frontier Piper Band (NVG).

Chang flagged-off 10 Local taxis & 5 Two-wheeler Taxis as part of Nagaland Logistic Connection under Chief Minister Micro Finance Insurance (CMMFI) which marked a new step for transportation in Noklak town with the motive to provide logistic facilities and better income generation for the unemployed youths. The celebration concluded with a retreat by Frontier Piper Band.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated at the Thonokyu, with SDO (C) Thonoknyu, Tsiatsusie hoisting the National Flag and taking the Rashtriya Salute at Thonoknyu, Noklak.

**WOKHA**

Joining the rest of the nation in commemorating India's 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, Wokha District celebrated the occasion with Salhoutuonuo Kruse, Minister for Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Government of Nagaland, as the special guest at the Public Ground, Wokha on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Upon arrival, the Minister hoisted the National Flag, took the Rashtriya Salute, and delivered a stirring address to the gathering. The ceremonial march past featured four parade contingents: DEF Wokha; 7<sup>th</sup> NAP; Home Guard and Civil Defence; Ex-Servicemen.

As part of the celebration, the District Awards and District Commendation Certificates were presented to distinguished recipients by the special guest, in recognition of their exemplary service and contributions.

Following the formal program, the Minister inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up by various government departments and agencies. The stalls featured informative pamphlets, locally crafted products, agricultural innovations, and skill development resources, reflecting the district's commitment to inclusive growth and public engagement. The event concluded with a renewed sense of unity, pride, and dedication to the ideals of freedom and development.

At Sanis town, Wokha, the 79<sup>th</sup>

Independence Day was celebrated with Advisor, New & Renewable Energy & NSDMA, Government of Nagaland, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe as the special guest at GHS Ground, Sanis Town. The special guest hoisted the National flag and took the Rashtriya salute from the parade contingents and delivered the Independence Day speech.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated at Bhandari, Wokha with MLA & Advisor Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland, Hekani Jakhalu as the Chief Guest. She hoisted the National flag, took the Rashtriya Salute from the 7<sup>th</sup> NAP Bn Bhandari contingent, led by ABI, Tiatemjen Ao after which she delivered the Independence Day speech.



*Advisor, Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu taking the Rastriya Salute during the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Bhandari sub division, Wokha on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

**PHEK**

Minister for Public Health Engineering & Cooperation, N. Jacob Zhimomi graced the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Local Ground, Phek on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Zhimomi hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day Speech and took salute from nineteen Parade Contingents led by Parade Commander

SDPO Phek, Khuzah Jurry, NPS and Parade Second-in-Command, Havildar Zhosevo Vero, DEF Phek.

On the occasion, the Chief Guest inaugurated and visited exhibition stalls displayed by various Government departments. Highlights of the celebration were presentations of Folk Dance by Khuza Cultural Troupe, special performance by

Music Ensemble Phek and Assam Rifles Public School, Phek.

Chozuba Sub-division celebrated the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day with Member of Nagaland Legislative Assembly (MLA) and former Minister, Kuzholuzo Neinu, as the Special Guest at Local Ground



*MLA, Dr Neisatuo Mero taking the the Rastriya Salute during the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Pfutsero, Phek on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

Chozuba Town. The Special Guest hoisted the National flag, inspected the Parade contingent and delivered the Independence Day speech. Exhibition stalls were opened by DIC, SDAO, NKVIB, GHSS Chozuba and Weaving & Handloom Society Training Centre (Chozuba).

Pfutsero HQ, Phek celebrated the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day at the Pfutsero Sports Complex with Dr. Neisatuo Mero, MLA as the Special Guest. Mero hoisted the National Flag and took the Rashtriya salute after which he delivered the Independence Day message. Altogether 7 contingents took part in the March Past which was led by commander ABI, Achuyi Tetseo, 5<sup>th</sup> NAP Phek Later, the MLA inaugurated the stalls set up by various departments and self-help groups.

## MON

In Mon the 79<sup>th</sup> Indian Independence Day was celebrated with MLA & Advisor for Water Resources, Tongpang Ozukum as a special guest on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at Mon Local Ground. The Advisor hoisted the National Flag and inspected the Parade contingents and read out the Independence Day Message, followed by March Past by 16 contingents.

Deputy Superintendent of Police, K Hekato Sumi of 6th NAP Battalion, Tizit was the Parade Commander. The Parade Contingents were 6th NAP, Tizit; DEF Mon; Village Guards; Ex-Servicemen; GHSS "A" NCC, Don Bosco Higher Secondary School (Scout), Don Bosco Higher Secondary School (Guides); Police Unit School; Angjong Mission School; St. Joseph's School; GHSS Mon Town C; GHSS Mon Town D; GHSS, Mon Town A; Konjong Higher Secondary

School "A:" and 6th NAP Pipe Band.

The Advisor also inaugurated the Stalls set up by different societies and Government departments.

The Department of Economic & Statistic provided a free registration of a Birth Certificate for children below 1 (one) year. The Block Development Officer, Mon visited District Jail; NHIDCL visited District Hospital Mon; 100 RCC GREF visited Orphanage Home; EE, Power, Mon Division visited Old Age Home and the Department of Food & Civil Supplies Office, Mon visited District De-Addiction Centre, KBBB.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated at Local Ground, Tizit on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025, with Advisor, School Education & SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, gracing the celebration as the Chief Guest. On his arrival, he hoisted the National Flag followed by reading of Independence Day speech

in Nagamese translation for the benefit of the larger public interest. Altogether, 12 contingents led by ABSI, R. Zubenthung Lotha, as Parade Commander and Hav. Nokto Wangsa, as 2<sup>nd</sup> commander, took part in the March past ceremonial.

The 79<sup>th</sup> India's Independence Day was observed at Wakching Sub-Division, Mon wherein SDO(C), S Longnyei, hoisted the National Flag and took salute from Nagaland Police.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated at SDO (C) Office Compound on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 at Chen Town, Mon with Head DB. Chen Town, K. Yaoh Konyak, hoisting the National Flag. The programme was attended by Village Guard personnel and others.

Monyakshu Sub-Division, Mon celebrated the 79<sup>th</sup> India's Independence Day at SDO (Civil) Office, Monyakshu HQ with SDO (C) of Monyakshu, C. Wangan as the Special Guest. The Special Guest hoisted the National Flag and took Rashtriya Salute from the Village Guards.

At Aboi Sub-Division, Mon the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration was graced by Advisor for CAWD & Taxes, Kudecho Khamo, as the Chief Guest at Local Ground. Khamo hoisted the National flag and received the Rashtriya Salute from different contingents followed by singing of the National Anthem by the students of GPS 'B' Aboi, after which

he delivered the Independence Day speech.

In Tobu, the 79<sup>th</sup> Indian Independence 2025 was celebrated with MLA, Imtichoba as the Chief Guest at Local Ground, Tobu, Mon. The Chief Guest hoisted the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingents. Later, he also inaugurated the exhibition stalls displayed by the Government departments, local artisans and entrepreneurs showcasing rich handicrafts, agricultural products and traditional items.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was observed at Public Ground, Naganimora, Mon with Advisor Geology & Mining and DUDA, W. Chingang Konyak as Chief Guest. Konyak hoisted the National Flag and took Rashtriya saluted by seven contingents and delivered the Independence Day message.



*Advisor, Geology & Mining and DUDA, W. Chingang Konyak addressing the gathering during the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Naganimora, Mon on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

## KIPHIRE

At Kiphire, the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated with Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton, as the Special Guest at the Public Ground Kiphire, on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

The special guest hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day speech. He received the Rashtriya Salute from

eleven contingents, led by parade Commander, Assistant Commandant, Konathung Ezung 14<sup>th</sup> NAP, IR Okhezung, Kiphire and Pipe Band from 41 Assam Rifles Kiphire.

District Awards were presented, recognising individuals and organisations for their exemplary contribution to the district.

Other highlights included, Fire Safety

Demonstration by the Department of Fire & Emergency Services, Kiphire, a Cultural presentation by Tikhir Students' Union, Kiphire Town. A folk song was presented by Kiphire Town Sumi Totimi Loka and a folk dance by Seyochung Village Union, Kiphire Town. The Special Guest also inaugurated and



*Advisor, Fire & Emergency Services, Home guards & Civil Defence, relief & Rehabilitation, S. Kiusumen Yimchunger inspecting the parade during the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Pungro, Kiphire on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

## PEREN

The 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex, Peren on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025, with the Deputy Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, S. Toiho Yeptho, gracing the occasion as the Special Guest. On his arrival,



*MLA, Namri Nchang taking the Rastriya salute on the occasion of the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration held at Tening, Peren on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

inspected the exhibition stalls set up by various departments

At Seyochung HQ, Kiphire, Independence Day was observed at Public Ground Seyochung. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Seyochung, James T Khulu Tikhir, NCS, hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day speech. The parade contingents were led by Nikihe Chishe, Seyochung Area Village Guard Commander.

Pungro ADC headquarter celebrated the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day on 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2025, with S. Kiusumew Yimchunger, MLA & Advisor Home Guard & Civil Defence, Fire and Emergency Services, Relief & Rehabilitation, as the chief Guest at public ground, Pungro. The Chief Guest hoisted the National Flag, read out the Independence Day speech and took the Rashtriya Salute from 8th NAP Bn. 'C' Coy Pungro.

Yeptho hoisted the National Flag, inspected the ceremonial parade and delivered the Independence Day speech. The day began with the hoisting of the National Flag at all government offices, institutions, and residences across the district.

As part of the celebrations, the Deputy Speaker handed over the District Commendation Awards in recognition of outstanding work ethics, exceptional dedication, and commitment to excellence to the following recipients: Ibotui, Assistant Horticulture Officer, Peren; Hamia, Assistant Fishery Inspector, Peren; and Bony Zeliang, LDA, ADC Office, Tening.

The ATMA Best Farmer Awards were conferred to David Hangsing, Saijang Village for Ginger Cultivation; N.G. John Z, Jalukiekam Village for Banana Cultivation; Izibeule Hegui, Ngwalwa Village for Integrated Farming System; and Liudale

Zeliang, Nkialwa Village for Piggery Farming. The ATMA Best SHGs Awards went to: Donsu SHG, Jalukie B Village for Oyster Mushroom Production, and Kesamtei SHG, Old Tesen Village for Organic Farming.

Other highlights included a special presentation by the Differently Abled People's Organisation (DAPO), Peren, and a Pipe Band display by the 9 Assam Rifles, Jalukie. Yeptho also inaugurated exhibition stalls set up by various government departments and Self-Help Groups.

Meanwhile in Jalukie HQ the 79th Independence Day was celebrated at the Government Higher Secondary School Ground, with Advisor for Food and Civil Supplies & Legal Metrology, K. Tokugha Sukhalu as the Special Guest. Sukhalu

hoisted the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingents represented by GHSS Jalukie, St. Xavier College Jalukie, JNV Jalukie, ITMS School Jalukie, and LM Higher Secondary School, Mhainamtsi.

At Tening HQ the 79th Independence Day was celebrated at Local Ground, Tening with MLA, Namri Nchang as the Chief Guest. The celebration began with the hoisting of the national flag and inspection of the parade. Later, he delivered the Independence Day message and administered a pledge for a Drug-free Nagaland. The parade contingents were led by parade commander ABSI, Amiheing and second-in-command, Hav. Namsuanghung Nchang DEF Peren.

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### TSEMINYU

Tseminyu District celebrated the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day with Advisor, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio as the Special Guest. Zhaleo Rio hoisted the National Flag and took the Rashtriya salute. He also inspected two parade contingents namely, the 4<sup>th</sup> NAP Tseminyu and the Ex-servicemen. Later, he delivered the Independence Day speech after which

he administered a pledge for a Drug-free Nagaland.

District Commendation Award were awarded to Dr. Cheyali Kath MO Chunlika and Sub-treasury Officer Tseminyu, Jonah Semp.

The Special Guest also inaugurated exhibition stalls set up by various departments in the District.

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### NAGALAND HOUSE NEW DELHI

The 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated at Nagaland House, New Delhi, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Joint Resident Commissioner, Sharon Longchari hoisted the National Flag during the celebration which was attended by children, officers and staff of Nagaland House, New Delhi.

Longchari stated that this year's theme 'Naya Bharat' reflects the government's

vision to achieve Viksit Bharat by 2047, an initiative aimed at realizing India's aspiration of becoming a developed nation by its 100<sup>th</sup> year of independence. She encouraged the children present during the celebration to work towards achieving a developed, better and more inclusive India. She further reminded all that the occasion is a time to reflect on our past, take responsibility for our present and work towards achieving a better 'Naya Bharat.'



*Joint Resident Commissioner, NH New Delhi, Sharon Longchari with officers, staffs & children during the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration at Nagaland House New Delhi on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

## **DR. NEIPHIU RIO GRACES THE FINALE OF THE DR. T. AO TROPHY**

The Closing ceremony of the 24<sup>th</sup> inter-district Dr. T. Ao Trophy, coinciding with the of the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, was held at Indira Gandhi stadium, Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio who graced the occasion as the special guest stated that Dr. T. Ao, was a legendary footballer from Nagaland who captained the Indian football team at the London Olympics in 1948. He stated that Ao was a disciplined, humble and hard-working sports person who excelled in his field, and Dr Rio called on the gathering to keep that spirit alive and reach greater heights. He also called on the players to play fair, keeping the spirit of sportsmanship.

The Chief Minister mentioned that the

24<sup>th</sup> edition of Dr. T Ao the tournament will be remembered for a long time, and it will inspire generations to carry forward the values of sportsmanship, unity and excellence in sports. He assured that the Government is committed to promotion of sports and train the young talents of the state

Deputy Commissioner Kohima, B. Henok Buchem expressed words of gratitude while special performances were displayed by Ace Crew and Obed Kath of Divine Connection

In the final match, Mon district defeated Niuland district on penalties. After the match ended on 1-1 in extra-time, Mon took home the trophy following a margin of 5-4 on penalties.

## **NAGALAND GOVERNOR LA. GANESAN LAID TO REST WITH FULL STATE HONOURS**

The funeral service of Nagaland Governor La Ganesan was held with full state honours on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 in Chennai, a day after his passing on August 15 at the age of 80.

The state funeral and cremation was

held at Besant Nagar Electric Crematorium, Chennai at 5:00 PM which was attended by the Chief Minister, Dr Neiphiu Rio, Deputy Chief Ministers, Y. Patton and T. R. Zeliang, Chief Secretary, Sentianger Imchen IAS, Commissioner & Secretary to the Governor,

Thavaseelan IAS, Former Commissioner & Secretary to the Governor, Rajesh Soundararajan IAS and DG Nagaland Rupin Sharma IPS among others.

Earlier, the public paid their final respects at Kannadasan Grounds, T. Nagar, where the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr Neiphiu Rio paid a floral tribute on behalf of the Government of Nagaland.

Born in 1945 in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, La. Ganesan came from an orthodox Brahmin family. After losing his father at the age of nine, he began his career in the Revenue Department as a Revenue Settlement Inspector. However, driven by a deep sense of patriotism, he resigned after nine years to become a full-time Pracharak of the RSS in 1970. He played a significant role in expanding the BJP's base in Tamil Nadu from 1991 onwards, holding key positions such as Organising Secretary, State President, National Secretary, and All India Vice President. He also served briefly as a Rajya Sabha MP from Bhopal and was a long-standing member of the BJP's National Executive.

He was a talented writer, editor, and multilingual scholar who served as editor of the BJP's Tamil publication 'Ore Naadu' (One Nation) and contributed to various mainstream magazines. He founded 'Pottramarai' (Golden Lotus) an organisation promoting Tamil scholarship globally. Fluent

in several languages and gifted in music, he could compose lyrics spontaneously. Known for his simplicity, integrity, and patriotism, Ganesan was also a powerful orator and respected public figure admired for his humility and wit.

Appointed Governor of Manipur in 2021, he also held additional charge as Governor of West Bengal in 2022. On February 20, 2023, he took office as the Governor of Nagaland, a position he held until his passing on August 15, 2025, in Chennai. His lifelong commitment to public service and nation-building remains a lasting legacy.

In respect to his service, the Nagaland government declared a seven-day state mourning period from 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2025, with the National Flag flown at half-mast on all government buildings in Nagaland and public entertainment cancelled.

In Kohima, a memorial service was held at Raj Bhavan, Kohima, on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025, where legislators paid tribute to the late Governor, remembering him for his service and leadership. Speaking at the ceremony, Sharingain Longkumer, Hon'ble Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, described the gathering as a fellowship to honour the Governor as a sign of love and remembrance. Expressing deep grief and sorrow, he noted that the passing of the Governor has left a huge vacuum. The programme was led by State Chaplain Rev Izieteiligung Tering.

## **NAGALAND TEAM ATTENDS REGIONAL PROCESS LAB (RPL-6) ON AADI KARMAYOGI ABHIYAN AT GUWAHATI**

A Seven day long Regional Process Lab for the AADI KARMAYOGI ABHIYAN was held at Guwahati from 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 for the officers from the state of Sikkim, Assam, Mizoram and Nagaland.

The Regional Process Lab was designed

to facilitate a collaborative and immersive learning experience for the participants. It featured a range of interactive sessions, workshops, group discussions, group activities and presentations. The participants also shared their experiences and best

practices of their respective state.

The Regional Process Lab was a significant step towards achieving the objectives of the program and the participants are expected to play a key role as STATE MASTER TRAINERS in driving positive change in their respective states. The nine (9)

STATE MASTER TRAINERS were trained to impart training and disseminate knowledge towards creating the District Master Trainers (DMTs) and Block Master Trainers (BMTs) for the successful execution of the AADI KARMMAYOGI ABHIYAN which is a part of broader view of Viksit Bharat 2047.

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## TRAINING HELD TO STRENGTHEN WOMEN HELPLINE AND ONE STOP CENTRE SERVICES IN THE STATE

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Two-day in person training for the functionaries of 181-Women Helpline Nagaland and Sakhi-One Stop Centre's was held at the Mission Shakti Office, Kohima on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The training was jointly organized by the Mission Shakti Nagaland, Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development (SPNIWCD), Regional Centre, Guwahati, the National Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)

Resource persons were from SPNIWCD, Dr. Swapan Shaw, from NIMHANS, Dr. Chethana Kishore, Afreenbanu A. Khadirnavar, and Rugozevou Khate, and from C-DAC, Krishnendra Kumar Barooah.

The training was aimed at strengthening the capacity and service delivery of the functionaries of the two Mission Shakti centres in providing psychosocial support to

women affected by gender-based violence, and technical training for the smooth functioning of the centres.

In her welcome address, Tosheli Zhimomi, Director of Social Welfare and Member Secretary of Mission Shakti, expressed gratitude to the resource persons for imparting their knowledge to the WHL and OSC staff. She urged the participants to actively engage and make the most of the training opportunity.

Bodeno S. Colo, Secretary, Social Welfare Department & Mission Director, Mission Shakti acknowledged that the services of the OSC & WHL have been relentlessly serving to help women affected by gender-based violence. She further highlighted the cases data where, from its inception (June 2016) till March 2025, WHL has catered to about 3299 effective calls, and One Stop Centres have catered to 1529 cases of gender-based violence.

## NSSA LAUNCHES FREE TRAINING AND COMPETITION PROGRAMME IN DIMAPUR

The Nagaland Shooting Sports Association (NSSA), in collaboration with the Department of Youth Resources and Sports, launched a two-week free training and competition programme under the theme "Sports for All." Held from August 22 to 30 at the Temjen Toy Indoor Shooting

Range, Dimapur.

The Special Guest, Kethosituo Sekhose, Director of Youth Resources and Sports, highlighted shooting's deep cultural roots in the Naga community and emphasized its transformation into a sport requiring focus, discipline, and mental strength. He noted

that with improved infrastructure, such as the newly developed indoor stadium, young athletes now have a safe and encouraging environment to train and compete. He also stressed that no athlete should face barriers in pursuing their passion, with infrastructure development underway in multiple districts.

Neivikuolie Khatsu, Assistant Secretary General of the Nagaland Olympic Association, advised athletes to manage their time effectively and choose their social circles wisely. He added that sports can be a fast track to success for those who remain dedicated.

J.I. Yaden, former IGP and Director of

Vigilance, now Working President of NSSA, served as the Chief Host. He traced the history of shooting sports in Nagaland, beginning with the Kohima Rifle Club in 1974, followed by the formation of the Nagaland State Rifle Association in 1991. In 2019, it merged with the Nagaland Rifle Association to form NSSA. Yaden shared that NSSA has organized several competitions, including the Hornbill Shooting Championship, and continues to provide free training for aspiring shooters. With government support, expressed hope that this will help young Nagas compete and excel at the national and international levels.

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## NAGALAND GOVERNMENT DELEGATION VISITS BHARAT FORGE LTD. IN PUNE TO STRENGTHEN COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION

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On August 22, 2025, a delegation from the Nagaland government, including representatives from the Department of Industries & Commerce and the Nagaland Tool Room & Training Centre (NTTC) led by Director P. Tokugha Sema, made a visit to Bharat Forge Ltd. in Pune.

The team visited several of Bharat Forge facilities, including the forging plant, noteworthy for its fully automated press

lines and state-of-the-art manufacturing processes. The delegates also explored the company's advanced AI laboratories, gaining valuable insights into the technologies that are transforming the production of high-performance, safety-critical components used across diverse sectors like automotive, aerospace, defence, railways, and marine.

This visit formally recognized Bharat Forge's crucial role in establishing the Centre



*A delegation from Nagaland Government led by Director, Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema with officials from Bharat Forge Ltd. In Pune on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025.*

of Excellence (CoE) in Industry 4.0 at NTT, Dimapur. The Centre was inaugurated by Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio on April 25, 2025. The CoE was brought to life through a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative by Bharat Forge, in partnership with SimuSoft Technologies and NTT, and it is already actively contributing to skills

development in Nagaland and neighbouring states in the region. Discussions were centered on expanding the partnership to increase practical training opportunities, accelerate technology transfer, and equip Nagaland's youth with the necessary skills for the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

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### **AJAY KUMAR BHALLA ADDRESSES THE PEOPLE OF NAGALAND UPON ASSUMING OFFICE AS THE 22<sup>nd</sup> GOVERNOR**

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Addressing the citizens of Nagaland, after assumption the office of the Governor of Nagaland, Ajay Kumar Bhalla expressed his deepest gratitude for the warm and gracious welcome extended to him by the people of Nagaland, led by the Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio. Asserting that he has assumed the office of the Governor of Nagaland with profound sense of duty and immense humility, Bhalla said "I am deeply mindful of the trust reposed on me by our country's leadership led by the President of India and the Prime Minister. This appointment is not merely an opportunity to serve, but a sacred responsibility bestowed upon me to work for the welfare of the people of Nagaland and for the progress of our great nation".

"On this day, my thoughts are inevitably with my distinguished predecessor, the late La Ganesan ji. His sudden and tragic passing has left a void that is deeply felt across the state and the country. He was, in the truest sense, a people's Governor. He demystified the Raj Bhavan, throwing its doors open to the common citizen, and served with a rare blend of dedication, selflessness and empathy. He has set a benchmark of public service that I can only aspire to follow. While his are very big shoes to fill, I assure that I will strive to uphold the highest traditions of this honoured

position and to live up to the expectations of the people', he said.

Nagaland has always held a special fascination for me. The rich cultural diversity, the resilience of the people and the scenic beauty of this land have a unique allure. In my previous capacities in government service, I have had the privilege of being associated with the developmental journey of the Northeast, including Nagaland. I feel truly blessed and privileged to now return as the First Citizen of this beautiful state and with God's blessings that I pledge to contribute to Nagaland's progress to the very best of my ability, he added.

As we look to the future, we must build on the foundations laid by those before us. Nagaland is brimming with immense potential. The entrepreneurial spirit of our youth, the unique traditions of organic farming and horticulture, the untapped possibilities in tourism, and the rich heritage of art and crafts present a formidable opportunity for sustainable and inclusive growth.

The Governor also urged to acknowledge the areas that need our focused attention, where we must work collectively to further improve connectivity, enhance healthcare accessibility, provide quality education and skill development to our children and

create more opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship. He assured the State Government of his fullest support and co-operation in these efforts, and work in close harmony for the welfare of our people.

He said the journey of Nagaland is inextricably linked to the journey of India. Today, our nation stands tall as the world's fastest-growing major economy, a beacon of stability and growth. Our economic standing is strong and our growth rate is the envy of the world. But for our nation to grow stronger and realize the dream of a Viksit Bharat by 2047 - a developed India where every region and every state must be an equal partner in this progress. No one must be left behind.

Nagaland, with its unique strengths and strategic location, has a vital role to play in this national story. He also desire to work together with the government, the civil society, the tribal bodies and every citizen to ensure that Nagaland not only keeps pace with the nation but also becomes a shining example of its developmental ethos. He appealed everyone to strive together so that one day, very soon, every citizen of Nagaland can enjoy the fruits of this national dream.

Seeking blessings, cooperation and active participation from all in this collective endeavour, the Governor called upon the gathering to walk together on the path of peace, progress, and prosperity.

### CHIEF JUSTICE, GAUHATI HIGH COURT, VISITS NEW HIGH COURT COMPLEX, MERIEMA

Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court, Ashutosh Kumar visited and inspected the New High Court Complex, Meriema, Kohima on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025. He was accompanied by Advisor, Law & Justice, Land Revenue, T. N Mannen; Principal Secretary, Law & Justice and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS;

bureaucrats and members from Gauhati High Court.\

During the visit, the Chief Justice engaged in discussions with the accompanying officials regarding the progress and development of the complex's infrastructure.

### NAGALAND'S CMHIS AND PIG PROGRAMME WIN CIPS INNOVATION AWARD 2024.

The Centre for Innovations in Public System (CIPS) has conferred the CIPS Innovation Award 2024 to The Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) and Performance Incentive Grants (PIG) a component of the NECTAR project under the Department of School Education recognizing their outstanding contribution in Health Sector and Education sector respectively.

The award was presented by the

Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, during the CIPS Awards Ceremony 2024 at the Directorate of Information, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir on 22 August 2025. It was received on behalf of the Nagaland Health Protection Society (NHPS) by Dr. Kika Longkumer, Joint CEO, and Dr. Yingnei Kongyak, Deputy CEO. The NECTAR team was represented by Avelu Ruho (NCS), Joint Secretary of School Education &

Deputy Project Director of NECTAR.

The CMHIS, Nagaland's flagship health initiative was recognized for its inclusive and innovative policy framework that redefines universal health protection. Conceived as a state-specific solution to ensure affordable, accessible, and equitable healthcare with financial risk protection, CMHIS has set a benchmark in public health governance and stands as a step forward towards India's vision of Universal Health Coverage.

Meanwhile NECTAR led Performance Incentive Grants (PIG) Programme was acknowledge for strengthening education through community participation. A total of 1,914 government schools in Nagaland

have availed of the Performance Incentive Grants amounting to INR 86.13 cr. This has significantly enhanced the capacities of School Management Committees (SMCs) and School Management and Development Committees (SMDCs) across the state. The PIG funding model promotes needs-based planning with a bottom-up approach, allowing decision-making by the people closest to seeing, feeling, and understanding the needs of the schools. The flexibility in fund utilisation has enabled schools to tailor spending to their specific needs while fostering community engagement and improving the learning environment. This programme has reinforced the role of community as guardians of public institutions

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## DIPR CONDUCTS SENSITIZATION TRAINING ON NEWS AND PHOTO REPORTING IN KOHIMA

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The Directorate of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) organized a two-day sensitization training on "News & Photo Reporting & PA System Coverage" on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025, at the DIPR Conference Hall, Kohima.

At the inaugural program, Advisor to the Chief Minister and Chairman, IDAN, Abu Metha in his speech highlighted the crucial role of IPR as a bridge between the State Government and the people. He emphasized the importance of accuracy in dissemination of information to the public and the need to prioritize factual reporting over speed. While appreciating the impactful work done by the Department, He encouraged officials to increase its visibility, particularly on social media and to do more feature writing, videos

and even write books and documentaries highlighting success stories to inspire the citizens of the State.

Joint Secretary, IPR, Kusa Fithu, stated that such training program is important for skill enhancement, productivity improvement and fostering camaraderie among the employees. She acknowledged about the technical and sensitive nature of the Department's work and urged all participants to utilize this opportunity for self-improvement to perform their tasks effectively and efficiently. Other speakers were Rtd. Director IPR, Limawati Ao, Joint Director, IPR, Asangla Imsong, Deputy Directors S. Hongpi Konyak and Ruopfulenuo Houzha and APRO, Wepre Kronu.

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## STATE REVIEW MEETING AND TRAINING FOR DENTAL SURGEONS HELD AT H&FW DIRECTORATE

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The National Oral Health Programme (NOHP), Nagaland, under the Directorate of

Health & Family Welfare, held a State Review Meeting and Training for Dental Surgeons on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2025 at the IDSP Hall, Kohima. The event was graced by Dr. Mereninla Senlem, , and Dr. Avile Zao.

In her special remarks, the Guest of Honor, Dr. Avile Zao, Mission Director, National Health Mission, She drew attention to rapid advancements in dental science such as tele-dentistry, 3D printing, implants, laser treatments, CAD/CAM technology, and artificial intelligence, encouraging dental surgeons to stay updated and make full use of the upgraded facilities being provided under NHM and NOHP to strengthen dental services across the state.

The Special Guest Dr. Mereninla Senlem, Principal Director of Health & Family Welfare, congratulated the dental fraternity on Nagaland's recognition as the "Best Performer" in the Small States Category during World

Oral Health Day 2025 activities, calling it a proud milestone and a reflection of teamwork and dedication. She further noted that Dental Health Units are being progressively upgraded NOHP through NHM, every dental unit has been provided with modern equipment such as dental chairs & unit, scalers, light cure machines, X-rays and X-rays, and some with RVG (digital X-rays) with computer/laptops etc. and encouraged professionals to ensure these facilities are effectively utilized, particularly for patients in rural and far-flung areas.

Awards were also presented to recognize outstanding contributions: Best Dental Health Unit – Naga Hospital Authority Kohima; Principal Director's Commendation award for Best Dental Surgeon – Dr. Esther Chopy (DH Mon); Best Dental Hygienist – Dr. Lemshikala Longkumer (DH Longleng); and Best Dental Assistant – Mengusenuo Sachü (DH Dimapur).

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## TRAINING ON AADHAAR UNIVERSAL CLIENT CONDUCTED AT DIMAPUR

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UIDAI Regional Office, Guwahati conducted training at Townhall, Dimapur , Nagaland on 27th August 2025 for the state of Nagaland & Arunachal Pradesh on the newly launched Universal Client – an advanced, fully online Aadhaar enrolment software – aimed at enhancing the efficiency and performance of Aadhaar Operators and Supervisors across the region.

The training was attended by the Government Officials, Supervisors, Master Trainers and Operators. More than 150 participants attended the training session. The training emphasized the key features and benefits of Universal Client, highlighting its significant improvements in terms of usability, speed. The participants are

encouraged to carry out Aadhaar Enrolment/ Update facilities through Universal Client as it facilitates faster & more efficient process.

The training also focussed on Mandatory Biometric Update (MBU) of children in Aadhaar between the age of 5-7 years and 15-17 years respectively. During this process, the child's photograph, all ten fingerprints, and both irises are scanned. Aadhaar with updated biometric facilitates seamless usage of Aadhaar in availing services such as school admissions, registering for entrance examinations, availing benefits of scholarships etc. Timely completion of Mandatory Biometric Update in Aadhaar is an essential requirement for maintaining the accuracy of biometric data of children in Aadhaar.

## AADI KARMAYOGI ABHIYAN INITIATIVE STATE LEVEL ORIENTATION PROGRAM HELD AT KOHIMA

Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Sentiyanger Imchen, IAS on August 28, 2025, chaired the Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan (AKA) State Level Orientation Program held at the Chief Secretary Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima.

The Chief Secretary while delivering his opening remarks said Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan program aims to empower local communities and promote inclusive development.

Terming Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan as a game-changer initiative, Imchen said that the program is a grassroots governance revolution designed to empower tribal communities through leadership development and responsive governance. By bringing together different departments and providing essential services and facilities, this program aims to benefit the common man and village people he added. He remarked that overall, the AKA has the potential to transform the lives of millions of people in tribal communities, and its impact will likely be felt for years to come. Imchen further said the collaborative approach through convergence can help bridge the gap in service delivery and promote inclusive development in the region. He reminded the Deputy Commissioners to give adequate attention to the program and ensure successful implementation in their respective districts.

Secretary Tribal Affairs Department, Angelina Tajen, said that there will be convergence among 15 departments, including Tribal Affairs, Rural Development, Health, Education, and others and it will focus on 608 villages across Nagaland to provide saturation coverage for tribal families and villages. She added that at the State level the Tribal Affairs Department will be the nodal department, with state master trainers and nodal officers from key line departments whereas in the District-level, the Deputy Commissioners will spearhead the program, with district master trainers and involvement of all 15 line departments. At the Block level officers and block master trainers will be involved with CSOs and NGOs participating in the progress. At the village-level one day workshops will be held to sensitize villagers with the involvement of CSOs, NGOs and village councils, she added.

Deputy Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Thomas Keppen added that the scheme by focusing on people's participation, convergence, and ownership, the movement aims to create a more responsive and effective governance system that truly serves the needs of the people.

The District Commissioners from various districts also joined the programme through video conference and shared their thoughts and concerns about the Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan at the district-level.

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## GoN SIGNS MoU WITH SBI TO INTERGRATE SBIEPAY GATEWAY PAYMENT WITH e-GRAS

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The Government of Nagaland, through its Finance Department, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with

the State Bank of India (SBI) for integrating the SBIEPay Payment Gateway facility with the State's Electronic Government Receipt



*Officials of Finance Department and SBI at the signing of the MoU for integrating the SBIEPay Payment Gateway facility with e-GRAS held at Finance Department, Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

Accounting System (e-GRAS) on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 held at Finance Department, Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima.

The integration of SBIEPay Payment Gateway with e-GRAS will enable citizens, businesses and institutions to make seamless online payments towards Government

receipts such as taxes, fees, duties, and other revenues. The signing of the MoU marks a significant milestone in Nagaland's digital transformation journey. This initiative also aligns with the Government's broader vision of Digital India and e-Governance, paving the way for full-scale operationalization of e-GRAS across Nagaland.

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## TALK SHOW HELD ON ACCOUNT OF INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLEAN AIR FOR BLUE SKIES 2025

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A Talk Show on account of International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies, 2025 under the National Clean Air Programme "The Air We Share : Bridging Policy and Public Action" hosted by Nagaland Pollution Control Board was held at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Er. Aghali A Swu, Senior Environmental Engineer NPCB, in her keynote address said in commemoration of the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies 2025, serve as a vital reminder of our shared responsibility to ensure access to clean air, which is a basic human right and an essential component of a healthy and sustainable environment. Highlighting on the theme for 2025 "Racing for Air", she stated that it is a clarion call for



*Panelists at the Talk Show on International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies, 2025 held at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

urgency and said that Air Pollution today, is one of the most pressing environmental health risks and the world's largest environmental killer. Swu also highlighted that under the National Air Monitoring Program, the Magog Pollution Control Board has set up four manual air monitoring station and one Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station in Kohima. She cited that the board monitoring the air quality since 2010 data collected over the years has revealed that Kohima does not meet the national ambient air quality standards and is yet to reach prescribed air quality standards of 60 micrograms per meter cube. It has placed both Dimapur and Kohima as non-attainment cities as they failed to meet the prescribed air quality standards for consecutive five years from 2011 to 2015

according to the Central Pollution Control Board. She also emphasized that achieving clean air is not solely the responsibility of the stakeholders but a shared responsibility that can be attained by collective action.

During the Panel Discussion on the theme "The Air We Share: Bridging Policy & Public Action" the panelists for the Talk Show were B. Henok Buchem, NCS, Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Krodi Rhetso, NPS, Superintendent of Police Kohima, Hukato K Chishi, IFS, Member Secretary, Nagaland Pollution Control Board, Dr. Kezholenu Sakhrie, MD (Respiratory Medicine) and Aningle, BA 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester student from Oriental College Kohima and the discussion was moderated by Rongsenben Longkumer, Junior Scientific Assistant, NPCB.

## URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPT BIDS FAREWELL TO OUTGOING DIRECTOR SOLESÜL THOLRE

The Urban Development Department held the retirement programme in honour of the outgoing Director, Solesül Tholre on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at the Conference Hall of the Directorate of the Urban Development, Kohima.

Advisor for UD & MA, Zhaleo Rio in his speech extended his appreciation to Tholre for being able to run the Department with much ease and commanding respect from the officers and staff alike, and encouraged the Department to follow the same footsteps.

Commission & Secretary, UD & MA, Kekhrievor Kevichüsa described Tholre as a man whose greatest attributes are his uncomplicated nature and being a great team player. He said that Tholre's contribution will not end with his retirement but he looks forward to seeing him contribute to the society in different capacities as well.

The outgoing Director, Solesül Tholre in his farewell address recollected his time in the Department in his 33 years of service, where he was posted for 21 years in the districts including Phek, Mon, Zuhnehoto, Wokha and Mokokchung. He shared his experiences during his postings where he had to overcome a lot of difficulties and challenges and therefore, Tholre advised the officers to take it as a challenge wherever they are posted and to learn their culture and way of living.

The incoming Director, Tarachu Fithu also shared about his time with Tholre where he saw him to be a sincere officer who is ever ready to work overtime for the state. Fithu also talked about the importance of working efficiently and encouraged the officers to optimise the resources of the department so as to bring out a roadmap for proper urbanisation of Nagaland.

## NAGALAND BAGS 2 GOLD, 1 SILVER AT 4TH SUB-JUNIOR NATIONAL TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP

The Nagaland Taekwondo Association (NTA) put up a strong performance at the 4th Sub-Junior National Taekwondo Championship held at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Cuttack, Odisha, from 28th to 30th August 2025.

The team, led by coaches Visabiu Peseyie and Santsuthung Ngullie with T. Alem Aier as team manager, competed in six weight

categories in the Sub-Junior Boys Division and returned home with two Gold medals and one Silver medal.

The Medal Winners were Shiusuthong (Gold Medal) under the 35 kg category, Sudeh Lamliu (Gold Medal) under the 29 kg category, and Iciheing Nidang (Silver Medal) under the 50 kg category.



## IMKONG L. IMCHEN GRACES THE TSUNGREMMUNG FESTIVAL AT KHENSA VILLAGE

Speaking as the Special Guest on the occasion of the Tsungremmung Festival Celebration at Khensa Village, Advisor, for Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Govt. of Nagaland, Imkong L. Imchen emphasized that the Ao tribe is one of God's chosen tribes and highlighted the importance of celebrating festivals as a means to preserve culture



*Advisor, IPR, Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen, and others during the Tsungremmung Festival celebration at Khensa Village, Mokochung on 2<sup>nd</sup> august 2025.*

while upholding religious values.

The Advisor thanked the Khensa Students' Union for their effort in organising the programme with much grandeur and acknowledged that Khensa, being the most literate village under 28 Koridang Constituency, should be the torchbearer to lead the people of the constituency in all spheres.

Earlier in the day, he attended the Tsungremmung Festival Celebration at Longsa Village as the Guest of Honour.

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## FARMERS' DAY CELEBRATION-CUM-RELEASE OF 20<sup>th</sup> INSTALLMENT OF PM-KISAN SCHEME HELD AT JALUKIE TOWN

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The Farmers' Day Celebration-cum-release of the 20th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme was held at the Women Community Hall, Jalukie Town, on 2nd August 2025. The event was graced by Dean of College of Veterinary Sciences, Central Agricultural University (CAU), Jalukie, Dr. I. Shakuntala, as the Special Guest, and Dr. Zieleigai Ntang, District Agriculture Officer (DAO), Peren, as the Guest of Honour.

The programme was jointly organised by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Peren; ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Nagaland Centre, Medziphema; and Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Peren.

Dr. I. Shakuntala highlighted that the

PM-KISAN scheme was launched with the goal of providing direct financial support to farmers nationwide. She emphasized that the Prime Minister's vision extends beyond monetary aid to include ensuring food security, self-reliance, and better livelihoods for farmers.

She advised farmers to use the funds wisely, particularly by investing in quality seeds and essential inputs like fertilizers. Dr. Shakuntala also stressed that Prime Minister Modi's vision of a "Viksit Bharat by 2047" can only be achieved through collective dedication, coordination, and unity at all levels, including districts like Peren.

Dr. Zieleigai Ntang, in his speech, informed that a total of 11,174 farmers have been registered under the

PM-KISAN scheme in Peren District. He provided a block-wise breakdown, stating that 2,954 farmers are registered under Ahthibung Block, 3,565 under Jalukie Block, 2,096 under Peren Block, and 2,559 under Tening Block.

Dr. Nidang emphasised the need for proper and judicious utilisation of the PM-KISAN funds. He clarified that the scheme is intended specifically for small and marginal farmers and not meant for progressive or large-scale farmers. He also urged beneficiaries to document their farming

activities by installing signboards, taking photographs, and sharing their success stories with the department for record and recognition.

A key highlight was the live address by Prime Minister Modi, followed by a virtual interaction with the Union Agriculture Minister. The 20th instalment of PM-KISAN was released during the event. The event also featured a farmer-scientist interaction session, offering expert advice on modern agricultural practices.

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## RECOGNITIONS TAKE CENTER STAGE AT DPDB LONGLENG'S AUGUST 2025 MEETING

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The District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) Longleng held its monthly meeting for August 2025 on August 5th at the DPDB Hall, Longleng, chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB, W. Manpai Phom, NCS.

The chairman commended Heads of Offices (HoOs) for their active support during the All Nagaland Taekwondo Championships and acknowledged medalists from the recent badminton tournament in Chumukedima and the Khelo India Cluster Football Tournament in Tuensang.

Following the review of the previous meeting's minutes, the board discussed instituting a District Award to recognize exemplary officers and staff. The District Planning Officer (DPO) was directed to circulate the award criteria and collect nominations with write-ups by August 11. The board also decided to honor outstanding teachers at the block level on Teachers' Day to boost morale. The Department of Sericulture presented an update on its recent activities through a PowerPoint presentation.

## MALARIA ELIMINATION AWARENESS CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED AT NOKLAK VILLAGES

The District Health Authority Noklak conducted an Awareness campaign on Malaria Elimination at Old Pangsha, New Pangsha, Wonthoi and Dan Village on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025 in their respective Council Halls.

Dr. Victor Lam, Chief Medical Officer of Noklak, spoke about malaria, detailing its symptoms, treatment, and

the efforts towards its elimination. Dr. Kumkiuba, the District Epidemiologist of Noklak, highlighted control measures, preventive strategies, and emphasized the critical role of community participation in malaria eradication. C. Hosea N Lam, DPM Noklak, also discussed the activities carried out under the NVBDCP in the district. A



*Officials during the Malaria Elimination Awareness Campaign conducted by District Health Authority Noklak held in Old Pangsha, New Pangsha, Wonthoi and Dan Village on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

team led by Khrolo DM, Lam SW, and Pukha MTS conducted health screenings for all participants across the villages. In the previous month, three malaria cases

were detected in Noklak's Pangsha area. Entomological studies also identified vectors responsible for Malaria, Dengue, and Japanese Encephalitis.

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## NAGALAND STATE TAXES DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS GST TRAINING PROGRAMS IN DIMAPUR AND TUENSANG

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The Commissioner of State Taxes, Government of Nagaland, successfully conducted one-day training programmes on Goods and Services Tax (GST) for Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs), registered dealers, and key stakeholders in Dimapur and Tuensang, with the aim of enhancing GST awareness, improving compliance, and strengthening the state's revenue system.

The training session at Dimapur was held on August 5, 2025, at the Training Centre, Commissioner of Taxes, Lengrijan, Dimapur. Organised by the Department of Taxes, the programme was chaired by Lima Imsong, Additional Commissioner of Taxes, who underlined the importance of equipping government officials and business entities with updated knowledge on GST procedures, return filing, and compliance mandates. He emphasized that a sound understanding of GST is essential for efficient financial

operations and effective contribution to state revenues. Presentations were delivered on various GST topics, including registration processes, e-way bills, tax deductions at source (TDS), return filing, penalties for non-compliance, and recent amendments to GST rules. The interactive format allowed participants from multiple departments, local businesses, and trade associations to raise queries and discuss real-world challenges in implementation.

At Tuensang, the training programme was organised on August 19, 2025, at CKS Hall, Tuensang, with participation from DDOs, dealers, and other stakeholders. Yanrenthung, Assistant Commissioner of State Taxes (ACST), Kohima, delivered the keynote address and led the first session, stressing the importance of timely GST registration, tax compliance, and the necessity of a Tax Clearance Certificate.

Biju Sharma from the IT Cell conducted a demonstration on registration and return filing, while Mongko Chang, CSTO Tuensang,

led a session for dealers, followed by a Q&A segment.

## **PEREN DPDB DISCUSSES SCHOOL UPGRADATION, WWII MEMORIAL, AND ROAD ADOPTION**

The monthly meeting of the Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held at the DC's Conference Hall, Peren, under the chairmanship of the DC & Vice Chairman of DPDB, Peren, Hiazu Meru on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

The meeting commenced with a review of the minutes from the previous session, followed by deliberation on various developmental agendas.

A proposal for the upgradation of St. Francis De Sales School was put forward by ADC Peren, who informed the house that a spot verification had been conducted. He noted that the school has adequate space for expanding the existing infrastructure and developing a proper playground. The proposal was also supported by the Sr. SDEO, Peren. After discussion, the board resolved to forward the proposal to the concerned department for necessary action.

Another key agenda was the proposal to initiate a WWII Memorial Scheme at Peren Village under the DPDB Pilot Project. ADC Peren, who presented the proposal, highlighted that during a recent village adoption meeting held under his

chairmanship, the villagers expressed their desire to preserve the historical legacy of the village. He shared that remnants such as bomb shell splinter and empty cases from WWII can still be found in the village. In response, DC Peren advised ADC Peren to hold further consultations with the village councils, develop a comprehensive concept, and present it in the next meeting.

The Board also approved, without objection, the registration of the Hairangbe Foundation, Jalukie, a proposal recommended by ADC Jalukie.

Regarding the adoption of the road from New Peren junction to Tening, the proposal was presented by DC Peren. After seeking inputs from the members, the house unanimously approved the agenda. An adoption committee was also constituted, with DC Peren as Chairman and the Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B), Peren as Member Secretary.

PowerPoint presentations were delivered by the Department of Forest & Climate Change and the Department of Soil & Water Conservation.

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## **VIKSIT BHARAT YUVA CONNECT PROGRAMME 2025 ENGAGES NAGALAND STUDENTS ON DEMOCRATIC VALUES**

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The Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Programme 2025, held on August 6th, 2025, was conducted across multiple districts in Nagaland with the theme "Emergency Period in India." The programme aimed to promote

democratic values, youth leadership, and civic awareness through debate competitions and youth parliament simulations, engaging students in discussions on historical and constitutional issues.

### Kohima

At Kohima College, the event was organized by the NSS Unit, in collaboration with the District Youth Resources Office and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), and sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Students from St. Joseph's College, Alder College, and Kohima College participated.

Deputy Commissioner B. Henok Buchem emphasized youth participation in nation-building, highlighting the need for innovation and democratic engagement to achieve India's development goals by 2047. He encouraged students to reflect on the 1975 Emergency and offered civil service aspirants the chance to observe public administration firsthand.

In the debate, Vuruthong (St. Joseph's College) secured first place, followed by Yukhase Jingru (Kohima College). In the Youth Parliament, Kajol Kumari and Alika T. Yeptho (Alder College), along with Elvina Khangshou (St. Joseph's), won top positions.

### Mokokchung

At Jubilee Memorial College, the event was jointly organized by NYK, NSS, and the Department of Political Science, with support

from the District Youth Resource & Sports Office. DCAjit Kumar Verma (IAS) encouraged students to understand the Constitution, political structures, and diversity.

In the Youth Parliament, winners from the Ruling Bench were Imlibenla, Nikili, and Menangniba, while the Opposition Bench winners were Riya Dey, Longcha, and Wapangtola. Debate winners were Sashikumzuk, Imnatula, and Sentipongla.

### Longleng

Held at Yingli College, the programme saw participation from 260 attendees, including 240 NSS volunteers. District Sports Officer Kenongoto Thokhwe highlighted the value of parliamentary awareness. Winners included Chuthai L. Phom and P. Phangmei Phom (debate), and Kehungngaule Haihing, Hentong Phom, and Ladong Phom (Youth Parliament).

### Mon

At Wangkhao Government College, the event focused on simulating legislative procedures. Debate winners were Temnyei M Konyak (Proposition) and L Lempa W (Opposition). Youth Parliament winners were Nahpho F Konyak, Ngunlih W Konyak, and T. Pangong Konyak.



*DC Kohima, B. Henok Buchem addressing the gathering during the Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect cum District level Youth Parliament and Debate Competition 2025 held at Kohima College, Kohima on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Winners of the District level Youth Parliament & Debate Competition under the Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Programme 2025, held at Wangkhao Government College, Mon on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

## NAGALAND UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES NATIONAL HANDLOOM DAY WITH WORKSHOP ON INDIGENOUS CRAFT

The Committee for Indigenous Traditional Knowledge of Nagaland (ITK-N), Nagaland University on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025, organized a One-Day Workshop on Crafting Culture: Skills in Weaving, Crochet, Jewellery Making and Banana Fiber Art. The event was graced by, Professor Bendang Ao, as the Chief Guest and, B Asangla, as the Guest of Honour

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Dr. Neizo Puro, who emphasized the importance of connecting academia with indigenous knowledge. Renbenthung Kikon, Inspector, District Industries Centre (DIC), Mokokchung also shade light on the economic and cultural

potential of local handloom industries.

The Special guest Prof. Bendang Ao, VC (I/C), Nagaland University, lauded the initiative and urged the university community to actively participate in the revival of traditional knowledge systems. B. Asangla, General Manager, DIC, Mokokchung in her speech, encouraged youth engagement in traditional craft-making, highlighting government schemes and support available for artisans.

The formal programme was followed by a workshop that included a variety of traditional and creative art forms, including handloom weaving, crochet techniques, handmade jewelry and banana fiber craft.

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## MEGA IDENTIFICATION & ASSESSMENT-CUM-CERTIFICATION CAMP FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS HELD AT MON

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In commemoration of the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagar (ABSS), Mon unit, in convergence with Rashtriya Bai Swasthya Karyakam (RBSK) District Hospital, Mon, organized the Mega Identification & Assessment-cum-Certification Camp for Children with Special Needs (CWSN) under Samagra Shiksha, Mon on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at Council Hall, Mon Town.

Sr. SDEO & District Project Coordinator DEMO, Mon Rose Ngullie gave a brief overview of the objectives and vision behind the NEP 2020. She expressed appreciation to the parents for their active involvement in bringing their children to school and encouraged them to take full advantage of the quality educational opportunities offered by

the government.

State Inclusive Education Coordinator, Sesulu said that CWSN requires individualization support and accommodations to access education. This inclusive learning aims to provide all children the right to quality education and learning prospects together with their peers she added. She also reminded the medical assessment team to ensure that certificates are issued only to eligible individuals.

Thereafter, Medical Assessment Camp was held with the following Resource Persons: MD, PMR Dr. Ngamba Sangme, MD Paediatrician Dr. Chimang Paul, MO RBSK Dr. Tsemtseh Konyak, MO RBSK Dr. Lily Konyak, Chaoya, GNM, RBSK and Ophthalmic Assistant, District Hospital.

## ADULT LITERACY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED AT YANTHAMO VILLAGE CHUKITONG BLOCK, WOKHA

Under the PRI-CDO Convergence Initiative, Zukhumki Federation NSRLM, Chukitong Block, in collaboration with the District Administration, Department of School Education, and the District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW), organized a launching programme for the Adult Literacy Campaign at Yanthamo Village, Chukitong Block, Wokha on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Delivering the keynote speech, SDO (Civil), Echungbemo Erui, highlighted the importance of adult literacy and emphasized that learning has no age limit. He stated that basic literacy opens up multiple opportunities and urged the villagers to actively support the initiative.

Senior SDEO, Wokha, also addressed the gathering and encouraged community members to take full advantage of the campaign for personal and social development. Gender Specialist, DHEW, Merithung Patton, spoke on the objectives of Mission Shakti and shared insights into the ongoing efforts of DHEW to promote gender inclusivity and literacy across all age groups.

Village leaders, including the Village Chairman of Yanthamo Village, expressed their support for the campaign during their remarks. Block Program Manager, NSRLM, also spoke and appealed to all village organizations to participate meaningfully in the adult literacy drive.

## DPDB TUENSANG MEETING HELD

District Planning and Development Board Tuensang held its meeting for the month of August on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at the Conference Hall of the District Commissioner Office, Tuensang under the Chairmanship

of Deputy Commissioner Tuensang and Vice-Chairman DPDB Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa.

After reviewing the last month meeting minutes, the Board took a pledge



*DPDB members of Tuensang take a pledge marking the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan during the monthly DPDB meeting held at the DC's conference hall on August 7, 2025.*

in commemoration of the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan. The DC and Vice-Chairman also requested the HoO and subordinate staff in the District to be at station for the service of the general public of the District. The house welcomed District Commandant, Home Guard and Civil Defence, Lidila Jinger and Principal ETC (SIRD), Dr. Juthsutho Phogi as its member. The House discussed on the work distribution for the coming 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration. A PowerPoint Presentation on department activities was presented by SDO (Forest) and Community Radio Station (CRS) Tuensang.

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### **ASSESSMENT CAMPS ON ADIP AND RVY SCHEME HELD AT TUENSANG**

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A series of ADIP & RVY Assessment Camps for provision of free assistive devices, wheelchair, hearing aids to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and senior citizens were held in 4 blocks of Tuensang District -Noksen, Chare, Longkhim and Sangsangnyu from 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Disability assessment and Certification of PwDs was also conducted by CMO Tuensang, Dr. Imlitemsu Ozukum. The PwDs were also issued UDID Cards and were educated on their PwD rights and various benefits. A total of 1120 persons (ADIP-291 & RVY-829) were assessed during the 4 days Camp, out of which 291 Disability Certificates were issued and same number of UDID Cards were generated.

### **TUENSANG DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICE AUTHORITY CONDUCTED SAATHI CAMPAIGN**

Tuensang District Legal Services Authority conducted Nationwide “SAATHI

campaign”, under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in collaboration with the Aadhaar Enrolment (UIDAI) District Administration, District Education office, Department of Economics and Statistics, Chief Medical office and District Social Welfare Department at Town Hall Tuensang on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

The free legal service camp aimed to provide legal identity and social welfare access to destitute children under 18 years of age, Aadhaar registration and issuing of birth certificate. All together 27 birth certificates, Aadhaar 36 registration/enrollment and 60 affidavits filed.

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### **ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING DISCUSSES SPORTS AND EDUCATION**

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The District Planning and Development Board meeting for the month of August was held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at DC's conference hall, Zunheboto, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, DPDB, Dharam Raj, IAS.

Key agendas discussed included the proposal for registration of the Suruhuto Area Sports Association (SASA) as a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, which was approved and forwarded for onward procedures.

Furthermore, agenda on the proposal forwarded by Zunheboto Government College to introduce new academic programs, including a Sociology Department, Education Honours, an Integrated B.Ed. course, and a Science stream. During the discussion, Principal of Zunheboto Government College, Dr. R. Bendangtemjen, appealed to the Department to assist fifth-semester students

with their mandatory 60-hour internship program under the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP). President, Sumi Hoho, Dr Vihuto Asumi expressed concern over the frequent attachment and transfers of faculty members of the College, which is weakening the faculty strength of the only Government Arts College in the district. Responding to the concerns, Deputy Commissioner, Dharam Raj IAS assured action and stressed the need for ending faculty attachments and prioritizing the appointment of qualified teachers.

The meeting also discussed the distribution of departmental responsibilities for the upcoming 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebrations. A PowerPoint presentation was delivered by the Land Resources Department, Zunheboto.

### **DPDB KOHIMA APPROVES LADP 2025–26 PROPOSALS**

The monthly meeting of the District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) Kohima was held on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 at the DPDB Conference Hall under the chairmanship of Kevipodi Sophie, MLA and Chairman of DPDB Kohima. The meeting was presided over by Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman of DPDB Kohima, B. Henok Buchem (NCS).

The DC reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and expressed gratitude to officers designated to perform liaison duties for the Dr. T. Ao Football Tournament for their involvement so far, noting their coordination with the organising committee, participating teams, and relevant departments to ensure smooth execution.

Deputy Commissioner of Excise (Zonal), Venezolu Dawhuo, delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining the department's

background, core functions, and recent accomplishments.

She reported that in the last financial year, the Kohima unit recorded 1,040 cases under the NLTP Act, resulting in the seizure of 1.725 kg of heroin and 9,000 bottles of codeine-based cough syrup. Between January 2024 and June 2025, the department collected and deposited 11,26,000 in fines as revenue. Additionally, during the Hornbill Festival 2024, the department granted 53 temporary liquor permits to food stalls catering to tourists. The department also conducted Awareness programmes on drug and alcohol abuse including one at Kezocha under the Village Adoption Committee.

The meeting further discussed and approved proposals under the Local Area Development Programme (LADP) 2025–26, with the Chairman urging departments to coordinate with the District Planning Officer to avoid overlap.

On the proposed shifting of the administrative headquarters from Sechü-Zubza, the SDO (C) informed the house that a joint consultative meeting with stakeholders was held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The Chairman advised forming a committee comprising representatives from 14 villages and the Western Angami Public Organization to follow up on the matter.

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### **PHEK DPDB MEET PLEDGE FOR A DRUG FREE DISTRICT**

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The monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) Phek meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, DPDB Phek, Rhosietho Nguori, NCS at DC's Conference Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

The members discussed the confronting

challenges on drug abuse, for which the House pledged a commitment for making Phek district free from drug abuse. The meeting deliberated on the agenda for construction of washrooms at ITI, Phek and purchase of ambulances for District Hospital, Phek and for Community Health Centre, Pfutsero for which the house agreed to recommend it to the government for consideration. The

House further entrusted the District Hospital authorities to approach organizations, such as Hans Foundation to explore the possibility of providing Ambulance services.

District Agriculture Officer (Department of Agriculture) and District Sericulture Officer (Department of Sericulture) highlighted their departmental activities through power point presentations at the meeting.

## **METÜMNYO FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT SHAMATOR**

Metümnyo festival was celebrated at Shamator on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Advisor, Youth Resources & Sports, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung graced the event as the special guest.

The Advisor shared the traditional values and importance of the Metümnyo festival. He encouraged the gathering to remember the importance of the life values practiced by their forefathers such as truth, simplicity and respect for elders. He extended his Metümnyo

festival greetings to the people and wished them a prosperous season ahead.

The significance of Metümnyo festival was delivered by Shophu Khopong. Short speeches were delivered by DC Shamator, Chubatemjen; President ENSF, Nuheymong and vice president of YTC, H. Hanji. A special number was presented by Thrunso. Vote of thanks was proposed by president of the 11 wards of Shamator Town, Yansomong.

## **AWARENESS -CUM - SENSITIZATION ON CMMFI PROGRAMME HELD AT MELURI**

Awareness -Cum - Sensitization programme on Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative (CMMFI) was held at DB's Court, DC Office Meluri on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

At the programme, Deputy Commissioner, Meluri, K. Mhathung Tsanglao, NCS delivered the keynote address on the CMMFI scheme. A PowerPoint presentation on Swavalamban Connect

Kendra (SCK) and IDAN was delivered by Bank Manager, SBI Meluri, Sokenye Tep and Credit Co-ordinator Phek, Sheluzo Soho respectively.

The event also had an interactive session. The Awareness programme was attended by Head of Offices, entrepreneurs, SHGs, and Meluri Town councillors. The programme was chaired by EAC Meluri, Pipfusa Pojar.

## **CSR SUPPORTED PROGRAMME DELIVERS NUTRITIONAL AID FOR TB PATIENTS IN KOHIMA**

Nutritional support was provided to tuberculosis (TB) patients under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (PMTBMBA) on August 9, 2025 at the

Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) Auditorium. The initiative was sponsored under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme of the North Eastern

Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi) and implemented by the NEDFi Kohima Branch Office in association with the District TB Centre, Kohima.

The nutritional support was formally handed over by K. Jianthailung, Branch Manager, NEDFi Kohima Branch.

The PMTBMBA, also known as the Nikshay 2.0 Campaign seeks to garner

community support for TB patients through donors called Nikshay Mitras who provide nutritional, vocational, or diagnostic support. It aims to provide additional patient support to improve treatment outcomes, augmenting community involvement in meeting India's commitment to end TB by 2025, and leveraging CSR opportunities.

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## CLEAN-UP AND PLASTIC WASTE SEGREGATION DRIVE HELD AT CHUNLIKA BLOCK

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*Har Ghar Tiranga, Har Ghar Swachhata Campaign, Kohima Rural/ Tseminyu division, in collaboration with District Administration Tseminyu, Kithagha Students Union and Tseminyu Green District Initiatives, organized a Clean-up and Plastic Waste segregation Drive at Chunlika Block, PWMU, Tseminyu on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

Har Ghar Tiranga, Har Ghar Swachhata, campaign Kohima division in collaboration with District Administration Tseminyu, Kithagha Students Union and Tseminyu Green District Initiatives organised a clean-up and plastic waste segregation drive at Chunlika block PWMU on 9th August 2025 at KSU, KS & PA building Chunlika.

The program was graced by ADC & Convenor of Tseminyu Green District Initiatives, Kikumsangla Jamir as special guest. In her keynote address, she stated that both the campaigns aims to blend the spirit of patriotism with community led cleanliness actions. She urged village leaders, councils and students to adopt a habit of reducing plastic waste at its source and to ensure

that government assets, such as the plastic waste management unit constructed by the department of PHE, Kohima rural division are made fully operational for the benefits of public health and environment. Appreciating the vision of the Tseminyu Green District Initiatives, she also expressed hope that other district would replicate this model across the state.

District Coordinator (PHE) Kohima Division, Ashale Seb and Co-convenor (TGDI) Zukia Woch also spoke on the harmful impact of plastics. During the drive, the volunteer clean-up stream, highway and public spaces, collecting a truck load of plastic waste for storage at the PWMU. Volunteers also joined the selfie moment to mark the campaign.

## CHUMOUKEDIMA MONTHLY DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Chumoukedima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at DPDB's Conference Hall, Chumoukedima. The meeting was chaired by DC, Chumoukedima, Polan John, NCS.

The meeting commenced with the review of last DPDB minutes followed by an address from DPDB Chairman & Advisor, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio. In his address, he encouraged the members to give their best for the welfare of the people. He requested DC, Chumoukedima to keep track of the DPDB members as this will be reflected on their APAR assessment report.

The House after thorough deliberation, agreed to recommend the following agendas namely change of location of Millers Mission School from present location (Unity Village) to Diezephe Village, Introduction of Commerce Stream at GHSS Singrijan, Upgradation of Government Middle School Khriezephe to Government High Schoola and Proposal for Construction of District Employment Exchange Office. Later, PowerPoint Presentation was presented by the DCPO (District Child Protection Officer), Nikito Zhimomi.

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## KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING HIGHLIGHTS She-Box AND CHILD PROTECTION

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The Monthly District Planning and Development Board Meeting (DPDB) was held under the Chairmanship of Temsuwati Longkumer NCS, Deputy Commissioner Kiphire and Vice Chairman DPDB at Deputy Commissioner Conference Hall, Kiphire on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Chairing the program, Temsuwati Longkumer reviewed the previous meeting minutes, after which Takatemjen Pongen,

EAC highlighted on She-Box district IC details urging all the departments to set the She-Box IC details and also demonstrated setting up the She-Box.

Superintendent of Police, Chinese Chakhesang also spoke on how one must be safe from influx of drugs, child trafficking and child abuse in the District. A PowerPoint presentation was presented by Sentiwapang NPS, Sub-District Police Officer, Kiphire.

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## MELURI DPDB MEETING DISCUSSES UPGRADATION OF OFFICES

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The monthly District Planning Development Board meeting was held at the DB's Court, D.C Office, Meluri on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025 under the Chairmanship of Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe, Advisor N&RE and NSDMA, Government of Nagaland.

After reviewing the previous meeting minutes, the following agendas were discussed and recommended namely Creation of

Assistant commandant VG post at Phokhungri HQ, Upgradation of SDAO (Agriculture) to DAO, Upgradation of SDHO (Horticulture) to DHO, Upgradation of SDO (PHED) to Executive Engineer (PHED) and Creation of Sub- Divisional Fishery Office.

The PowerPoint presentation for Departmental Activities was presented by Sub-Divisional Educational Officer Meluri (SDEO) Kaitunchap.

## **MOKOKCHUNG DPDB MEETING HELD**

The Mokokchung District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of August was held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at the DC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB Mokokchung, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS.

After reviewing the previous meeting minutes, the Board deliberated the applications for grant-in-aid to KG School Mangmetong and Model Higher Secondary School Mokokchung

and decided to approve the two applications. E.E PWD (NH) Tuensang Division presented the status report of Bailey Bridge over Dikhu River at NH-202. The board also discussed the upcoming Departmental Sports Meet 2025.

The Deputy Commissioner also impressed upon the members to bring forth and share any constructive ideas and plan of action of their departments to serve the people better and also for overall growth and development of the district as a whole.

## **SHAMATOR DPDB DISCUSSES KEY DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS**

The Shamator District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at DB Hall, Shamator on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025, under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman, DPDB, S. Keoshu Yimchunger.

Key Agendas Discussed:

- Proposal for construction of Primary School at Lunthur Village:
- Identification and Acquisition of Land for Integrated Office Complex and Staff Quarters: The board resolved to take up the matter with all stakeholders, including tribal councils and landowners.
- Road Repair and Connectivity Improvement from Shiponger Village to Huker Junction: The house resolved to urge the Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B), to prioritise and scale up the repair and improvement of this road.
- Upgradation of Soil Colony to Soil Ward: After deliberating on the issue, the house agreed and approved the proposal for upgradation of the colony to ward.

The Chairman thanked all members for their active participation and constructive inputs. The meeting concluded with the resolution to pursue the approved proposals with the concerned departments for timely action.

## **INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY CELEBRATED AT PHEK**

International Youth Day organised by NSACS and DISHA Phek was celebrated at Phek Government College on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025 with SP Phek, Dr Pritpal Kaur, IPS as a special guest. Slogan writing competition was also held as part of the celebration.

The Special Guest in her address, encouraged youths to follow a healthy and prosperous life with honesty and discipline.

She urged them to face the failures with courage to succeed again and never indulge in bad habits like drug abuse and use of other intoxicants. She also spoke on adolescence education with proper career orientation.

Short speeches were given by Kuduvo kezo (DISHA Phek), K. Zumomo Ovung, Principal PGC.

## MON DPDB DISCUSSES SCHOOL GRANTS AND UPCOMING PLATINUM JUBILEE

The monthly meeting of the Mon District Planning & Development Board for the month of August 2025 was held on 13th August 2025 at DC Conference Hall. The Deputy Commissioner Mon and Vice Chairman DPDB, Wennyei Konyak, NCS presided over the proceeding, and welcomed the DPDB Chairman.

After reviewing last meeting minutes, DC opened agendas for grant-in-Aid in respect for three schools: Good Samaritan School, Phomching Town, Holy Agenels

School and Holy Trinity School, Tizit. In this regard, the Sr. SDEO Rose Ngullie gave a brief picture of the Schools and the building condition. The house discussed thoroughly and agreed to forward it to the higher authority for further necessary actions. The house also discussed preparation for Mon Administrative Headquarter Platinum Jubilee to be held in 2026. In this regard, the Board decided to set up a committee comprising of all the HoDs in the district.

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## SCIENCE SEMINAR 2025 ORGANISED AT LONGLENG

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The District Education Officer Longleng organized Science Seminar on the Topic: “Empowering Indian youth for Global Leadership in Science and innovative for Vikshit Bharat” on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at DEO Conference Hall, Longleng.

Altogether 9 Schools (both from Govt. & Private) from Longleng District participated in the competition. The Seminar was sponsored by the Directorate of Science & Technology Nagaland, Kohima.

During the program SDEO Longleng, M. Narola Longkumer spoke on the concept of Vikshit Bharat and the importance of developing young minds for a better India,

while the District Education Officer Longleng, Tinumayang gave a concluding remarks urging all teachers and students on giving importance to developing scientific approach to day to day learning. He also stretched on the importance of confidence building measures where teachers are expected to give importance to holistic development of a child in the School. Yukphen B. Phom from Christian School, Tamlu won the first position and Sreeniti Mahapatra, GHS Yachem and Henmei Nancy, from St. Joseph School were placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> position respectively.

## STATEWIDE MASS PLEDGE AND AWARENESS DRIVES MARK 5 YEARS OF NMBA IN NAGALAND

To mark the 5th anniversary of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) and reinforce the National Action Plan on Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR), Nagaland conducted a comprehensive statewide awareness and mass pledge campaign. Led by the State Level Committee of N`MBA Nagaland, the

initiative focused on community engagement, especially involving schools and educational institutions, to build a drug-free society by raising awareness, identifying those struggling with addiction, and linking them to counselling and rehabilitation services.



*Officials along with students during Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan Campaign held at DC's Conference Hall, Niuland on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

### **Dimapur**

The District Department of Social Welfare partnered with GHSS Lengrijan on August 13, 2025, for an awareness event. T. Meren Jamir, Residential Counsellor at ICRA Prodigals Home, spoke on the theme “Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Life.” He encouraged students to maintain open communication with families and spread awareness among peers, emphasizing how addiction isolates individuals. The program ended with a mass pledge led by District Program Officer Keneikesangulie Zumou, affirming the community’s commitment to a drug-free future.

### **Niuland**

The District Administration and the District Hub for Employment of Women (SANKALP) organized the NMBA campaign at the DC Conference Hall. EAC Kelengunuo Solo voiced concern over rising substance abuse among youth and urged them to avoid harmful substances. She administered the NMBA pledge to participants. The campaign also featured a student painting competition centered on anti-drug themes, further promoting awareness.

### **Kohima**

The Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Kohima, conducted a

pledge ceremony on August 13, 2025. Deputy Director Ruopfulenuo led the department’s staff in reaffirming their commitment to spreading awareness about the dangers of substance abuse. Similar pledge ceremonies were held across other district IPR offices.

### **Chumoukedima:**

An awareness event was held at Government High School, Diphupar B, by the District Administration and District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW). District Mission Coordinator Ikali Wokhami and Gender Specialist Vera Sapu discussed substance abuse, peer pressure, and menstrual hygiene. The alarming data presented included that 43% of tobacco users in Nagaland are middle school students, and 44% are introduced to substances by friends. A session on menstrual hygiene aimed to foster openness among students, complemented by the distribution of hygiene kits to girls. The event concluded with a pledge led by Philomena, Inspector of the Social Welfare Department.

### **Longleng**

Yingli College’s NSS unit organized an awareness program and mass pledge. Dr. Nurul Islam, NSS Programme Officer, briefed attendees about NMBA, and Assistant Professor Kiriahungle led the

pledge. Concurrently, a major event at Government High School, Yachem, involved the District Administration, DLSA, and Medical Department. Dr. Visino Nakhro spoke on addiction cycles, types of drugs, mental health, and community involvement. P. Monyei Phom addressed legal implications under the NDPS Act and shared district-level drug statistics.

### **Mon**

To commemorate NMBA's anniversary, the Social Welfare Department and District Administration hosted a drawing competition at DRDA Hall themed "Say No to Drugs, Yes to Life." CDPO Mon, H. Laitak Konyak, introduced the campaign. Thirteen schools participated, showcasing students' creative works reflecting on drug abuse awareness.

### **Jakhama**

The Jakhama ICDS Project, under the Department of Social Welfare, Kohima, organized a pledge campaign on August

25, 2025, at the CDPO Office, Jakhama. CDPO Zubemo Jami delivered the welcome address, and K. P. Ezung, Assistant Director of Kripa Foundation, spoke on the campaign's significance and collective responsibility toward a drug-free society. Diethovino Lhoushe administered the pledge, reaffirming the participants' commitment to a healthier community.

### **Meluri**

An Essay Writing Competition, Commemorating the 5th Anniversary of Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) Campaign was held at Town Hall, Meluri on 30th August 2025. The topics of the essay writing were: Drug Abuse and its ill effects on the Society; My dream of a Drug Free Meluri and Why I must say No to Drug. All together 495 Students from 11 (Eleven) Schools under Meluri District participated in the Essay Writing Competition.

## **BHANDARI SDPDB MEETING HELD**

The Sub-District Planning & Development Board, Bhandari, was held at the Conference Hall of the Summer House-Cum-Guest House, Bhandari on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

MLA and Chairman SDPDB, Bhandari, Achumbemo Kikon, who chaired the meeting lauded the District Administration Bhandari, Border Magistrates of Uriamghat, Ralan and Border Magistrate Merapani, Nagaland, for their pro-active role in successful and peaceful joint conduct of eviction, within the Disputed Area Belt of Nagaland and Assam.

In its deliberation, the Board stated that installation of Police outposts and construction of Permanent Barracks at the State Borders to house companies in strategic

areas would help secure and protect the state Borders.

To this effect, the house proposed for installation of Police Outpost at Tchujaanphen and Lio-Longchum villages and to activate the approved Police Outpost at Ruchan Village.

Border Magistrate Uriamghat, and Border Magistrate Merapani, Nagaland briefed the house on the recently conducted eviction drive jointly carried out with their Assam counterpart.

Additional Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman SDPDB Bhandari, Longasen Lotha NCS reminded the sub division based head of departments to ensure compulsory attendance of their respective departmental staffs during the upcoming Independence Day Celebration.

## PHED RURAL DIVISION HOLDS DEMONSTRATION ON WASTE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES AT DHANSIRIPAR

PHED Rural Division, Dimapur, held an activity on the Demonstration on Waste Management Techniques on Segregation, Composting and Toilet Maintenance, on 13th August, 2025 at Dhansiripar, Chumoukedima. The demonstration is a part of Har Ghar Tiranga, Har Ghar Swachhata – Swachhata Dialogue & Awareness Programme.

The event was graced by the Special Guest, SDO (Civil) Dhansiripar Sub Division, Vijoyo Swuro, NCS. In his speech, he underscored the link between hygiene, and community well-being. He reminded the gathering that charity begins at home,

and so does cleanliness. He called on every household to start cleanliness from their kitchens and immediate surroundings.

EE PHED Rural, Er. Nirie-e Nisa, in her address, shared her vision of making Dhansiripar Village a clean model village and encouraged the villagers to make efforts towards making it a cleaner Dhansiripar Village. While, JE Dhansiripar, Er. Hotolu Sema, led the practical demonstration of waste management techniques (Segregation, Composting and Toilet Maintenance).

The campaign selfie booth was also set up to promote the message of Swachhata.

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## SWACHHATA DIALOGUE & AWARENESS CAMPAIGN DAY CONDUCTED AT GHSS LONGKHIM

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Har Ghar Swachhata Dialogue & Awareness Day was conducted at Longkhim, Tuensang. It was sponsored by PHED, Kohima and organised by WSSO, PHED Tuensang Division on 13th August at GHSS, Auditorium, Longkhim.

The special invitee EAC, Longkhim, S. Chingmei, while delivering her key note address, stated that Har Ghar Swachhata programme aims to promote the importance of hygiene, sanitation, water conservation and cleanliness across the country striving towards greater greener and cleaner.

She said that to keep the nation clean and progressive, it was the responsibility of every

citizen to maintain hygiene, cleanliness, and urged to all present to clean their street, market place, institution, environment and house for a healthy nation and for healthy living.

The resource person, District Coordinator & IEC Consultant, PHED, Tuensang Division, Fairyson Sangtam spoke on toilet maintenance while resource person, Sanitation & Hygiene Consultant PHED, Tuensang Division, T. Tsikingmong spoke on demonstration of waste management techniques (segregation composting).

Earlier, participants took the Har Ghar Tiranga Har Ghar Swachhata pledge in the programme.

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## ASF CONTAINMENT MEASURES UNDERTAKEN IN KIGWEMA AND MITELEPHE

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VAS Jakhama, Dr. Menguzenuo Chielie, along with paravets from the Veterinary

Dispensary and VHC Kigwema, conducted disinfection and containment measures

in ASF-affected farms at Kigwema and Mitelephe villages on 14th August 2025.

Addressing village leaders and farmers, Dr. Chielie highlighted the importance of the ASF guidelines and informed that both villages have been declared infected zones by the Deputy Commissioner, Kohima. She stressed the need for community cooperation

and prompt reporting to contain the outbreak effectively.

It was also recalled that a block-level sensitisation and awareness training on ASF was held on July 15, attended by representatives from all villages under Jakhama block.

## LAUNCHING PROGRAMME OF LOCAL FRESH FISH SALE IN JALUKIE VALLEY

The launching programme of the Local Fresh Fish Sale by Jalukie Valley Fishery Co-operative Society Ltd, promoted by the Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Peren Nagaland, was formally inaugurated on 15th August 2025 at the Jalukie Daily Market, Peren.

In the inaugural programme, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jalukie, Albert Ezung in his speech encouraged the fish farmers to increase fish production and improve the fishermen's socio-economic conditions. The ADC apprised them to ensure the responsible use of fishery resources and also stated that by organising fishermen cooperative societies, the groups can collectively address challenges like access to resources, marketing and financial support in the community.

Ezung further emphasized that the implementation of such fishing practices

ensures long term sustainable practice. Earlier, District Fishery Officer, C. Dory Yanthan highlighted the purpose of the launching of Valley Fishery Co-operative Society and informed that initially, local fresh fish will be available twice in a week i.e., Tuesdays & Fridays in the market.



*ADC Jalukie, Albert Ezung with DFO Peren, C. Dory Yanthan and fish farmers during the launching programme of local fish sale at Jalukie Valley, Peren on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

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## CAMPAIGN FOR SATURATION OF FI SCHEMES AND RE-VERIFICATION OF KYC HELD AT VISWEMA VILLAGE

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A one-day campaign for the saturation of Financial Inclusion (FI) schemes and re-verification of KYC at the Gram Panchayat and village level was launched by the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance at Viswema Village on 19th August 2025.

The program was organized by the State Bank of India (SBI), Kohima Branch, with a focus on spreading awareness about formal banking systems and key social security schemes such as PMSBY, PMJJBY, APY, and PMJDY.

SDO (Civil), Jakhama, Vineikho Tetso,

in his address emphasized the importance of financial literacy in rural communities to enable informed financial decisions and improve access to formal banking services.

Anthony K. Nguori, Assistant Branch Manager, SBI Kohima, stated that the campaign aims to educate participants about the fundamentals of banking, including account opening procedures, KYC compliance, and the importance of account nomination.

Temsummeren, Lead District Manager (LDM), LBO Kohima, conducted an informative session on government-sponsored Social Security Schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY); Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti

Bima Yojana (PMJJBY); Atal Pension Yojana (APY), and Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY). He elaborated on the eligibility, benefits, and enrollment procedures for each scheme.

The presence of H. Lalhlimpuia, Chief Manager, SLBC, and K. Samuel Liangousiam, Assistant General Manager, RBI, underscored the collective efforts of financial institutions in promoting financial inclusion at the grassroots level.

The camp witnessed active participation from local residents, who engaged with the resource persons and clarified their doubts related to banking, insurance, and social security services during the campaign program.

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## CONSUMER AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON LEGAL METROLOGY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION HELD AT PHEK

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The Department of Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection (LM&CP), Phek in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Phek Government College, organized a consumer awareness programme on the theme “Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection: The Journey Towards

Viksit Bharat 2047” at the college campus on 19th August 2025.

The Guest Speaker of the program, Er. Mecheitsho Koza, EAC Phek, highlighted the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 and emphasized the significance of consumer awareness in building a progressive society. He encouraged



*EAC Phek, Er Mecheitsho Kosa, NCS with department officials and participants during the Consumer Awareness Program held at Deo Nukhu Hall, PGC, Phek on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

students to become torchbearers in spreading awareness about consumer's rights.

Sekhotso Rokha, Panel Lawyer from Phek District Legal Services Authority (PDLA), delivered a session on consumer rights and explained the process of seeking redressal through the District Commission. The interaction session saw active participation

from the audience, with several queries addressed by the speakers.

In his address, Shiekhoso, Assistant Controller, LM&CP, Phek also underlined the crucial role of Legal Metrology in safeguarding consumer rights and ensuring fairness in trade practices.

## **OATH TAKING & INDUCTION CEREMONY OF NAGA COUNCIL DIMAPUR HELD**

The oath-taking and induction ceremony for the Naga Council Dimapur (NCD) 2025–2030 tenure was held on 20th August 2025 at Dimapur Town Hall. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, as the special guest, praised the outgoing team for their dedicated service and urged the new office bearers to lead with humility, vision, and a commitment to public welfare. He emphasized Dimapur's strategic importance and called for leadership rooted in transparency, inclusiveness, and unity, while promoting inter-community harmony and youth empowerment.

Outgoing President Etsungmomo Kikon highlighted major achievements from 2020–2025, including reforms in the burial system, representation in the District Planning Board, expansion of the Naga Cemetery, and progress on the Council office building. He also raised concerns about key issues such as the Indo-Naga political situation, liquor prohibition enforcement, Dimapur Railway Station, Inner Line Permit, and illegal immigration.

The new team took their oaths under Hokuto Zhimomi, and a prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. Dr. N. Paphino.

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## **WOKHA FARMERS EMBARK ON TRAINING EXPOSURE TO NATIONAL INSTITUTES IN TAMIL NADU AND KERALA**

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In a first-of-its-kind initiative to boost agri-entrepreneurship and scientific farming practices, the District Administration, Wokha, in collaboration with the Department of Horticulture, Central Institute of Horticulture, Department of Agriculture, Mission Shakti and NSRLM, has facilitated a 10-day exposure cum training programme for 19 farmers, including 13 women farmers, to leading national research institutes in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

The farmers' team will undergo specialized training at the ICAR-National Research Centre for Banana (NRCB),

Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu and the ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. The programme will provide participants with first-hand experience in advanced production techniques, scientific management practices, and value addition in banana and tuber crops.

Speaking on the initiative, Deputy Commissioner of Wokha, Vineet Kumar, IAS, highlighted that the programme is designed not only to enhance productivity but also to empower women farmers and promote livelihood diversification. By equipping farmers with knowledge of modern cultivation

methods and processing technologies, the district aims to create opportunities for value-

chain development, agri-based enterprises, and market linkages in Wokha district.

## TSEMINYU DECLARED AS PIGGERY DISTRICT AT DPDB MEETING

The monthly meeting of the District Planning & Development Board, Tseminyu was held on 22nd August 2025 in the DC's Conference Hall, Tseminyu with DC & Vice-chairman DPDB Tseminyu, Japheth Woch chairing the meeting.

After reviewing the last meeting minutes, the board discussed constitution of LADP

verification committee for the year 2025-2026. Chief Veterinary Officer Tseminyu, Dr. Kenalo Kath, gave action plan after which the board declared Tseminyu as Piggery district.

The District Agriculture department presented various schemes and activities implemented by the department in the District.

## AGOK HOLDS 'NOUNYÜ RÜCHÜ'

The Angami Gazetted Officers' Krotho 'Nounyü Rüchü' on the theme 'The ardent need to change the mindset and preceptive of educated unemployed youth towards self-reliance' was held at NBCC Convention Centre, Kohima on 22nd August 2025.

President, AGOK, Neilasa Sopfü in his address spoke on the existential threat caused by the Illegal migrants all over the state particularly in the State capital, Kohima and the commercial district Dimapur, stating that the unemployment problem is directly or indirectly affected by the IBIs as all the menial to the top entrepreneurs are acquired by them. He highlighted the fact and manuals of the population of illegal immigrants since 1991 till 2021 with an accelerated growth rate of 181.67%, in which, by 2051 Nagas are likely to become a minority according to the survey. He also stated that the other reason for our economic drain is caused by the activities of IBIs, in business or in joint ventures, and further reminded the effect of intermarriage between IBI's and Nagas and the adoption of the migrants.

President, NAGOK, Er. Vipulhou

Lhoungu in his short speech encouraged the gathering, highlighting about his struggles as a young engineer. He encouraged the educated unemployed to take up training in various sectors or in vocational trainings like painters, electricians, plumbers etc.

President WAGOK, Rokovisa Chase, delivering his address highlighted on the economy status of the Country, the difference between private and government employees, unemployment issues, and the threat posed by the IBIs. Chase urged everyone to change their perspective to venture in private and self-reliance sector as the government service has reached the limit of stagnancy.

Legal Advisor, AGOK, Vikhozo Vitsu gave detailed information on the business community of Nagaland highlighting that the total no of shops in Nagaland is 23,777 however 17,055 are runned by the non-locals. He also cited the examples of the state of Mizoram and stated that the Young Mizo Association has banned any outsider to own or run any business within their jurisdiction. Further, he stressed on the unemployment problem, economic control, the threats to local

identity and supply chain domain in business sector and Unregulated trade.

President SAGOK, Tepunol Yore gave an insight to address the unemployment problem by venturing into various activities in Agri and allied sectors. He gave a detailed explanation on the pros of cultivating commercial plantation crops, commercial horticulture crops, commercial aromatic, and spices crops.

President, CGOK, Er. Kekhrielhoutuo Nakhro in his short speech expressed the perspective of education system in the state. He mentioned NEP 2020 has a lot of advantages by giving skill development activities as well as vocational trainings. He added that by 2030 a stage of 'working age' is imminent therefore, addressing the youths, he encouraged them to be trained in any field promoting dignity of labour.

## SATELLITE OST CENTRE LAUNCH AT PHC CRESSORE

The launching program of Satellite OST Centre at PHC Chessore Town under Shamator District was held on 23rd August, 2025 at Chessore town under the Office of CMO, Tuensang. The centre was inaugurated by K. Tsusola, Associate Pastor Women, Chessore Town Baptist Church.

Dr. Kumrimong Yimchunger MO, Chessore PHC said addiction to opium is not an addiction of body in general but rather an addiction of mind and mental health and encouraged the community to join hands in making our society, a society of acceptance, where we don't judge but rather lend a helping hand to the addicted individuals that needed help. He expressed his sincere gratitude to CMO Tuensang and his team for bringing up the historic landmark development in an area where basic needs were far neglected for a long time. Kumrimong also encouraged the

people of Chessore Block to make the best use of the OST centre and assured that his team and staff are ready to help and serve at any given point of time for the upliftment of the society and the addicted.

Dr. Senilo Magh, Psychiatrist and Nodal Officer (OST), DH Tuensang also imparted the importance of helping the people in need and overcoming their challenges.



*Officials and participants during the launching program of Satellite OST Centre at PHC Chessore Town, Shamator on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025.*

## KOHIMA DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSES FOOD SAFETY AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The first meeting of the District Level Advisory Committee (DLAC) on Safe Food & Healthy Diets was held on August 28, 2025 at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Henok Buchem.

The meeting discussed a wide range of issues relating to food safety and public health in Kohima district. Deputy Commissioner Buchem underlined that making the public aware of their rights as consumers is of utmost importance, and stressed the need

for continuous awareness on food safety. He also proposed the creation of a task force comprising professionals from food safety and nutrition fields, food business operators, and consumer groups to strengthen the system. Inspections of hotel kitchens, restaurant hygiene, and compliance with food safety standards were identified as priority areas.

The Designated Officer of Food Safety, Kohima, Kezhangulie Yimchunger shared what the department has been doing so far. He reported that the department monitors food safety regulations, conducts training and awareness programmes, regulates the sale of imported and substandard items, and issues licenses to food businesses. So far, 160 licenses have been issued online, and regular inspections of food establishments are being

carried out.

Nagaland, currently, has only one food testing laboratory, located at the State Public Health Laboratory in Paramedical Colony, Kohima, near the CMO office. To supplement this, the state has introduced three Food Safety on Wheels mobile units that travel across districts to collect samples, train food operators, and spread awareness. Training programmes on hygiene are being provided to food business operators, who are also certified on completion.

The meeting concluded with members agreeing that strengthening inspections, involving stakeholders, and increasing consumer awareness are key to ensuring safer food and healthier diets in the district.

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## **Y. PATTON FETES WOKHA DISTRICT FOR BRINGING LAURELS**

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Deputy Chief Minister & Chairman District Planning and Development Board, Wokha, Yanthungo Patton chaired the Wokha DPDB meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha, with Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Vineet Kumar IAS and SP Wokha, Relo Aye.

Patton congratulated Wokha district for bringing several laurels to the district with their outstanding performances in recent times. He handed over a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Government to the DC Wokha, for the significant milestone achieved by the district, securing 1<sup>st</sup> position at the State level and 4<sup>th</sup> position at the National level during the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) enrolment drive held recently.

Patton further expressed pride towards the Taekwondo Wokha team for securing 3<sup>rd</sup> place during the Nagaland Taekwondo Championship held at Longleng and

felicitated the coach of the team.

DC Wokha, Vineet Kumar, briefed the members with regard to the ongoing joint eviction drive, and highlighted the timelines and steps taken by the Government in ensuring that Naga people are not affected during the drive, the evicted immigrants do not enter the Nagaland side, and peace and tranquillity is maintained at the border areas, while keeping the sensitivity of people in mind.

Kumar also informed that the Government was in close coordination with the Assam counterparts with regard to the ongoing issue. He further highlighted that due to complexities involved in the border issues, it needs to be handled with sensitivity by everyone.

The House approved the Local Area Development Programme (LADP) for the year 2025-26 and also approved registration of the Wokha CSR Society.

## S. PHANGNON KONYAK CALLS FOR STRONGER SPORTING CULTURE AT NATIONAL SPORTS DAY HELD AT MON

Mon district observed National Sports Day 2025 with a programme held at the Officers' Club, Mon, on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025 to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.

Speaking on the occasion, S. Phangnon Konyak congratulated the MDFA for the triumph win in the recent concluded DR. T. AO trophy at IG Stadium, Kohima. She informed that India is intending to host the 2036 Olympic and the PM of India is planning to make India the sport house. Konyak stressed the importance of sports not just for physical fitness, but also as a career opportunity, urging parents and civil society to treat sports as a mainstream curriculum. She encouraged training and motivation for youth, acknowledging that with proper support, sports can become a significant avenue for the next generation. She also spoke about the role of sports in shaping discipline, unity, and opportunities for youth, while also highlighting various government initiatives to nurture sporting talents. She particularly encouraged young athletes to participate in the Sansad Khel Mahotsav initiative, which provides a platform for registration, trials, and advanced training for higher-level

selection.

Ajit Kumar, IAS SDO (C), Mon in his welcoming speech also said that the sporting culture is there in Nagaland and that is vividly witnessed by the triumph win of the said trophy by the MDFA recently showcasing unity among the community. Therefore, he added that sports should be taken to the national and international level. Pakon Phom, ADC, Mon credited S. Phangnon konyak, MP Rajya Sabha as the brainchild and the sponsor of the event, appretiating her generous support. The MP later declared open the One-Day Open Badminton Doubles Tournament at the Officers' Club, marking the celebration of National Sports Day.



*Rajya Sabha MP S. Phangnon Konyak speaking at the National Sports Day 2025 programme held at Officer's Club, Mon on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

## ICAR-KVK WOKHA EMPOWERS FARMERS WITH ADVANCED TRAINING ON ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (AI) IN PIGS

ICAR-KVK Wokha successfully organized a three-day on-campus capacity-building programme on "Artificial Insemination (AI) Technology in Pigs" from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025, at its Conference Hall. The training was conducted under an externally funded project supported by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India.

The programme witnessed active participation from 25 farmers, rural youth, and field functionaries representing seven districts of Nagaland—Longleng, Mokokchung, Wokha, Kiphire, Shamator, Tseminyu, and Tuensang. Technical sessions were delivered by a team of experts including Dr. Moakum Pongen, Dr. Yanben Kikon (Veterinary



*SDO (Civil) Wokha Echungbemo Erui along with the team of Experts and Farmers during the closing ceremony of three day on campus capacity building programme on artificial Insemination Technology in Pigs held in Wokha District on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

Department), Dr. N. Khumdemo Ezung Senior Scientist & Head, ICAR-KVK Wokha, Dr. Sandeep Deshmukh, Dr. MhaloTungoe, Dr. Lily Ngullie, and Anuranjan Singh (Skill Officer, DC Office Wokha).

The lectures and demonstrations covered key topics such as: Artificial insemination techniques and reproductive management in pigs, Feeding and nutritional strategies, with emphasis on maize and concentrate feed formulation, Preventive disease management, with special reference to African Swine Fever,

Hygienic pork production and pig farm waste utilization, Small-scale pig breeding systems and Entrepreneurship development in piggery

The closing ceremony was attended by Echungbemo Erui, SDO (Civil), Wokha, as Special Guest, who urged the adoption of scientific piggery practices. The Skill Officer emphasized linking training with entrepreneurship and government schemes. Dr. Ezung, Senior Scientist & Head, highlighted the role of AI in improving pig productivity and genetic quality.

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## ONE DAY ORIENTATION TRAINING ON LEPROSY HELD AT KOHIMA

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The Department of Health & Family Welfare under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) section held an Orientation Training on Leprosy for District Program Officer (DPO) Communicable Disease (CD-II) on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at Nagaland Health Protection Society conference hall, Kohima.

The Programme was graced by Dr. Mereninla Senlem, Principal Director, Directorate of Health and Family Welfare, Nagaland Kohima as the special guest. In her

keynote address, Mission Director (NHM), Dr. Avile Zao said that Leprosy was one of the oldest diseases known to mankind which was often overlooked and left untreated because of stigma and discrimination. She highlighted that with the introduction of Multi Drug Therapy (MDT), the disease is now curable with proper care. She mentioned that Nagaland was the first Indian state to achieve the World Health Organization's leprosy elimination target of less than one case per 10,000 populations which it

accomplished in 1998.

Informing that the National Strategy Plan (NPS) aims to eradicate leprosy by 2027, she urged the District Programme Officers to utilize the Para Medical staff by assigning specific work distribution to help the programme achieve its target.

The program was chaired by Dr. Ruokuohelie Rutsa, State Leprosy Officer (SLO), who gave the welcome address and serve as the resource person of the training. The training session concluded with a vote of thanks by Bendangnaro, Senior Health Educator.

## **Dr. NEIPHU RIO VIRTUALLY INAUGURATES 51 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURES**

In a significant move to strengthen the education sector in Nagaland, Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio virtually inaugurated 51 school infrastructure funded under Samagra Shiksha on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025.

Speaking at the inauguration programme, held at the Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima, Dr. Rio stated that it was a significant step in the ongoing journey to

strengthen education infrastructure while extending his gratitude to the Government of India for the continued support. He also commended the efforts of the Samagra Shiksha team led by the State Mission Director, L Jamithung Lotha.

The Chief Minister lamented that many of the infrastructures in the state remain temporary and underscored the urgent



*Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio delivering his address during the virtual inauguration of 51 school infrastructure, funded under Samagra Shiksha, at Chief Minister's residence complex, Kohima on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025.*

need for permanent structures with quality workmanship. While appreciating the Department of School Education for their constant improvement despite challenges, he asked the Department to conduct a comprehensive study and bring out their needs and requirements.

Despite the difficult geographical terrain of the state, especially the remote parts, Dr. Rio stated that the state was

making consistent progress to transform the infrastructures. Highlighting the crucial role of community participation, he noted that good infrastructure alone was not enough, and asked the community to come forward and take ownership of the infrastructures provided by the Government, to ensure proper maintenance and effective utilisation.

Stressing on the importance of quality education, Dr. Rio stated that it is at the

core of development, which empowers the citizens, drives economic progress, opens up opportunities and makes a society prosper. He also highlighted the significance of education in creating responsible citizens for a better Nagaland. He called for a collective effort to create a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment for students' holistic development.

Speaking at the event, Advisor for School Education & SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, informed that of the 16,087 rooms across government schools, 13,767 rooms or 86% are used for instructional purposes. The rest are used as laboratories, libraries, and teachers' rooms, etc. He also informed that those rooms are categorised into four categories: rooms in good condition; rooms that require major repair; rooms that require minor repair and dilapidated. He added that the schools are further divided into pucca structures, partially-pucca structures and kutcha structures.

The Advisor stated that the funding from Samagra Shiksha has provided significant assistance in meeting the requirement of school buildings. Dr. Yhome said the officers of the Department are working hard towards the goal of Viksit Bharat and outlined the Department's goal to bring back about one lakh students to their school system by 2030, which will improve their livelihoods as well as provide financial relief. The Advisor hoped that through better infrastructure, the enrolment of students in Government schools will improve.

In his introductory address, State Mission Director, L. Jamithung Lotha, NCS provided an overview of Samagra Shiksha, an overarching scheme for school education from pre-primary to secondary level, which is LKG to class XII. He noted that the scheme integrates earlier programmes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), and Teacher Education (TE), in line with the National Education Policy 2020. He informed that some of the key interventions under the scheme include school infrastructure development; providing free textbooks, uniforms; teachers' training and smart classrooms. Lotha stated that the state has made substantial strides in addressing the schooling system over the years. He also raised various issues and concerns faced in implementing the scheme.

Delivering the vote of thanks, Commissioner & Secretary, School Education & SCERT, Kevileno Angami, appreciated the Chief Minister for the guidance and continual support. She also acknowledged all those involved who contributed to the successful implementation of the projects.

The virtual inauguration of the 51 school infrastructure included 15 new school buildings, additional classrooms in 17 schools, 18 teachers' quarters and 1 residential hostel spread across the state. The event was also attended by MLA, A. Pongshi Phom; Commissioner & Secretary to Chief Minister, Mohammad Ali Shihab, IAS and officials from line departments.

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## **T. SENTICHUBA AMPHITHEATRE INAUGURATED AT MONGSENYIMTI VILLAGE**

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Chief Minister of Nagaland Dr. Neiphiu Rio virtually inaugurated T. Senticuba Amphitheatre at Mongsenyimti Village, Mokokchung on 5th August 2025.

In his address, Chief Minister mentioned that the Amphitheatre stand not just a new

structure but a realization of a long cherished dream and a powerful testament of the unity and vision of the people of Mongsenyimti Village. It is also a symbol of the shared efforts and enduring partnership to bring development in the state, he added.

Rio said, the Amphitheatre is rightly named in honour of a leader as he was one of the most decorated and revered figures from Langpangkong Range whose contribution extended beyond his village, the whole Ao community and the state of Nagaland at large.

Earlier dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Pastor Mongsenyimti Baptist Church, L.Yanger and welcome address by Chairman Mongsenyimti Village Council. The technical report was presented by the Engineering Wing Department of Youth Resources & Sports. Speeches were also delivered by Advisor, Water Resource Department Tongpang Ozukum, Deputy Commissioner Mokokchung, Ajit Kumar Verma IAS, and Director NEZCC, Dr. Prashanna Gogoi.

A cultural presentation and folk dance was presented by Arkum Club Mongsenyimti Village and Sonshan Dancing Troupe New Yaongyimti Village Mokokchung.



*Advisor, Water Resource Department, Tongpang Ozukum speaking at the Inauguration of the T. Sentichuba Amphitheatre at Mongsenyimti Village, Mokokchung on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025*

## POLICE OUTPOST INAUGURATED AT UNGMA VILLAGE

The Inauguration of Police Outpost, along the Mokokchung – Kohima Highway, was held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at Ungma Village, Mokokchung District.

After unveiling the inaugural outpost plaque, Senior Superintendent of Police, Vesupra Kezo, NPS, in his address, stated that the outpost is being set up for more effective patrolling, better surveillance, so as to ensure safety of the local populace and travellers.

He also urged upon the people of the neighbouring villages for their cooperation with the police personnel stationed in the outpost so that the policing activities can be carried out effectively.

Short speeches were delivered by representatives from Ungma Village Council, Ongpangkong Mungdang and EAC, Ongpangkong Sangpangchang Longkumer.

## SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND URBAN SANITATION BOOSTED ON 79TH INDEPENDENCE DAY IN NAGALAND

As part of the 79th Independence Day celebrations held at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima, on 15th August 2025, Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio launched two major initiatives aimed at

promoting sustainable agriculture and urban sanitation in the state.

### **Biofertilizer Production Units**

In a significant step towards eco-friendly farming, Dr. Rio virtually

inaugurated 8 Biofertilizer Production Units at Zubza, Dimapur, Jalukie, Wokha, Zuketsa, Mokokchung, Longleng and Tizit. Simultaneously Advisor, Information & Public Relation and Soil and Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen, virtually inaugurated 2 Biofertilizer Production Units at Tuensang and Noklak.

The Department of Soil & Water Conservation has set up Biofertilizer Production Units at 10 locations across the state under the Soil Health and Fertility Scheme of PM-RKVY under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. These production units aim to promote sustainable agriculture by providing indigenous, cost-effective, eco-friendly biofertilizers and biopesticides to farmers across the state. On 12th July 2022, the Department signed MoA with Central Agricultural University, Umiam, Meghalaya for the technology transfer of three products, namely- CAU Bioenhancer, CAU Jhum Bioenhancer, and Um-Met Biopesticide. Each unit has a yearly production capacity of 5,000 litres, with outputs distributed to farmers, demonstration farms, and

government supported agricultural initiatives throughout the state.

### **Commissioning Of Waste Collection & Transportation Vehicles Under Swachh Bharat Kosh**

In a parallel initiative to improve urban sanitation, Chief Minister Dr. Rio also commissioned Waste Collection and Transportation Vehicles to 20 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the state under the Swachh Bharat Kosh, an initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

The Swachh Bharat Kosh has been set up in 2014 to facilitate channelization of philanthropic contributions and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds towards Clean India. The Ministry of MoHUA initiates funding for the ULBs through Swachh Bharat Kosh for 20 ULBs of Nagaland out of 39 ULBs of the state. The select 20 ULBs will receive 41 sanitation collection and transportation vehicles, equipped with GPS and PA systems for efficient waste collection and monitoring. All eligible ULBs will receive Uniforms, shoes, raincoats, winter jackets, bins and tools for waste handling.

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## **Y. PATTON INAUGURATES SDPOs OFFICE AT PUNGRO**

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Deputy Chief Minister, Home & Border Affairs, Yanthungo Patton inaugurated the Office Of The Sub-Divisional Police Officer (ex-officio) Pungro at Pungro Town, Kiphire on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025, in presence of Advisor, Home Guards and Civil Defence, Fire & Emergency Services, Relief and Rehabilitation, S. Kiusumew Yimchunger.

The Deputy Chief Minister was accompanied by Videlalie Zashumo, IPS Inspector General of Police (ADM), Temsuwati

Longkumer, Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, Chinese Chakhesang, NPS, Superintendent of Police, Kiphire and a host of senior government officials and NGOs.

In his inaugural address, the Minister thanked the people of Pungro area for continuous support towards the administration and maintenance of Law & Order. While expressing concern that issues related to compensation and the land ownership system have remained

major hurdles to swift development in the Naga context, the Minister urged that the people should instead contribute positively towards developmental initiatives. The newly inaugurated office will continue to function

from the existing old office building, which is in a dilapidated condition. As such, the Deputy Chief Minister assured that construction of a new office building would be taken up at the earliest possible time.

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## SLICE SMALL FINANCE BANK INAUGURATES NEW BRANCH IN WOKHA DISTRICT

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On 30th August 2025, Slice Small Finance Bank inaugurated a new branch in Wokha District, Nagaland, marking its sixth branch in the state. The event was graced by Dr. Chumben Murry, Advisor to the Chief Minister of Nagaland.

In his address, Dr. Murry highlighted the bank's role in promoting financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and youth and women empowerment. He described the bank as a "lighthouse of resources" for the region. Stressing the need for accessible credit and financial services, he noted that such facilities would enhance the district's economic structure and empower citizens with the knowledge and tools for sustainable financial growth.

Deputy Commissioner Vineet Kumar (IAS) acknowledged the transitional phase

of Wokha's economy and raised concerns about the prevalence of informal loan lending systems, which often burden people with high interest rates. He expressed hope that the presence of Slice Small Finance Bank would offer a safer, regulated alternative for financial services.

Pranjal Medhi, Liability Head (Guwahati), outlined the bank's mission to support micro and small businesses. The bank aims to uplift small and micro businesses, foster entrepreneurship, and provide inclusive banking solutions tailored to the needs of underserved communities.

Short speeches were also delivered by representatives of Lotha Hoho and the President of Team Metamorphosis, Dr. Thungdemo Kyong, who expressed optimism about the bank's role in local development.



## A 'CHARMED' ENCOUNTER BETWEEN THE DR. T AO TROPHY 2025 CHAMPIONS AND PM VISHWAKARMA UNDER INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

-Molungnenla

The support and engagement of football fans from all over the state in the recently concluded Dr. T Ao Trophy 2025 has cemented its mantel in Nagaland's sports history. The Mon District team lifted the trophy in a nail-biting penalty shootout against the Niuland team that had everyone chanting prayers in earnest.

The community's support throughout the tournament was particularly highlighted through social media and WhatsApp statuses which gave instant updates to viewers including non-football fans. Hentok Konyak's song "Kenlak Nang O üte" (You will start to fall in love with me) could be the perfect description to define this phenomenon. Originally a love song, the title captures the sentiment of the interest that the tournament generated among passive viewers and ironically, the singer is a native from the winning District Mon and sang the song at the finale.

The football bug also caught the attention of the Doll and Toy maker PM Vishwakarma artisans from Kohima District. They reached out to the District Industries Centre and suggested if they could give good luck crochet key charms to the players of Mon team. The team connected with a government official who ardently posted updates on the Mon team's matches and through her facilitation, the artisans were able to gift the charms the day before the finale. Seeing the performance of the team, Awamenla Kichu, who crafted the charms, says "I feel proud and happy to be able to be part of the Mon team's journey

through my craft. I have been making dolls and toys for four years now and the PM Vishwakarma scheme has upskilled my craft through the toolkit we received after the training. This is a moment I will not forget, and I hope the Mon team fondly remember us when they use the charms".

So far under the scheme, 1622 Vishwakarmas have been trained in Basket weaving, Doll making, Barber, Carpentry, Tailoring, and Masonry trades. The PM Vishwakarma Scheme was launched by the Government of India on September 17, 2023, to support traditional artisans and craftspeople, collectively known as Vishwakarmas. The scheme aims to provide comprehensive support, including training, 15,000 worth toolkit, collateral free credit up to 3 lakhs, and market access, to enhance their skills and livelihoods. It is being implemented in the state by the Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Nagaland.

The 18 identified trades under the scheme are Carpenter, Goldsmith, Potter, Barber, Cobbler, Sculptor, Tailor, Washerman, Boat Maker, Mason, Armourer, Blacksmith, Hammer and tool Kit Maker, Locksmith, Stone Breaker, Basket/Mat/Broom Maker/Coir Weaver, Doll & Toy Maker, Garland Maker, Fishing Net Maker. Interested artisans can enroll at registered Common Service Centres (CSC). The criteria for enrollment can be found on [pmvishwakarma.gov.in](http://pmvishwakarma.gov.in).



*The funeral service of Nagaland Governor, La Ganesan held with full state honours on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 in Chennai.*



*NLA members, Officers & staff of Governor Secreteriat at the Memorial service of Late La. Ganesan, Governor of Nagaland, held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima on 16<sup>th</sup> august 2025.*



*Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio inspecting the parade during the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



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## A GLIMPSE OF THE 79<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY 2025



*Minister for Roads & Bridges, G. Kaito aye inspecting the parade contingents during the occasion of 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at DDSC stadium, Dimapur on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.*



*Advisor for Water Resources, Tonpang Ozukum taking the Rastriya Salute during the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Local Ground, Mon on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Advisor, IPR, Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen addressing the gathering during the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Parade Ground, Tuensang on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Speaker NLA, Sharingain Longkumer inspecting the parade during 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Mokokchung on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Minister, Salhoutuonuo Kruse inspecting the parade contingent on the occasion of the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Local Ground, Wokha on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Minister, Public Health Engineering & Cooperation, N. Jacob Zhimomi, addressing the gathering during the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Local Ground, Phek on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Advisor, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio inspecting the parade during 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Tseminyu on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Advisor for Treasuries & Accounts, Art & Culture, K. Konngam Konyak, taking the Rastriya Salute during the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at public ground, Longleng on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

## A GLIMPSE OF THE 79<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY 2025



*Advisor, Transport & Technical Education, Temjenmenba gracing the Independence Day celebration at Local Ground, Meluri on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Minister for Higher Education & Tourism, Temjen Imna Along delivering the speech during the Independence Day celebration at Public Ground, Niuland on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025*



*Minister for Housing & Mechanical Engineering P. Bashangmongba Chang inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Parade ground, Noklak on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Deputy Speaker NLA, S. Toiho Yepto inspecting the parade contingents on the occasion of 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at DC office complex, Peren on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Advisor, Miority Affairs & Sericulture, Imkongmar taking the Rastriya Salute during the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Local Ground, Zunheboto on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025*



*Deputy Chief Minister, Yanthungo Patton inspecting the parade during 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Kiphire on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Minister for Forest, Environment & Climate Change and Village Guards, C.L John, inspecting the parade during the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration at Sammogooting Stadium, Chumukedima on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Advisor for Youth Resource & Sports, S.Keoshu Yimchunger taking the Rastriya Salute during the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration at Public Ground, Shamator on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

## STATE ROUND-UP



*DGP Rupin Sharma, IPS and Chairman NSCPCR, Alun Hangsing, along with police personnels and members of the NSCPCR during the one-day sensitization programme on Child Rights & child Protection held at PHQ, Kohima on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Advisor to CM, Abu metha, Jt Secy, IPR, Kusa Fithu, Rtd Director, IPR, Limawati Ao, and Director IPR, Dzäivnuo Theünuo, at the 2 day Sensitization Training on News & Photo Reporting at DIPR Conference Hall, Kohima, on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Chief Secretary, Sentianger Imchen, chairing the Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan, a State-level Orientation Program held at CS's Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*

## DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES



*Dr. Neiphiu Rio flagging off the Waste Collection & Transportation Vehicles during the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration at Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Dy. CM, Y. Patton along with other dignitaries during the inauguration of SDPO's office, Pungro, Kiphire on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*



*Advisor to Chief Minister, Dr. Chumben Murry addressing the gathering at the inauguration of the Slice Small Finance Bank's new branch in Wokha District on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025.*