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The Seventh session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly in progress at NLA hall, Kohima on 2nd September 2025.



Chief Minister, Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio along with the awardees of State Teachers' Award on the occasion of the State Level Teachers' Day 2025 celebration held at NBCC convention hall on 5th September 2025.



Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat presenting the 'Silver Banyan Award for Best Cultural Music Dance' by THE WEEK, Heritage Awards to Joint Resident Commissioner, NH New Delhi, Sharon Longchari at New Delhi on 13th September 2025.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS and NOTIFICATIONS

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTES JOB RESERVATION COMMISSION

The Commissioner & Secretary, Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department, Government of Nagaland, Mohammed Ali Shihab, IAS, has constituted a Job Reservation Commission to examine and submit a report on Reservation Policy in Government employment and to make recommendations for a suitable policy governing equitable representation of various tribes of the State in Government employment with the following composition:

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| 1. R Ramakrishnan. IAS (Rtd.) | : Chairman |
| 2. AHoD of Home Department/Home Commissioner | : Member |
| 3. AHoD of Law & Justice Department | : Member |
| 4. AHoD of Higher and Technical Education Department | : Member |
| 5. AHoD of P&AR Department | : Member Secretary |

1. The Powers of the Commission

In the exercise of its functions, the Commission shall have the following powers:

- a. The Commission shall have access to all Government records and documents that the Commission feel relevant to the discharge of its duties.
- b. The Commission shall have the power to call any Government official/ Department to brief the Commission on issues relating to the terms of reference of the Commission.

2. The Terms of Reference of the Commission shall be as under:

- a. To examine the Constitutional and statutory provisions governing reservations in Government employment in the Central and various relevant State Governments.
- b. To critically examine the educational and economic parameters that are being applied for determining the criteria for reservation.
- c. To examine the existing job Reservation Policy in the State and its impact on the representation of various categories in Government employment.
- d. To hold comprehensive consultations with representatives of Apex Tribal bodies, and other stakeholders, including students, employees' associations and the like, on the equitable application of the reservation policy.
- e. To evolve and propose suitable criteria on which a tribe may be considered for reservation in Government employment, and the overall percentage of reservation in Government employment and the inter se distribution.
- f. To examine the extent to which reservation in the Government employment may address the defined backwardness of a tribe and the period for such reservations.
- g. To examine the implementation and monitoring mechanism of the Reservation Policy, identify gaps and suggest suitable measures, including appropriate technology interventions to make the mechanism robust, error-free and fool proof.
- h. The Commission shall make recommendations, based on the terms of reference, for the consideration of the Government. The Commission shall also examine

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such other matters as the Government may hereafter refer to the Commission. The Commission shall submit its report within six months.

- i. The Commission shall be provided with suitable office space and requisite secretarial and logistical services by the Home Department by drawing upon the resources available with various other Departments if required. The Finance Department will make provision for the necessary budget to meet the expenditure requirements of the Commission. The details of the remuneration/honorarium of the members will be notified separately.

NSDMA UPDATES EMERGENCY NUMBERS

The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Home Department, has updated its emergency numbers for the State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) to facilitate effective crisis response and support for citizens of Nagaland in case of disasters or emergencies for immediate support and reliable guidance.

The official numbers provided are:

1. 1070 (Toll-Free)
2. 112 (ERSS for Disaster Management)
3. 0370-2291120
4. 0370-2291122

ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES ON DIGITIZATION OF OLD MANUAL BIRTHS AND DEATHS CERTIFICATES

The Department of Economics & Statistics has notified on digitization of old manual births and deaths certificates through the ORGI Portal (crsorgi.gov.in) to maintain a comprehensive digital registry of births and deaths records within the state due to the requirement of digital births and deaths certificates from citizens and various institutions. The procedures are as follows:

1. Births and Deaths Certificates Issued Prior to 2014: To digitize births and deaths certificate issued prior to 2014, the applicant must surrender the original manual certificates to the concerned Registrar and a new digitized certificate will be issued.
2. Births and Deaths Certificates Issued Post 2014: Applicants seeking to digitize births and deaths certificate issued after 2014 are required to produce an affidavit approved by a District Magistrate or Sub-Divisional Magistrate or an Executive Magistrate authorized by the District Magistrate to the Registrar along with the original manual birth/death certificate.
3. Only genuine certificate issued by the Registrar of Births & Deaths and information available in the record can be digitized.
4. The District Economics & Statistics Officers (DESOs) have been authorized to register births & deaths events through the CRS, ORGI Portal for those rural Registration units which are yet to be digitized.

TRAINING ON AADI KARMAYOGI ABHIYAN HELD

A four-day training program under Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan for officials from 12 districts was conducted at SCERT, Kohima, on 1st September 2025. The event was jointly organized by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, and the Department of Tribal Affairs, Nagaland.

Advisor, Tribal Affairs & Election, H. Tovihoto Ayemi who was the chief guest, in his address, stated that the Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan is a flagship national mission launched by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, is a mission that aims to empower tribal communities by nurturing global leadership and strengthening governance from the grassroots level to build a networking of 20 lakh+ tribal leaders across one lakh villages and 550 districts across 30 different states and union territories in India to ensure that the governance system is responsive,

inclusive and people centric.

Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Angelina Tajen highlighted about Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), a scheme launched by the Prime Minister on 2nd October 2024, which is a nationwide initiative aimed at the holistic development of tribal communities in India. For Nagaland, she said, there are 15 departments converging together and each department making their own interventions to the scheme.

A team of SMT, two super coaches, four members from Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF) and 69 DMTs from 6 key departments from 12 districts will be training the officials during the 4-day training. The inaugural programme was chaired by Programme Officer & SMT, Tribal Affairs, M. Kichung Phom.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURIES & ACCOUNTS HOLDS SNA-SPARSH TRAINING

The Department of Treasuries & Accounts, Government of Nagaland, organised training on SNA-Sparsh for Government Departments at its Directorate's Conference Hall, Kohima on 1st September 2025.

The training was chaired by Director and HoD, Treasuries and Accounts, Tssurenthung Odyuo and the resource persons for the training were Assistant Accounts Officer, PFMS, Shalinder Sachdeva and Assistant Accounts Officer, PFMS, Meghna Sen.

Shalinder Sachdeva, in the training session, gave an overview of the inception of SNA-Sparsh, introduced in 2023 with an aim to facilitate more effective cash management and achieving the goal of "just-in-time"

fund flow from both the Centre and State Consolidated Funds through an integrated network of State IFMS, e-Kuber of RBI for centrally-sponsored schemes (CSS).

Meghna Sen, in the second session, trained the attendees on how to transition from the pre-SNA system to the newly introduced SNA-Sparsh system. She also talked about the new features like the New Action Menu at State Scheme Manager, mapping of new RBI account, generation of expenditure bills through IFMIS instead of PFMS, Mother Sanction to be released by GoI for centre share amongst others. It was also informed that the entire system would be operated through a single RBI account which was a shift from the previous usage of

commercial banks' accounts for the delivery of funds.

The training ended with an interactive question-and-answer session.

10th REGIONAL SARAS FAIR 2025 HELD AT DIMAPUR



Director, Rural Development, M. Mongna Konyak and officials during the inauguration of the 10th Regional Saras Fair 2025 held at Dimapur on 1st September 2025.

The 10th Regional Sale of Articles of Rural Artisans Society (SARAS) Fair 2025 organized by the Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission (NSRLM) was held at Super Market Dimapur from 1st to 10th September 2025.

At the inaugural function the special guest M. Mongna Konyak, Director of Rural Development, inaugurated the stalls. The

event aims to showcase crafts and products by rural women under the initiative Saras Aajeevika.

Altogether, 43 Self Help Groups (SHGs) from Nagaland as well as Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, and Manipur participated in the fair, providing a platform for rural artisans and entrepreneurs to exhibit and sell their products.

TRAINING IN PALLIATIVE CARE FOR MEDICAL OFFICERS CONDUCTED

The National Programme for Palliative Care (NPPC), under the Department of Health & Family Welfare, conducted a State-level Training of Trainers (ToT) in Palliative Care for Medical Officers from September 2nd to 4th 2025, at the Directorate Conference Hall in Kohima.

Dr. Chikrozho Kezo, Joint Director and State Programme Officer (SPO) for NPPC, delivered the welcome address.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Mereninla Senlem, Principal Director of

DH&FW, highlighted the growing need for palliative care due to an ageing population and the increasing prevalence of both non-communicable and certain communicable diseases. Since over 80% of palliative care needs can be met at home, she advocated for strengthening home-based care. She also emphasized district-level implementation, effective pain and symptom management, and interdisciplinary collaboration for holistic care.

Dr. Keveduyi Theyo, SPO of NHM,

shared that NPPC, launched in 2012, is now integrated into the National Health Mission. Nagaland began implementing the programme in 2017, focusing on infrastructure development, capacity building, medicine availability, and raising awareness. The three-day training covered various aspects of palliative care, with expert

sessions delivered by Dr. Kikato Chishi (Oncology, NHAK Kohima), Dr. Nepuni Athikho (Consultant in Family Medicine & Geriatric Health, Eden Hospital), Dr. Tony Vikas Bishwas (HoD & Consultant in Palliative Medicine, CIHSR), and Ethungbemo Ezung (Drug Control Officer, DHFW Drug Control Administration).

ROUNDTABLE HELD WITH VISITING IFS OFFICERS

The Government of Nagaland, through the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), hosted a Roundtable with visiting Indian Foreign Service Officers (IFS) at Hotel De Oriental Grand, Kohima, on 2nd September 2025.

The meeting was chaired by Advisor to the Chief Minister and Chairman, IDAN, Abu Metha, and attended by Ministers, Advisors, senior officials, and stakeholders from multiple departments.

The special guests included High Commissioner of India to Maputo, Mozambique, Robert Shetkintong, and Consul General of India in Vancouver, Canada, R. Masakui, who are on a five days State Attachment to Nagaland as part of the Mid-Career Training Programme (MCTP-III) of the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service.

Abu Metha welcomed the dignitaries and participants, highlighting Nagaland's transformation from a conflict-driven narrative to a state of opportunities in culture, sports, and tourism. He emphasized Nagaland's role as a gateway in the Asian Century, with new confidence among its youth, and called for leveraging Indian Missions abroad to showcase Nagaland's strengths.

Minister for Tourism & Higher

Education, Temjen Imna Along, underlined Nagaland's uniqueness with over 2,000 vibrant villages, its safe environment for women, and the state's aspiration for prosperity. He stressed the need to nurture Nagaland's creative economy, strengthen employment opportunities, and harness the state's cultural and social capital for growth.

Presentations by IDAN and TaFMA (Task Force for Music & Arts) showcased Nagaland's potential in music, arts, handloom, handicrafts, film, and festivals such as the Hornbill Festival. TaFMA highlighted Nagaland's growing global footprint through partnerships, training, and international performances.

Discussions emphasized sports as a major driver of youth empowerment. The Chairman announced that Nagaland will host the World Belt Wrestling Championship in November 2025. Opportunities for collaboration in traditional sports, e-sports, and exchange programs for athletes and coaches were explored.

R. Masakui highlighted the importance of aligning Nagaland's strengths with India's Act East Policy, promoting educational exchanges, indigenous knowledge, and branding of unique Naga products for global recognition.

Robert Shetkintong encouraged

Nagaland to expand cultural diplomacy, tourism promotion, and market linkages for artisans and entrepreneurs. He cited opportunities for Naga artists and performers to participate in global cultural platforms.

Legislators, senior officers, and stakeholders shared insights on promoting private sector participation, enhancing education with global best practices, supporting handicrafts and handloom exports, and expanding indigenous knowledge systems.

The Roundtable concluded with a shared commitment to position Nagaland as a hub of the creative economy in Asia, driven by convergence of culture, sports, tourism, and innovation.

On the 3rd September they also called on the Chief Secretary Sentiyanger Imchen,



High Commissioner of India to Mozambique, Robert Shetkintong, and Consul General of CGI, Vancouver, R. Masakui with Chief Secretary Sentiyanger Imchen, IAS at his Office Chamber at Nagaland Civil Secretariate, Kohima on 3rd September 2025.

IAS, ACS EF& CC & DG ATI, Finance commissioner and Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, and had fruitful interaction on various matters.

NAGALAND HOSTS COFFEE BOARD DELEGATION, EYES ORGANIC COFFEE EXPANSION

Members of the Coffee Board of India (CBI) arrived in Nagaland on 2nd September 2025 for a multi-day visit aimed at assessing the progress and potential of coffee cultivation in the region. The team was led by Chairman M.J. Dinesh, along with CEO & Secretary Kuma Roa M., IAS, and other board members.

As a highlight of the visit, the 219th Coffee Board Meeting was held on 3rd September 2025 at Vivor Hotel, Kohima, hosted by the Department of Land Resources, Government of Nagaland. Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio, addressed the Coffee Board members and emphasized the potential of coffee as a sustainable and identity-defining crop for

the state.

Dr. Rio recalled that coffee cultivation in Nagaland began in the 1980s with the support of the Coffee Board of India, but the initiative failed not due to farmers, he noted, but due to a lack of effective management by the Board. He expressed optimism that with renewed engagement between the Coffee Board and the Department of Land Resources, the coffee sector in Nagaland could see a successful revival. Dr. Rio noted that Nagaland holds the potential for coffee plantations across more than 10 lakh hectares and suggested that under the "Viksit Bharat 2047" vision, coffee could become a defining identity of the state.

SEVENTH SESSION OF 14th NAGALAND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD

The Seventh Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly commenced at the Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Kohima on 2nd September 2025.

Before the commencement of



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio with Speaker NLA, Sharingain Longkumer and Chairman, IDAN, Abu Metha during the launching of Handbook, A Guide to Better Health, at NLA Secretariate, Kohima on 2nd September 2025.

official business in the House, Chief Minister & Leader of the House, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, officially launched a health awareness handbook titled "A Guide to Better Health." He was joined by Speaker of the NLA, Sharingain Longkumer, and Advisor to the Chief Minister & Chairman of IDAN, Abu Metha. Following the launch, the Speaker formally laid the handbook before the House and announced it during the session.

During the first day's proceedings, Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio delivered an obituary reference to Late La. Ganesan, former Governor of Nagaland. The House also paid tribute to Late Nungsangyapang, former member of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, led by Speaker Sharingain Longkumer.

STARRED AND SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION RAISED BY MEMBERS OF NLA

On the two day session of the 14th NLA, the Ministers in-charge of various departments responded to several starred question raised by Members of the House.

Responding to the question on the status of PMGSY Package-3 asked by MLA, Nuklutoshi, Minister for Roads & Bridges, G. Kaito Aye informed the house that physical progress of PMGSY Package-3 is 17% and financial progress is 6%. Kaito mentioned that the reason for the delay is the non-payment of contractor bills since the Online Management Monitoring and Accounting System (OMMAS) was locked by the Ministry for 1 year from March 2024 to March 2025.

MLA, Kuzholuzo Nieno, raising the issue of reservation and the number of employees in the State (tribe-wise) noted

that the number of employees in the State Government is not proportionate to its population. He suggested a competent authority come up with total population of all tribes, collect data on the number of employees from all departments and to determine whether number of employees is proportionate to its population.

Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton informed the Assembly that the Ministry of Home Affairs has reimposed the Protected Area Permit (PAP) in Nagaland, Manipur, and Mizoram from December 17, 2024, citing security concerns along border areas. Responding to a query by MLA Achumbemo Kikon, he also confirmed that no fencing has been initiated along Nagaland's 215 km stretch of the India-Myanmar border.

On the issue of Free Movement Regime (FMR), Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio reiterated the State Cabinet's opposition to both PAP and FMR. He said the State's stance was conveyed to the Union Home Minister and expressed hope for a positive review by the Centre.

On the second day of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly session on 4th September 2025, MLA Achumbemo Kikon raised concerns over Assam's eviction drive. Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton informed that eight villages in Wokha and six in Niuland districts were affected. On reply to the question whether Nagaland government has taken any steps to permanently protect the villagers presently settled at the Disputed Area Belt, Patton replied that the State Governments of Nagaland and Assam had signed four interim agreements on Nagaland-Assam border issue in the year 1972 and as per the Agreement, Naga settlements in the Disputed Area Belt (DAB) are not to be disturbed and status quo is to be maintained.

Replying to a starred question by MLA, Kuzholuzo Nieno on Cross Border Movement, the Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton stated that the abolition of Free Movement Regime has not been communicated to the State Government and it is being implemented with additional sets of regulations, allowing the holder of a "Border Pass" issued by an authorized representative of the Assam Rifles to stay up to 7 days at a time within 10 km of the IMB. He further informed that there are nine entry/exit points in Nagaland, and Border Passes are issued only to adults by authorised Assam Rifles personnel, with support from state police and medical staff.

In response to a query raised by MLA Nuklutoshi regarding the future prospects of the Tuli Paper Mill, Rural Development and

SIRD Minister, Metsubo Jamir informed that the company has indicated plans to shift its focus towards ethanol production, which is presently considered more profitable and economically viable than paper. On the issue of overdue payments, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio assured that a committee would be constituted to address the all issues relating to Paper Mill within a specified time frame. Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resource, A. Pangjung Jamir also spoke on the issue.

Answering to MLA, Achumbemo Kikon on the steps taken by department to minimize Human- Elephant conflict, Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change & Village Guards, C.L. John replied that the Department has taken several steps, besides a proposal for converting the Doyang Plantation Division Wokha into a Wildlife Division. He also mentioned that the Department has submitted two different mitigation plans in this regard. Kikon asked the Department for enhancement of compensation to those affected or killed by elephants, and urged the Department to deploy more forest personnel to the areas where a herd of elephants and other wild animals roam freely during the cropping seasons.

Advisor for Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan said that the elephant population has already exceeded the carrying capacity in the state. Therefore, population control and relocation of elephants are the two possible ways to reduce conflict.

Replying to a question raised by MLA, Kevipodi Sophie about the progress and status of the two- lane package-4 from D- Khel, Kohima Village to Kigwema Village, the Deputy Chief Minister, T.R. Zeliang informed the house that the project is being implemented by NHIDCL under MORTH.

He also added that the contractors are selected by MoRTH and that the State Government has no role in the selection process. He mentioned that the delay was due to land acquisition and legal issues. The project is now expected to be completed by March, 2026. He said that directions have



Deputy Chief Minister, T.R Zeliang participating in the discussion on the 2nd day of the Seventh Session on the 14th Assembly at NLA Hall, Kohima on 4th September 2025.

been given to NHIDCL for quality work and timely completion of the project.

With respect to the starred questions raised by MLA, Kuzholuzo in regard to the preparation of the State Government for Census 2027. The Deputy Chief Minister and Minister-in-charge of Home, Y. Patton said that the Government of Nagaland has received notification from the Government of India for the conduct of Census 2027 that has been published in the Gazette of India. With regards to the preparation of the same, Y Patton stated that the Home Department has been notified as the nodal department for the conduct of the Census and Home Commissioner.

He also added that the new Census 2027 would be the basis for the delimitation exercise.

NLA DELIBERATES ON ISSUES PERTAINING TO UNEMPLOYMENT IN NAGALAND

Initiating the discussion under Rule 50A Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu stated that Nagaland is one of the youngest among the states in the country with 40% of the population comprising of citizens from ages 15 to 35 as per the 2011 census, who are set to become the main drivers of the

state's socio-economic developmental affairs in the next 15-20 years and it is of utmost need to look into ways to shape and mould the youth of today for the growth of the state.

Dr. Kekhriehoulie Yhome, Advisor for School Education & SCERT, emphasized the need to uphold the dignity of workers, especially in the private sector. He pointed out that Nagaland has the lowest wage rates in the country and called for a structured wage and job classification system.

Advisor, Transport and Technical Education, Temjenmenba stressed on the objective of NEP 2020 for skill development and vocational training and further added that departments like IT, Industries & Commerce, Employment & Skill development and Technical Education has potential to produce skilled workers among the youth.



Advisor, Hekani Jakhalu taking part in the discussion on the first day of the Seventh Session of the 14th Assembly at NLA Hall, Kohima on 2th September 2025.

Advisor, Law & Justice and Land Revenue, T. N Mannen highlighted that Nagaland's greatest strength lies in its large young population. He stated that vocational training and job- oriented skill development should be encouraged for the youth.

Advisor, Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak mentioned that over dependence on Government jobs, gap between education and skills, part time workers not accounted for as some of the factors for high unemployment rate in Nagaland.

Minister for Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along highlighted the recent and comprehensive data on unemployment in Nagaland during the discussion. He mentioned that unemployment rate between the ages of 15 and above has gone from 4.3% to 7.1% after COVID-19 pandemic which means a surge of 65% increase.

MLA, Dr. Neisatuo Mero highlighted that unemployment has emerged as one of the most pressing crises, with the job market becoming increasingly difficult due to massive job losses, particularly in the aftermath of

the COVID-19 pandemic. If left unchecked, unemployment could also lead to the rise of undesirable social elements in the state.

MLA, Achumbemo Kikon stated the need for a policy that focuses on educated and uneducated unemployed youths alike. He also spoke on oversaturation of the government offices, stressing on the need to encourage the youth to realize their purpose through entrepreneurial ventures.

Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu emphasized the need for accurate data to guide decisions and highlighted government initiatives like free skill development programs and a micro-finance cell under IDAN offering collateral-free loans repayable after five years.

Pointing to the potential of the handloom and handicraft sectors, he stressed collaborating with experts to scale up commercial designs involving tribal women. He concluded that reducing reliance on government jobs requires addressing skill gaps effectively, turning today's challenges into a foundation for a self-reliant future.

DISCUSSION ON SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu raised the issue pertaining to "Safeguarding the Rights of Indigenous Communities" on 4th September 2025 during the assembly session.

Nienu expressed concern over the increasing presence of illegal immigrants in Nagaland, emphasizing its negative impact on the rights of indigenous people and demographic changes, especially in Dimapur. He stated that this change should be a wakeup call for the Nagas, and reminded them to not let people take advantage of their kindness and hospitality. He proposed

creating a Department for Indigenous Affairs and recommended measures like door to door migrant census, more police manpower, deportation centres, and a multi-departmental approach.

Minister for PHED and Cooperation, Jacob Zhimomi emphasized the need for people to align their lifestyles with their income levels and stressed the importance of instilling a strong work ethic in children so as to build a vibrant Nagaland and be at par with the rest of the states during Viksit Bharat 2047.

Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome said a “lack or surplus” attracts migration of people as wage defines labour migration. Yhome emphasized the importance of safeguarding our children, land, and biodiversity for which, our frontier areas need to be protected.

MLA Dr. Sukhato A. Sema emphasised the need for stricter oversight, he called for a strong and effective system from top-level bureaucrats down to the village level to monitor and control illegal immigration.

Advisor, Food & Civil Supplies, Legal Metrology, K.T. Sukhalu highlighted the shortage of Language Teachers in the state, and suggested post creation on fixed pay to recruit language teachers across the state and help the younger generation know their own culture, their language and the importance of their indigenous identity.

MLA Dr. Neisatuo Mero emphasized the importance of Nagas protecting their land and people, just as their forefathers did. He cautioned that unchecked illegal immigration will affect the indigenous people socially, economically and politically. He suggested strengthening of Inner Line Permit (ILP) counters at Dimapur Railway

Station and Dimapur Airport to check influx of illegal immigrants, recruit more manpower to check ILP, to prioritise on the indigenous youth and empower them with skill entrepreneurship and to balance development while preserving our culture.

Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso, MLA, proposed that each village should maintain monthly birth records and annual death records, to be submitted to the administrative offices every year. He noted that such data, could serve as an important reference for determining indigenous inhabitants of the State as well as for census purposes.

Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio referenced the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulations, 1873 and Article 371A of the Indian Constitution as crucial protections for Naga culture and traditions. He proposed the development of an online immigrant database to help authorities and citizens track and manage illegal immigration. He concluded by calling for a collective effort from all sections of society to dominate local economic spaces, which would naturally reduce the presence of illegal migrants without the need for aggressive eviction measures.

MLA PONGSHI PHOM RAISES THE IMPORTANCE OF GST DURING THE ZERO HOUR

During the Zero Hour on the first day MLA, A. Pongshi Phom raised the importance of Goods & Services Tax (GST) collection in Nagaland. Phom stated that GST is the backbone of the State's revenue and a major source of income to the State exchequer.

State GST revenue recorded a remarkable rise with 104% year-on-year growth in June 2025, following a strong growth of 43% in April and 44% in May 2025.

This growth could be attributed to internal reforms, skill development, enhanced enforcement measures and compliance by the business community.

He also suggested some areas in which GST can be introduced in order to boost the State revenue; commercial house rent, sand and stone chips, and unauthorized transporters.

He pointed out that amendment in GST

laws is the need of the hour since the laws have not been reviewed after its introduction, and urged the DDOs in government departments to ensure that GSTR-7 (Monthly TDS return) be filed on time before insisting a Tax Clearance Certificate so that contractors and suppliers do not face unnecessary difficulties.

State GST Grievance Redressal Committee must be formed comprising of Government representatives, Trade Bodies,

Tax Practitioners and Professionals, he suggested.

Leader of the House, Dr. Neiphiu Rio emphasized the importance of GST as it has been the State's main source of income, and mentioned that no government can survive without paying taxes to the government. Therefore, he urged the public and all the responsible citizens to make a habit of paying taxes on time.

DEPUTY CM Y. PATTON MAKES A STATEMENT ON EVICTION DRIVE OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ON DISPUTED AREA BELT

Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton on the Second day of the Seventh Session of the 14th NLA on 4th September, 2025 made a statement under Rule-55 in the Assembly concerning the eviction of illegal immigrants from the Disputed Area Belt (DAB). He said that since the first information about an eviction-oriented survey in the Reserve Forest by Assam authorities which was received on 16th July 2025, The Nagaland State Government, under the supervision of Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio has been closely monitoring the situation. Upon learning of these developments, the Border Magistrate, Uriamghat, Nagaland, raised the issue with the Border Magistrate, Surapathar, on 17th July 2025, and conducted an on-site verification. Following this, a joint coordination meeting was held on 22nd July 2025 with senior officials from both sides at Surapathar, Assam. Patton informed the house that on 24th July 2025, he toured the DAB area of Wokha and Niuland accompanied by MLAs, representatives from Lotha Hoho, Lotha Students' Union, and Western Sumi Hoho local leaders to engage directly with the affected public.

He stated that the State Cabinet on 30th July 2025 decided that all eviction



Deputy Chief Minister, Yanthungo Patton taking part in the discussion during the Seventh Session of the 14th Assembly at NLA Hall, Kohima on 4th September 2025.

drives would be conducted jointly by district administrations and police from both Nagaland and Assam in order to ensure no unilateral actions are taken and to prevent the influx of illegal immigrants.

Patton informed the house that after discussions between the Chief Ministers of Nagaland and Assam on 21st August, 2025, both parties agreed to halt any further plantations or pillar erections until matters are resolved at the Chief Ministerial level, following which on 26th August 2025, the Cabinet resolved that all illegal immigrants are to be evicted, and any required plantation drives will be carried out jointly by both states, with coordination among district administrations, police, forest departments,

and involvement of local communities. He also stated that the Cabinet had resolved to communicate with the Union Home Minister and Ministry of Home Affairs regarding the continued presence of Assam Police Forces in the DAB, which is contrary to the 1972 Agreement. He said that Assam now operates 45 permanent police outposts in the DAB, while Nagaland has withdrawn all its five pre-1972 police outposts.

The Cabinet had also agreed to establish a Special Border Response Force (SBRF) including personnel from Border Affairs,

Police, and Forest Department for prompt response to any border issues. He assured all the members the State Government will continue all necessary steps to protect the interests of its citizens in all border districts, ensuring no unilateral actions are taken and that all eviction or plantation drives are strictly joint undertakings. He appealed to all civil society organizations and the media to rely only on verified, official sources for all information related to recent developments in the DAB.

DR. TSEILHOUTUO RHUTSO RAISES RESERVATION POLICY DURING ZERO HOUR



MLA, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso speaking during the zero hour on the 2nd day of the Seventh Session of the 14th Assembly at NLA Hall, Kohima on 4th September 2025.

MLA, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso, raised concerns over the State's Reservation policy during Zero Hour on the Second day of the Seventh Session of the 14th NLA on 4th September, 2025. He highlighted that, despite being in place for several decades, many underprivileged and voiceless individuals within both the Advanced Tribes (AT) and Backward Tribes (BT) continue to have limited access to opportunities and resources for social advancement.

He observed that even after 48 years

of implementation, the benefits of the Reservation policy have primarily gone to the more advanced and urban elite groups the so-called creamy layer which undermines the very objective of the policy. He therefore urged the government to review the system to ensure that weaker sections from both ATs and BTs are supported and given equitable opportunities.

In this regard, Dr. Rhutso put forward the following suggestions:

1. Introduce two categories: General Category (GC) for the well-off sections of ATs and the creamy layer of BTs, and Reserved Category (RC) for the underprivileged sections of both ATs and BTs, with clear government criteria for classification.
2. Allocate 50% reservation for GC and 50% for RC.
3. Allow applicants to choose between GC or RC; GC applicants would require minimal scrutiny, while RC applicants may be required to sign a declaration bond.

4. Permit ATs and BTs to have further sub-reservation within their respective categories.
5. Ensure that NSSB and NPSC results are declared strictly on merit, but with a 50/50 distribution between GC and RC.
6. For backlog vacancies, if a reserved seat remains unfilled by a particular tribe, it should be offered to the next tribe in line, ensuring qualified candidates are not deprived of timely opportunities and to prevent cases of overage.
7. Each individual should be allowed to avail the Reservation quota only once in their lifetime.
8. No Reservation should be applicable for professional services through NPSC/NSSB if the candidate has already availed the RC quota earlier, such as during admissions for JEE, NEET, or higher technical studies.

In his reply, Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio acknowledged the importance of reviewing the Reservation policy, noting the need to uphold meritocracy while also empowering the weaker sections. Rio also informed that a committee has already been formed by the state government which is very much receptive to any issues that are brought by the people.

ASSENT TO BILLS:

The Secretary-in-Charge, Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat reported the assent of the Governor of Nagaland to the following Bills:

1. Nagaland Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2025.
2. Nagaland Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2025.
3. Nagaland Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2025.
4. The Nagaland Goods and Services Tax (Tenth Amendment) Bill, 2025.
5. The Nagaland Town and country planning (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2025.
6. The Nagaland Work- Charged and Casual Employees Regulation (Second Amendment) Bill, 2025.
7. The Rules for Administration of Justice and Police in Nagaland (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2025.

NLA PASSES TWO BILLS:

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio moved the following Bills:

1. The Nagaland State Finance Commission bill, 2025.
2. The Nagaland Flood Plain Zoning Bill, 2025.

The Seventh Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly was adjourned sine die on September 4, 2025, by Speaker Sharingain Longkumer.

NAGALAND CELEBRATES TEACHERS' DAY 2025 WITH STATEWIDE TRIBUTES AND RECOGNITIONS

Kohima

Nagaland joined the rest of the country in observing Teachers' Day 2025 on September 5, commemorating the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Events took place at state, district, and local levels to pay

tribute to educators and acknowledge their vital contribution to society.

The state-level celebration was held at NBCC Convention Hall, Kohima, with Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio as the chief guest.

Dr. Rio outlined several major educational

reforms, including the Nagaland State Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage Education (NSCFSE), Mission SOAR (Systems for Outstanding Achievements and Reformation), formation of the Nagaland State School Standards Authority (NSSSA), in line with the National Education Policy 2020 and proposal to introduce music education at the elementary level, in collaboration with TaFMA and Yamaha Inc., In addition, the government is emphasizing mother-tongue-based education and working closely with Nagaland University to develop and standardize tribal languages, train certified language teachers, and create local language literature.

The Advisor for School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhriehoulie Yhome, stressed the importance of improving education through three key areas: strengthening infrastructure, ensuring good governance—especially in teacher management—and enhancing the learning environment through curriculum upgrades and regular teacher training.

Masakui Rungsung, the Consul General of India in Vancouver, also shared his thoughts virtually, recognizing teachers as the foundation of society who instill knowledge, curiosity, and character. He noted that behind every successful student is a teacher who believed in them.

Messages from the President, Prime Minister, Union Education Minister, and Governor of Nagaland were also read during the programme.

The Chief Minister officially launched the Mission SOAR and the Introduction of Music in Elementary Education with Yamaha Inc. during the event. On this occasion, 13 teachers were conferred with the Nagaland State Teachers' Award, while four schools

received recognition for excellence in school safety under the SSB Phase 2 initiative.

District-Level Teachers' Day Celebrations Across Nagaland

Wokha

The District Education Office hosted a commemorative event at VDB Hall, Wokha, where four teachers were honoured for their outstanding service. SDO (C) Echungbemo Erui, speaking as the special guest, emphasized the moral responsibility and integrity that teachers must uphold in shaping the nation.

Shamator

Schools across Shamator District celebrated at Government Middle School Y. Anner, organised by the School Management Committee (SMC) led by Chairman L. Mukam Yimkhiung. He praised the elimination of proxy teaching and encouraged students to remain dedicated to their education.

Tening (Peren)

The Liangmai Students' Union Nagaland (LSUN) organized a combined Teachers' Day and Cultural Day at Tening Town Hall under the theme "Honouring Wisdom, Celebrating Culture." ADC K. Furhesie Nyuwi, the special guest, underscored the significance of educators and urged students to cherish their culture while excelling academically.

Mon

The Department of School Education celebrated Teachers' Day under the theme "Empowering Educators for a Progressive Future" at Town Council Hall, Mon. Deputy Commissioner Wennyei Konyak, NCS, commended the dedication of teachers, especially in remote regions, and acknowledged their vital role in nation-building. T. Limawapang and S. Tingiei received District Teachers' Awards.

Tseminyu

A combined Teachers' Day and Award

ceremony was held at Baptist Higher Secondary School, Tsemintyu. Graduate Teacher Agwale Kding and Primary Teacher Ruchuyhunle Kent received the District Teachers' Awards. ADC Kikumsangla Jamir was the event's special guest.

Pughoboto

The Sub-Divisional Planning & Development Board (SDPDB) organised the celebration with MLA Dr. Sukhato A. Sema as the guest of honour. He lauded the contributions of teachers and congratulated seven NPSC qualifiers from the constituency.

Meluri

The first-ever District Teachers' Award

Ceremony was held at EBRC Hall, SDEO Office, Meluri. DC K. Mhathung Tsanglao (NCS) was the special guest. Leylüsang Leyri and Thimu were awarded, and Rhoshutho Nyuthe received the Nagaland State Teachers' Award. The DC urged educators to take a lead in both academic and community development.

Kiphire

At Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, Teachers' Day was celebrated with Dr. Phyobenthung, Principal of Zunheboto Government College, as special guest. Sonal Yimchunger, K. Aliba Sangtam, and S. Kiutsumong were awarded District Teachers' Awards.

NE REGION MINISTERS' CONFERENCE & 3rd NE AVIATION SUMMIT HELD AT ITANAGAR

The North East Region Ministers' Conference on Civil Aviation and the 3rd North East Aviation Summit was held on 4th September 2025 at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

The conference was inaugurated by Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India, Ram Mohan Naidu, along with Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu.

An official delegation from Nagaland, led by Robert Longchari, Commissioner & Secretary, Transport Department, along with Myingthungo Ababe Ezung, OSD, A.I.R Cell, Transport Department, and Nungshilemba Walling, Deputy General Manager, NST, attended the conference. The delegation actively engaged in discussions with senior officials from the Ministry of Civil Aviation,



Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu presenting a memento to Robert Longchari, Commissioner & Secretary of the Transport Department and leader of the Nagaland delegation, during the North East Region Ministers' Conference on Civil Aviation at the 3rd North East Aviation Summit held in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, on 4th September 2025.

DGCA, BCAS and AAI on the key challenges faced by the aviation sector in the region and the necessary support required to strengthen air connectivity.

PELENO PETENILHU HONORED WITH NATIONAL TEACHERS AWARD 2025

Peleno Petenilhu, an esteemed educator

from John Government Higher Secondary

School, Viswema, Kohima, has been honored with the National Teachers Award 2025 in recognition of her outstanding contributions to education. The award was presented during a ceremony held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, on September 5, 2025, alongside 65 other exceptional teachers from across India.

With a teaching career spanning over two decades, Peleno is known for her compassionate and purpose-driven approach to education. She launched the impactful "Each One Teach One" initiative, encouraging Class 12 students to mentor juniors from underprivileged backgrounds, fostering both empathy and leadership.

Beyond the classroom, Peleno has worked tirelessly to reduce student dropouts through personal outreach, including home visits, financial support, and providing mobile devices for learning. She also leads the English Professional Learning Community (PLC) in Kohima District, promoting collaboration and professional growth among teachers.

A pioneer in digital education, she has contributed to the ABHYAAS LMS and the DIKSHA platform, enhancing access to quality learning resources. Her dedication was previously recognized with the State Teacher Award in 2024.

SHARINGAIN LONGKUMER ENCOURAGES PROMOTION OF SPORTS AND INDIGENOUS IDENTITY AT NAGALAND DARTS ASSOCIATION EVENT

The Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer, graced the opening ceremony of the Nagaland Darts Championship on 5th September 2025, organised by The Nagaland Darts Association and lauded the Association's efforts in promoting darts across all districts of the state.

In his address, the Speaker who is also the Chief Patron of The Nagaland Darts Association (NDA) appreciated the presence and support of entrepreneurs and acknowledged the commendable initiative of the NDA in fostering sports culture. He expressed confidence in the Association's potential and called upon all to contribute towards the state's progress through sports, while also preserving Nagaland's indigenous identity.

Highlighting the opportunities in today's digital and globalised world,

Longkumer noted that Nagaland's human resources have earned recognition beyond the state. He suggested that the Association invite players from outside Nagaland to participate in tournaments, which would not only promote the sport and the state but also provide valuable exposure for local talents to learn and grow.

The Speaker further emphasised the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, encouraging the organisers to contribute to Nagaland's development by bringing minds together and conducting events in an environment-friendly and sustainable manner to give them a global outlook. He also mentioned the government's efforts in identifying sporting talents across the state and called for grooming them with values and opening wider opportunities. On darts, Longkumer underlined the skill of balance and coordination it requires, and encouraged the participants to pursue the

sport with dedication and enthusiasm.

President, David Angami highlighted various achievements and activities of NDA. NDA has its district partners in Kohima, Dimapur & Zunheboto. NDA also aims to

have district partners in all the remaining districts of Nagaland.

This is the 7th edition of the tournament, and had 28 participants in various categories.

NAGALAND SCHOOL HEADS EMBARK ON NEW ERA OF MULTI-SECTOR SKILL EDUCATION



Officials and participants during the one-day Training of Trainers workshop for school heads and headmasters conducted at St Paul School, Phesama, Kohima, on 8th September 2025.

A one-day Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop for school heads and headmasters was successfully conducted at St Paul School, Phesama, Kohima, on 8th September 2025, as part of the ongoing National Education Policy (NEP) pilot on multi-sector skill education. The event saw the participation of 26 school heads from pilot schools across Nagaland.

The workshop is a key component of the LIC HFL special project “Operationalizing Skill Education aligned with the National Education Policy 2020 and the National Curricular Framework 2023 in Nagaland,” supported by LIC HFL CSR, and organized by Lend a Hand India, in its capacity as the technical and knowledge partner of Samagra Shiksha Nagaland.

The workshop was graced by NBSE Chairperson, Rangumbuing Nsarangbe. In his address to the participants, Nsarangbe underscored the critical importance of skill

education in the state. He urged school heads to cultivate supportive learning environments within their schools to facilitate the effective delivery of skill-based courses that are aligned with the new NEP 2020 and NCF 2023. He further highlighted that these pilot schools are poised to become pioneers in driving multi-sector skill education in the days to come.

The sessions were expertly facilitated by the training team from Lend a Hand India, with participants engaging in interactive activities focused on the Healthcare and Fashion sectors. Upon completion of the longer workshop, these educators were equipped to implement the pilot program in their respective schools.

The one-day workshop served as a crucial prelude to a more extensive four-day workshop planned for vocational trainers and teachers starting 9th September to 12th September.

AWARENESS PROGRAM ON EPF & PM-VBRY SCHEME HELD AT KOHIMA

Employees Provident Funds Organisation in association with Office of the Labour Commissioner Government of Nagaland organised an Awareness Programme on EPF (Employee's Provident Funds) And PM-VBRY (Prime Minister Viksит Bharat Rozgar Yojana) Scheme at the Directorate of Employment, Skill Development and Enterprise, Kohima on 8th September 2025.

Commissioner & Secretary, Labour & Employment, Sotsula, IAS, described EPF as a vital social security tool promoting savings and financial stability among workers. She emphasized the importance of expanding awareness and participation, especially among workers in the unorganised and traditional sectors. Highlighting PM-VBRY's potential to broaden EPFO coverage, she urged employees to actively adopt the scheme to help build an inclusive social security system in Nagaland.

Assam Rifles Commandant, M.A. Farooqi, praised EPFO's role in ensuring

financial security and stressed the value of such awareness drives in empowering citizens and building public confidence.

Joint Director of Industries & Commerce, K. Francis Hekavi, speaking on "MSME Development and Social Security," called PM-VBRY a transformative initiative aimed at generating 3.5 crore jobs with a ₹99,446 crore outlay. He noted the scheme's potential to support first-time workers and employers, particularly in Nagaland's MSME-dominated economy.

Citing Udyam Portal data, Hekavi said Nagaland has 40,316 registered MSMEs, mostly micro units. Of these, 12,899 are manufacturing-based and 27,417 are service-oriented. He added that the Industries Department continues to promote entrepreneurship and industrial growth through awareness of MSME schemes, with EPF and PM-VBRY expected to further drive employment and enterprise development in the state.

C-CAMP AND NAGALAND GOVERNMENT JOIN FORCES TO STRENGTHEN STATE'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP), an initiative supported by the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, has entered into a strategic partnership with the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland to enhance the state's public health infrastructure. The announcement was made on 9th September 2025 by Dr. Taslimarif Saiyed, Director & CEO of C-CAMP, and Anoop Khinchi, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary of Health & Family Welfare, during an event held at the IDSP Conference Hall,

Directorate of H&FW, Kohima.

This collaboration builds on C-CAMP's earlier efforts to support Nagaland's public health system. C-CAMP successfully established two oxygen-supported augmented hospital facilities in the state during the COVID-19 pandemic: a 50-bedded facility at Dimapur District Hospital and a 39-bedded facility at Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital (IMDH), Mokokchung District. Anoop Khinchi, IAS, emphasised that the objectives of the partnership is to build a resilient, inclusive and innovation

driven health system that ensures equitable access to quality care for every citizen of the state, he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr.Taslimarif Saiyed said, the MoU provides a structured path to work with the state of Nagaland, the Department of Health and Family Welfare and build evidence of impact on the field.

Through the MoU, C-CAMP and the State Government will work together to introduce innovative health technologies that address state-specific health challenges, strengthen healthcare infrastructure and enhance clinical capacity in priority areas. The strategic partnership will also foster stronger linkages between innovators, clinicians, and health workers to ensure effective adoption of these technologies for better health outcomes.

WORKSHOP ON UNIFIED LOGISTICS INTERFACE PLATFORM CONDUCTED IN KOHIMA

The Directorate of Industries & Commerce in collaboration with the National Logistics Data Services Limited (NLDSL) organized a state-level workshop on the Unified Logistic Interface Platform (ULIP) on 10th September, 2025, at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima.

Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS in his inaugural address stressed the importance of collaboration and digital transformation in public service delivery. He said that ULIP was launched as part of the PM Gati Shakti initiative. He stated that this platform will provide better market access for local produce, including Naga organic farm products, handloom, and handicrafts, enabling farmers

and entrepreneurs to connect with markets directly without the involvement of any middleman. Ramnikant mentioned that The Act East Policy, along with the construction of the East Asia Highway connecting India to Myanmar and other nations, presents significant opportunities for the North East Region, particularly for Nagaland.

Director of Industries & Commerce, P. Tokuga Sema, stated that Nagaland is the first state in the North East region to integrate ULIP. He also mentioned that transparency and real-time data sharing through ULIP will reduce costs and delays in transport which will particularly benefit the transport of perishable goods from Nagaland, provide relief during natural calamities and help Nagaland grow its manufacturing sector.

Chief Operating Officer of NLDSL, Arvind Devaraj, presented a brief introduction on ULIP, He said that ULIP is being implemented by NICDC Logistics Data Services Ltd. (NLDSL), a joint venture between the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT) and Japan's NEC Corporation, established in December 2015, with an aim to bring transparency, remove bottlenecks, and empower end-users by integrating existing data sources of various ministries. It will serve as a digital gateway for India's logistics sector, offering secure access to data sets and enabling better coordination among stakeholders.

During the technical session, presentation on ULIP was given by Chief Operating Officer, NLDSL, Arvind Devaraj and Program Managers of NLDSL, Vaibhav Singh and Ashutosh Shekhar. The event concluded with the formal signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NLDSL and the Government of Nagaland.

SENNHEISER RF WORKSHOP HELD IN DIMAPUR

A two-day Radio Frequency (RF) Workshop, organised by Sennheiser in collaboration with the Task Force for Music and Arts (TaFMA) and Audio Garage, was held on 11th and 12th September 2025 at the Conference Hall, Hotel Acacia, Dimapur.

The workshop featured intensive training sessions along with practical demonstrations on advanced wireless audio systems, it also covered a wide range of topics, including RF fundamentals and principles, the Digital 6000 Microphone System, 2000 Series In-Ear Monitoring System, Evolution Wireless Digital Series (EWD and EW-DX), Neumann MCM, Wireless Systems Manager (WSM), and Audio Gain Staging.

The participants were given hands-on exposure to the latest equipment, including live product demonstrations, followed by

a detailed interactive session. The sessions were conducted by Trainer Suman Thakur from Sennheiser, who guided the participants through both theoretical concepts and technical applications.

Addressing the participants, former Project Director of TaFMA, Gugs Chishi, highlighted the importance of carrying forward the legacy and intricacy of music as an art and profession. He stressed that while technology continues to evolve; challenges such as technical glitches are natural in the course of events and should be approached with calmness and professionalism. He further emphasized that the music industry is a continuous journey towards growth and excellence, and engaging effectively with audiences is essential for sustaining its vibrancy.

STATE LEVEL QUIZ COMPETITION UNDER RASHTRIYA AVISHKAR ABHIYAN HELD AT KOHIMA

The Samagra Shiksha Nagaland successfully conducted the State Level Quiz Competition under the Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan (RAA) at TM Government Higher Secondary School, Kohima on 12th

September 2025.

Principal Director of School Education, Shashank Pratap Singh (IAS), graced the event as Guest of Honour. In his address, he encouraged students to stay



Officials of Samagra Shiksha Nagaland with students during the State Level Quiz Competition held at TM Government Higher Secondary School, Kohima on 12th September 2025.

curious and innovative, highlighting the role of science and technology in achieving the goals of Vikshit Bharat 2047.

State Mission Director L. Jamithung Lotha, in his keynote address, outlined RAA's objective of promoting interest in science, mathematics, and technology among students. Participants were congratulated for qualifying from district to state level.

The event also featured experience-sharing by Iris Zomawii Lushai and Gihukali

Sema from PM SHRI GHSS Chumoukedima, who had represented Nagaland at the SAKURA Science Program in Japan.

Students from all 17 districts participated. The winners were:

- **1st:** Imtimenla, GHS Dilong, Mokokchung
- **2nd:** Subeno Ngullie, GHSS Bhandari, Wokha
- **3rd:** Kedalu Rengma, GHSS New Town, Tseminyu

HORNBILL FESTIVAL AWARDED ‘SILVER BANYAN AWARD FOR BEST CULTURAL MUSIC & DANCE’

The Hornbill Festival, Nagaland was awarded the ‘Silver Banyan Award for Best Cultural Music & Dance’ by THE WEEK, Heritage Awards during a function held at New Delhi on 13th September 2025.

Joint Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House New Delhi, Sharon Longchari received the award on behalf of the State from Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, who graced the award function.

The Heritage Awards is presented to protect, preserve and promote the country's rich heritage and culture. The award categories ranged from Historical Tourism Award/ Heritage Tourism Award, Riverside Heritage Tourism Award, Best Tourist Circuit, Pilgrimage and Spiritual Tourism Award, Traditional Skills Award, Best Cultural Music & Dance Award, Best Travel Operator, Best Advertising Agency and Best Creative.

NSDMA EMERGENCY MEETING ON INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGE CONVENED AT KOHIMA

Advisor, New & Renewable Energy, NSDMA, Z Nyusietho Nyuthe, convened an emergency meeting, with all the line departments on 15th September 2025 at the NSDMA Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima, to discuss the severe damage to roads and other infrastructures caused by extreme weather events across the state.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges) (National Highways), the Water Resources Department,

the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), the Commissioner of Nagaland, the District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMA), and NHIDCL.

Advisor, Nyusietho Nyuthe chairing the meeting highlighted the various disaster incident reports and action taken reports regarding the severe damage on roads and infrastructure across the state caused by extreme weather events in Nagaland. Reports from districts like Chumoukedima, Meluri, Kiphire, Noklak, Dimapur, Shamator, Mokokchung, Kohima and Peren were

discussed, detailing landslides, flooding, infrastructure damage and damage to roads.

Nyuthe also emphasised the need for swift action to restore road connections in landslide-affected areas and additional machinery to be assigned in disaster-prone areas. The advisor also urged for continued coordination among line departments and monitoring of water levels in vulnerable areas like the Chathe and Dhansiri rivers. He also called on the line departments and NHIDCL to enhance infrastructure resilience and sustainable construction solutions tailored to Nagaland's hilly terrain emphasising disaster resilience to withstand extreme weather conditions.

Joint CEO NSDMA, Johnny Rongmei during the meeting requested the concerned DCs of Chumoukedima and Peren to concentrate on maintaining the roads between Sukhovi – Mhainamtsi, a critical alternative route due to heavy mudslides and landslides in multiple locations on NH-29. Rongmei further requested the

concerned authorities to allocate maximum resources to repair and maintain this critical road stretch to ensure smooth flow for heavy vehicle traffic. He further added that stationing machinery on standby will help to manage traffic flow, reducing congestion and facilitating smoother movement.

He also urged the field officers, executive engineers, and SDOs from PWD to inspect the road and identify areas requiring immediate attention, specifying necessary resources for repairs in disaster-affected areas. Johnny also added that a close collaboration between PWD, DDMA, and other departments will be essential to expedite repairs and ensure effective resource utilisation.

The District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMA) through Video Conference highlighted the real-time damages of roads and infrastructures and updated the progress of restoration work and also the immediate requirement for relief and support in their respective districts.

DR. NEIPHIU RIO LAUNCHES SWASTH NARI, SASHAKT PARIVAR ABHIYAAN AT KOHIMA

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio launched the Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan at the Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 17th September 2025, joined the nationwide health initiative under the theme "Healthy Women, Empowered Families". The fortnight-long campaign, ran from September 17 to October 2, 2025.

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, said that in Nagaland, the campaign will focus on health and nutrition for women, adolescent girls, and children. Its objectives include strengthening early detection and treatment linkages for diseases, delivering essential health services

at the grassroots, and encouraging families to adopt healthy lifestyles. Health camps will be organized across the state, offering services such as screening for non-communicable diseases, reproductive and child health care, nutrition and menstrual hygiene awareness, tuberculosis screening and counselling, and mental health support.

The campaign will be carried out in 523 health units across Nagaland, including 12 District Hospitals, 26 CHCs, 8 UPHCs, 97 HWC-PHCs, 336 HWC-SCs, and 49 AYUSH HWCs. The Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (NIMSR), along with

private hospitals and clinics, will play an active role in providing specialist services during the campaign.

Commissioner & Secretary of Health & Family Welfare, Anoop Khinchi, IAS, highlighted the Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan (SNSPA) as a landmark in public health outreach. He noted that with over one lakh health camps held nationwide, it is the largest initiative of its kind, focused on reducing maternal and child mortality and supporting the national goal of building resilient families under Viksit Bharat 2047.

As part of the programme, the Chief Minister also virtually launched the Integrated Public Health Laboratory at District Hospital Dimapur and District Hospital Mon. In addition, he flagged off newly inducted Ambulances, Hearse Vans, and Rapid Response Team Vehicles to strengthen health service delivery in the state.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Minister of Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak, who shared that the State has received 26 ambulances, 12 hearse vans, and 6 Boleros to be used as Rapid Response Team vehicles.

Across various districts, localized launch events and health camps reflected strong community engagement.

In **Wokha**, the launch was held at

Dr. Motsuo Memorial District Hospital. Deputy Commissioner Vineet Kumar (IAS) emphasized the need for awareness, inter-departmental cooperation, and community participation. Dr. Thungchanpeni Patton, DPO (RMNCAH+N), outlined the campaign's focus on preventive care, screenings, maternal health, and health education.

At **Tuensang**, EAC Er. Moasanen Imsong highlighted the connection between women's health and national progress. The programme included awareness talks and services through a health camp.

Rajya Sabha MP S. Phangnon Konyak launched the campaign at **Tizit, Mon District**, encouraging grassroots participation and emphasizing government welfare initiatives. A local health camp provided screenings and consultations.

In **Longleng**, DC W. Manpai Phom and Medical Superintendent Dr. Lanuakum stressed early diagnosis and improving healthcare indicators. Follow-up health camps were conducted at PHC Buranamsang and CHC Tamlu, serving over 400 beneficiaries.

Chozuba (Phek District) and **Pungro (Kiphire District)** also organized special health camps and awareness sessions focusing on maternal health, menstrual hygiene, and nutrition to encourage healthy practices at the community level.

COPU ASSESSES STATUS OF MINI CEMENT PLANT AT WAZEHO

The Committee on Public Undertakings (COPU) under the Chairmanship of Dr. Sukhato A. Sema, undertook a "Study Tour" to assess and verify the status of the Mini Cement Plant (MCP) at Wazeho on the 17th & 18th September, 2025.

He was accompanied by the Member of the Committee, Dr. Neisatuo Mero and

a special invitee MLA 20- Meluri A/C and Advisor for New & Renewal Energy, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Z. Nyusieitho Nyuthe, and the Officials from the Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat.

The Committee physically inspected the two Projects, 150 TPD Mini Cement Plant (MCP) and the Decorative & Dimensional



MLA and Chairman of COPU, Dr. Sukhato A Sema, along with COPU members, special invitees, officials from the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Department of Geology & Mining, and NSMDCL during the study tour to assess and verify the status of the Mini Cement Plant at Wazeho on 17th and 18th September 2025.

Stone Plant (DDSP), Wazeho. During the course of inspection, the Committee was informed by the NSMDCL that the Mini Cement Plant (MCP), Wazeho was leased out to M/S Ramung Enterprises for a period of 30 (thirty) years and the MoU between the two parties was signed on 12th November, 2024. Though, repair & renovation of the old machinery and equipments was done, it was informed to the Committee that the trial production of cement would not be able to start in the month of October due to weather condition. The Committee was informed that the lime found in the area is the finest in the whole region of North-East as a result of which 43-grade quality cement can be produced. The demonstration of the cement plant manufacturing was put into operation and shown to the Committee. The Committee was pleased to see the functional operation of the Decorative & Dimensional Stone Plant (DDSP), wherein Interlocking bricks and hollow block bricks were being manufactured.

The Committee also discussed in length about the declared proposal of Inland waterways which will help to market the cement products to the neighboring countries like Burma and other South East Asian countries in future.

The Committee felt the need of setting up of Administration Office in Wazeho as it is vital because it provides structure, organization, and efficiency for business operations, allowing companies to achieve their goals by managing daily tasks, facilitating communication, optimizing resources, maintaining a professional image, and ensuring compliance and an opportunity to the local people for employment and setting up their business.

Overall, the Committee was satisfied with the practical arrangements in place for the trial production of 43-grade cement by the M/S Ramung Enterprise and the Operation of Decorative & Dimensional Stone Plant.

CHIEF MINISTER LAUNCHES NAGALAND PROJECT ELEMENT

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio officially launched the Enhancing Landscape and Ecosystem Management (ELEMENT)

Nagaland Project at the Chief Minister's Secretariat, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 17th September 2025.

Speaking at the launch, CM Rio described the ELEMENT project as a significant milestone in the Government's collective commitment to restore, conserve and sustainable management of Nagaland's unique landscape and rich forest wealth.

Rio highlighted that the project will ensure active and meaningful participation of women and marginalized groups in governance and enterprise development. He praised the project holistic approach is designed to address both ecological and livelihood challenges, creating a model of inclusive and sustainable development in the State.

Lead Environment Specialist at the World Bank, Dinesh Aryal, noted that the forests are under threat from climate-related and anthropogenic factors and expressed that the World Bank is committed to support the Nagaland Government's efforts to manage forest sustainability. He hopes that the project will benefit communities and promote sustainable forest management in Nagaland.

Secretary & Project Director,

ELEMENT, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS added that ELEMENT project is the State's response to these realities and it has been designed to continue ecological restoration with livelihood enhancement, ensuring that communities are not only beneficiaries, but also key partners in the process. He concludes saying that ELEMENT project represents an opportunity to restore Nagaland's landscapes while improving the resilience, livelihoods, and community well-being.

Chief Secretary, Sentiyanger Imchen IAS delivering the keynote address highlighted the significance of ELEMENT project and emphasized the importance of effective implementation, timely completion, and active community involvement to ensure projects success in the state.

Earlier Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio officially launched ELEMENT Project (World Bank) and ELEMENT Project Logo during the program. Advisor, Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan, host of AHODs and HODs and department officials attended the launching program.

ONE-DAY FREE MEGA HEALTH CAMP HELD AT NAGALAND CIVIL SECRETARIAT PLAZA

A one-day free Mega Health Camp for officers and staff of the Nagaland Civil Secretariat got underway at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 17th September 2025.

Speaking at the event, Home Commissioner Abhijit Sinha, IAS, noted that such a program is especially beneficial for the officers and staff, who often become so absorbed in their office duties that they tend to neglect their own health. He emphasized the importance of timely preventive health

screenings, noting that health issues often develop without obvious symptoms.

Abhijit Sinha, IAS, expressed appreciation to Tikvah Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. and Amrita Hospital for organizing the mega health camp with a super-specialized setup and expert doctors. He encouraged all Secretariat staff to make the most of this convenient opportunity, rather than waiting to seek care elsewhere. He cautioned against taking health for granted, noting that stress and aging can lead to hidden issues, and

urged everyone to prioritize their well-being through regular screenings and a healthy lifestyle.

The camp organized by Tikvah Healthcare Private Limited in collaboration with Amrita Hospital, Faridabad provided preventive health screening and superspeciality consultations.

The Mega Health Camp was led by Dr. Thungbemo Edwin Humtseo from Tikvah Healthcare Private Limited and six other doctors and experts from Tikvaha Healthcare Private Limited, Amrita Hospital, Faridabad, Dr. Lal Pathlab-ENR Health, Fourrts (India) Laboratories Pvt. Limited, Chennai and District Hospital Dimapur

NSCW CONSULTATIVE MEETING HELD AT KOHIMA

The Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCW) organised a Consultative Meeting with the Apex Women Tribal Hohos in Nagaland on 17th September 2025 at the SIRD Conference Hall, Kohima. Most of the women organisations were represented by their Presidents and General Secretaries, who deliberated on a wide range of issues concerning the empowerment, safety, and security of women in Nagaland.

In the first session, Chairperson, NSCW, W. Nginyieh Konyak, delivered an impactful keynote address, underscoring the need for collective effort to create a safe and enabling environment for women. Member, NSCW, Akokla Longchar, shared insights into the role and functions of the Commission, while Member, NSCW, Kekhrienuo Meyase, spoke on "The Key to Holistic Empowerment

of Women." The Commission's Legal Consultant, Apila Sangtam, highlighted the Legal Rights of Women. The meeting was chaired by Member-Secretary of the Commission, Bodeno S. Colo.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairperson, W. Nginyieh Konyak stated that the voices of the women tribal hohos are crucial in shaping policies and interventions that directly impact the lives of women across Nagaland. Together, they can work towards ensuring dignity, equity, and security for every woman in our society, she added.

The meeting provided a vital platform for dialogue with tribal women leaders and reaffirmed the collective commitment to safeguard women's rights and strengthen their participation in all spheres of life.

STATE-LEVEL LAUNCH OF SWACHHATA HI SEVA 2025 HELD IN KOHIMA

The state-level launch of Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 was held on 17th September 2025 at Old NST, Kohima, with Special Guest, MLA and Chairperson of the NLA Committee on Environment & Climate Change, Achumbemo Kikon, formally launching the program in the state and led the pledge taking.

In his address, Kikon underscored

the idea that cleanliness is a shared responsibility, not just the duty of the government. He urged citizens to actively participate in waste segregation, uphold personal hygiene, and contribute to raising environmental awareness. Kikon urged Kohima residents, traders, and the municipal council to cooperate in making the city clean and beautiful, drawing comparisons with



MLA, Achumbemo Kikon, Legislators, KMC Councillors, officials and workers during the State Level launch of Swachh Hi Seva 2025 held at Old NST, Kohima on 17th September 2025.

Indore and Switzerland.

Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 is a nationwide campaign under the Swachh Bharat Mission promoting public participation in cleanliness and hygiene. The campaign runs until October 2, in commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary.

Dignitaries present included Dr. Kekhriehoulie Yhome, Advisor for School Education & SCERT; W. Chingang Konyak, Advisor for Geology & Mining, DUDA; Krodi Rhetso, Superintendent of Police, Kohima; along with KMC councillors, government officials, students, sanitation workers, and members of the public.

Following the State-level launch of the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2025, the initiative was subsequently rolled out across

various districts. The fortnight-long program featured a range of activities including cleanliness drives, clearing of public grounds and drains, mass social work involving schools, government offices, and commercial establishments, removal of legacy waste from dumping sites, town beautification efforts, observance of "Ek Din Ek Ghanta Ek Saath," and health camps for sanitation workers.

The campaign saw enthusiastic participation from government departments, schools, NGOs, civil society groups, business establishments, churches, clubs, youth and women's organizations, colony councils, and citizens. It was successfully carried out in multiple districts and towns across the State, including **Phek, Medziphema, Longleng, Zunheboto, Aghunato, Chozuba** and **Pfutsero**.

WORLD BAMBOO DAY 2025 OBSERVED IN NAGALAND

The World Bamboo Day 2025 was celebrated on 18th September 2025 at the Nagaland Bamboo Resource Centre, 6th Mile, Sovima, Chümoukedima, under the theme "Next Generation Bamboo: Solution, Innovation & Design." The programme was graced by Development Commissioner, Temsunaro Aier, IAS, as the Special Guest.

In her address, Aier described bamboo as the "green gold" of Nagaland, highlighting its deep cultural, ecological, and economic significance. She urged stakeholders to sustain this legacy with pride and responsibility, noting bamboo's role in food, shelter, craft, art, and livelihood. She also stressed the need for sustainable practices,

citing bamboo's rapid growth, carbon absorption, and soil conservation benefits, making it a strong ally in the fight against climate change.

Aier also commended the Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency (NBDA) for promoting bamboo-based enterprises, training artisans, and supporting self-help groups. She noted that products such as handicrafts, furniture, incense sticks, blinds, mats, and bamboo shoots are gaining recognition, turning Nagaland into a hub for bamboo industries.

As part of the celebration, Aier announced the upcoming state-of-the-art Cane and Bamboo Technology Park at the Nagaland Bamboo Resource Centre, which will serve as a Centre for research, training, and production. A weeklong training programme was also launched for 26 artisans to enhance their skills in bamboo design, manufacturing, and value addition. Certificates and machineries were distributed to the trainees, and the Bamboo Entrepreneur Award was presented to

Bukhaio Khamnungan.

The event also featured a bamboo theme song by Musik-A School and a keynote address by Kuko Mero, NCS State Mission Director NBDA who noted that with over 43 species of bamboo, Nagaland has immense potential in bamboo-based sustainable development. He informed that NBDA has carried out block plantations covering 1506 hectares, trained over 200 entrepreneurs and artisans, and set up two Common Facility Centres generating employment for more than 500 people. The Agency has also established processing units, nurseries with 1.5 lakh saplings, rural haats, bamboo bazaars, and upgraded the Nagaland Handicrafts Emporium in New Delhi and Kolkata under the brand "Naturally Nagaland."

On the occasion, a special publication titled "Facilitating Ease of Doing Business in the Bamboo Sector in Northeast India: Removal of Compliance Burdens" was also released in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

SURVEY REPORT ON 'EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, SKILL AND MIGRATION' IN NAGALAND, 2025 RELEASED

The Directorate of Economics & Statistics released a Survey Report on 'Employment, Unemployment, Skill and Migration' in Nagaland, 2025 on 19th September 2025 at an official release programme at DES Conference Hall with Advisor IT&C, Economics & Statistics and Evaluation, H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam as the Special Guest.

Speaking at the programme, Sangtam said the report would help the State Government formulate effective policies to tackle unemployment. He stressed that without quality district-level data, balanced

regional development and the vision of a "Viksit Nagaland" could not be achieved.

Calling the survey report the first of its kind under the Nagaland Sample Survey Unit, he said it would serve as a critical basis for framing labour policies and harnessing the state's demographic dividend.

Secretary of Economics & Statistics, Akunu S. Meyase, IAS, noted that the report will serve as a vital tool for policymakers to drive development across the state

Director of Economics & Statistics Neidilhou Keditsu, presented the key findings

of the survey report which covers a wide range of socio-economic indicators and labour statistics across the state.

Key Highlights from the Survey:

- The survey covered all districts with available population data. Reports were generated for 11 districts; newly formed districts like Chümoukedima, Tsemintu, Niuland, Shamator, and Meluri were merged with existing ones due to data limitations.

Demographics & Education:

- Average household size: 4 members (ranging from 1 to 11)
- Average age of the working-age population: 34 years
- Education level: Average of 11 years of formal schooling
 - * 16% were graduates
 - * 4% postgraduates and above
 - * 2% were illiterate
- Technical training: 92% of respondents lacked vocational or technical education
- Household Expenditure:

Average monthly household expenditure:

- * ₹16,522
- * Lowest: ₹1,133
- * Highest: ₹3.6 lakh

Employment & Unemployment Trends:

- Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR): 56%
- Employment rate: 83.92%
- Unemployment rate: 16.07%

District-level Employment Insights:

- Highest LFPR: Wokha (75%)

- Lowest LFPR: Tuensang (41%)
- Highest employment rate: Mon (91.08%)
- Lowest employment rate: Phek (75%)
- Highest unemployment rate: Phek (25%)
- Lowest unemployment rate: Mon (8.92%)

Nature of Employment:

- 56% self-employed
- 16% employed in the public sector
- 13% in the private sector
- 88% lacked access to social security schemes
- 88% did not engage in any secondary (subsidiary) income-generating activity

Profile of the Unemployed:

- 49% were actively seeking employment
- 55% had been unemployed for more than three years
- 78% had no previous work experience
- 58% cited a lack of job opportunities as the main cause of unemployment

Migration Patterns:

- 55% of migrants moved from rural to urban areas
- Pre-migration income: 80% earned ₹10,000 or less
- Post-migration income: 33% reported earnings between ₹10,000–₹20,000
- 63% of migrants owned immovable property at their new residence
- 36% expressed satisfaction with their current living conditions

WORKSHOP ON POST PARAKH RASHTRIYA SARVEKSHAN 2024 DISSEMINATION HELD AT KOHIMA

The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Nagaland,

in collaboration with PARAKH, held a one-day workshop on the Post PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan (PRS) 2024 dissemination at SIEMAT Hall, Kohima, on September 19th, 2025.

T. Lima Longkumer, Additional Director of SCERT, highlighted the survey's insights into learning levels, teaching practices, and school environments. He noted positive student performance in language and social sciences but emphasized persistent gaps in mathematics and science, especially at the middle school level. He urged stakeholders to use these findings to advance the National Education Policy 2020's vision of inclusive, equitable, and competency-based education in Nagaland.

RESOURCE ORGANIZATION ON JHUM AND BIODIVERSITY LAUNCHING WORKSHOP HELD AT DIMAPUR

A two-day launching workshop of the Resource Organization on Jhum and Biodiversity (ROJB), supported by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), was held on 23rd and 24th September 2025 at Hotel Acacia, Dimapur. The workshop, themed "Northeastern Regional Workshop on Jhum Management and Ecological Stewardship," brought together experts, officials, and stakeholders to discuss sustainable jhum practices, ecological conservation, and livelihoods in Nagaland.

The inaugural session was chaired by Dr. Dharmendra Prakash, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF and CPD, NFMP. In his address, Chief Representative of JICA India, Takeuchi Takuro, called the initiative a milestone for Nagaland's forestry sector. He emphasized that ROJB would serve as a knowledge hub to integrate scientific research, indigenous practices, and

Prof. Indrani Bhaduri, Head and CEO of PARAKH, explained that PRS is a comprehensive national survey assessing student competencies in Grades 3, 6, and 9, with detailed district-level data supporting targeted action plans. The survey also analyzes contextual factors like teacher preparedness and school resources, identifying learning gaps by gender, social category, and location.

Prof. Bhaduri encouraged states to use PRS data for equitable resource allocation and focused interventions to improve education quality and equity. She described PRS as a transformative tool for assessing and enhancing learning outcomes at both classroom and systemic levels.

innovative policies to address challenges related to jhum cultivation and biodiversity conservation. He also highlighted the achievements of the Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP), including over 38,000 hectares of plantation and the formation of 429 self-help groups aimed at strengthening community livelihoods. Takuro reaffirmed JICA's long-term partnership with Nagaland in building a resilient and ecologically sustainable future.

MLA and Advisor for Tribal Affairs & Election, Tovihoto Ayemi, who was the special guest, underlined the cultural, social, and ecological significance of jhum cultivation, describing it as a way of life that sustains food security and community bonds. He officially launched the ROJB website and logo and witnessed the signing of two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with partner institutions to

enhance collaboration in research, policy development, and community engagement.

Jayesh Bhatia, Managing Director of Intellecap, presented the Project Management Consultancy (PMC) perspective, highlighting the importance of evidence-based strategies, collaborative partnerships, and sustainable livelihood models to address ecological and social challenges of the Northeast.

The workshop featured four technical sessions with keynote speakers Dr. Vincent Darlong, Environmental Scientist and Deputy Chief Technical Advisor, Indo-German Development Cooperation; Mr. Supong, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests (Environment, Biodiversity & Research); Amba Jamir, policy and development strategist; and Jayesh Bhatia, MD, Intellecap.

The experts deliberated on themes such as carbon sequestration, bamboo ecosystems, biodiversity conservation, shifting cultivation, community-led wetland and forest management, policy frameworks, and sustainable rural development.

In his closing remarks on the second day, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF)



PCCF & Chief Wildlife Warden, Vedpal Singh, IFS, delivering closing remarks at the Valedictory function of the launching workshop of Resource Organization on Jhum and Biodiversity (ROJB) held at Hotel Acacia, Dimapur, on 24th September 2025.

and Chief Wildlife Warden, Nagaland, Vedpal Singh, IFS, stressed the importance of credible, evidence-based research to inform policies on jhum practices. He urged ROJB to undertake meta-analysis and generate substantive research outputs to influence decision-makers and ensure recognition of the sustainability of traditional practices. Singh further encouraged the organization to set clear and impactful goals that translate into meaningful, transformative work on the ground.

JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (JICA) INDIA OFFICE VISITS NAGALAND

A delegation from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) India Office, led by JICA Country Head Takuro Takeuchi and JICA Representative Saya Ishikawa, visited Kohima on 22nd September 2025 to explore research collaboration between the Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (NIMSR) and Japanese universities.

JICA is supporting the establishment of a 400-bed Medical College Hospital

at NIMSR through Official Development Assistance (ODA), aimed at strengthening tertiary healthcare services and enhancing medical education in Nagaland.

During their visit, the delegation toured NHAK, Seikhazou UPHC, and NIMSR Kohima, and held discussions with Chief Secretary Sentiyaner Imchen and officials from the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare. The talks focused on the State's research priorities, including stomach

cancer, toxicology, elderly care management, infertility, medicinal plant research, and biohazard studies, as well as potential faculty and student exchanges.

The delegation was informed that Nagaland would prepare the scope and priority areas for collaboration based on the

State's needs, which will be addressed in future meetings. State health officials also suggested that the partnership could expand beyond the health sector, with the delegation indicating a possible follow-up visit in January 2026 to further these initiatives.

S. PHANGNON KONYAK ATTENDS 3RD EDITION OF DIGITAL DEMOCRACY DIALOGUE AT GOA

Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha from Nagaland, S. Phangnon Konyak, participated in the 3rd edition of the Digital Democracy Dialogue, held from 24th to 26th September 2025 in Panaji, Goa. The event was organised by Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini with the support of the Entertainment Society of Goa and the Government of Goa.

During her session on the theme "Women-led Development, Women-led Society," Konyak shared insights on how

women can lead a new paradigm of nation-building, as envisioned by Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, with Nari Shakti empowered as decision-makers and society shapers.

She also emphasized the role of technology and digitisation in strengthening democracy by amplifying voices and widening participation. She stressed the importance of using these tools responsibly to ensure inclusive and sustainable democratic growth.

'THE LEADERSHIP LEGACY: A PROFILE OF THE CHIEF MINISTERS OF NAGALAND' RELEASED



Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K.G. Kenye, releasing 'The Leadership Legacy: A Profile of the Chief Minister of Nagaland', published by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs, at his Office Chamber in Kohima on 30th September 2025.

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The Minister congratulated the Department for successfully bringing out the Edition honouring the lives and contributions of our Chief Ministers. He further stated that the profile reflects on the leadership, unity and resilience that have defined Nagaland's Political Path and the people-centric policies framed and enacted based on our traditional and customary practices embedded in Article 371 (A) of the Indian Constitution.

WOKHA HOSTS TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON TEA MARKETING AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN COLLABORATION WITH IIPMB AND TEA BOARD INDIA

The District Administration, Wokha, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Plantation Management - Bengaluru (IIPMB) and Tea Board of India, successfully organized a technical workshop on "Marketing Strategies and Business Opportunities for Tea Growers" at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha on 2nd September 2025. The workshop was part of a three-day capacity-building program for tea growers conducted from 1st to 3rd September 2025.

In his inaugural address, Deputy Commissioner Wokha, Vineet Kumar, IAS emphasized the potential of scientific and sustainable plantation practices, organic tea branding and certification, and localized processing and marketing linkages. He also stressed the importance of testing and certifying Wokha tea and developing a long-term vision to position the district as a recognized tea-growing region.

The workshop featured expert sessions

by faculty members from IIPMB Bengaluru and Jorhat, as well as Mariani College, Assam. Professor & Director (I/C), IIPMB Bengaluru, Faculty teams from IIPMB and Mariani College also visited tea plantations across Wokha District, including those managed by members of the Wokha District Small Tea Growers' Association (WDSTGA). They interacted directly with farmers, assessed cultivation practices, and identified potential for cluster-based interventions and cooperative processing units.

Delivering the vote of thanks, Project Manager, District Administration, Wokha, Anuranjan Singh emphasized the importance of starting small and utilizing available government schemes and institutional support. He encouraged participants to leverage the expertise shared during the workshop and treat the event as a foundational step toward building a robust and self-reliant tea ecosystem in Wokha.

CONSUMER AWARENESS PROGRAMS HELD IN MULTIPLE DISTRICTS

The Department of Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection (LMCP), in collaboration with various institutions and civil society organizations, successfully organized a series of Consumer Awareness Programs across multiple districts of Nagaland under the theme "Legal Metrology and Consumer Protection: The Journey Towards Viksit Bharat 2047."

In **Chiephobozou**, the program was held on 2nd September at DB's Hall, jointly organized with the Chiephobozou G.B. Union. ADC Alemyapang Longchar, NCS, stressed the role of citizens in eliminating exploitation

and supporting India's vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047. Assistant Controller Shiekhoso and Advocate Sunjib Rana emphasized the role of legal metrology and key rights under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

At **Zunheboto** Government College on 9th September, Retainer Lawyer Easter H. Yethpo highlighted consumer rights violations such as false advertising and medical negligence. A follow-up program was also conducted at Nito Theological College on 12th September.

The initiative in **Mon** culminated on 30th September in collaboration with Konyak Nyupuh Sheko Khong (KNSK). Chief Legal Counsel N. Mannon detailed the Consumer Protection Act, including the process for filing complaints at the District Consumer Forum, followed by a prize distribution ceremony for an essay competition.

Wokha district witnessed a multi-

institutional awareness drive on 22nd September across four educational institutions including Mt. Tiyi College and Springdale School. Assistant Controller T. Aimong and Member of the District Consumer Redressal Forum, Surenthung Enny, highlighted six key consumer rights and encouraged students to become informed advocates for justice and ethical trade.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND SAFETY CONCLUDE SUCCESSFULLY IN SEVERAL DISTRICTS

The Department of Social Welfare, in collaboration with District Administrations and the District Hubs for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) under Mission Shakti, successfully conducted a 10-day Special Awareness SANKALP Campaign across several districts in Nagaland from 2nd to 12th September 2025. The campaign focused on advancing women's safety, health, legal awareness, empowerment, and inclusive development.

A specialized awareness session on the PCPNDT and MTP Acts was held at CHC **Tsemiphyu** on 3rd September. It aimed at capacity building for frontline health workers (ASHA, AWW, ANM) regarding their roles and responsibilities in addressing gender-biased sex selection and maternal health.

Tsemiphyu also hosted a Legal Awareness Campaign on 8th September. Advocates from KDLSA and DCPU sensitized participants on women-centric legislations and workplace grievance redressal mechanisms.

Niuland District conducted sessions at Government High School, Nito and Platinum College, Nihokhu, where students were educated on reproductive health, menstrual hygiene, and vocational empowerment. Photo booths were set up to foster community engagement, including at the Deputy Commissioner's Office for working women.

In **Noklak**, a session on Menstrual Hygiene was conducted at the KGBV Hostel by Medical Officer Dr. Chongnya on 8th September. Attendees received practical guidance on hygiene, tracking menstrual



EAC Tsemiphyu, Molosangla Ozukum with other official and health Workers during a special Awareness campaign under SANKALP held at CHC, Tsemiphyu on 3rd September 2025.

cycles, and managing health issues.

At **Longleng**, DHEW organized a campaign at Yingli College, focusing on gender sensitization, inclusivity, and menstrual hygiene, including the distribution of dignity kits.

In **Mon**, an Awareness-cum-Training Programme on Women's Safety at the Workplace was held on 6th September. Resource persons Helen P. and Angun Konyak addressed topics under the Domestic Violence Act, ITPA, PoSH Act, and SHE Box, highlighting subtle forms of human trafficking and workplace harassment.

In **Chümkedima**, the 10-day campaign reached a wide audience, including

community members, local vendors, students, and women beneficiaries. Themes included legal rights, POSH, POCSO, health and nutrition, women in STEM, and vocational training. Events included pledge ceremonies, talks, and IEC material distribution.

Art, Music & Awareness Blend program was held on 4th September 2025 at Kuthur village, **Shamator**. the event featured painting and group song competitions. As part of the event, sanitary pads were distributed to promote menstrual hygiene among young girls. The gathering also witnessed the screening of various initiatives and success stories from the district, inspiring participants with examples of positive change.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ON POTENTIAL COMPUTERIZED PACS HELD AT MEDZIPHEMA

A two-day orientation on potential computerized PACS (Primary Agriculture Credit Societies) organized by the Registrar of Cooperatives Societies commenced on 3rd September, 2025 at Cooperative Training Centre, Medziphema.

Gracing the occasion as the Guest of Honour, Orenthung Lotha, Commissioner and Secretary for IPR and Co-operation Department stated that computerization of PACS will not only enhance financial inclusion and strengthen service delivery to farmers, it will become a nodal service delivering point for various services and inputs like fertilizers and seeds etc.

He highlighted that the programme is a part of the Government's vision to make PACS self-reliant and align with broader goal of prosperity through cooperatives societies. Reflecting on the legacy of the cooperative movement, which involves over 29 crore people in India, he urged all cooperative societies



Orenthung Lotha, Commissioner & Secretary of IPR and Cooperation, speaking at the two-day orientation on Potential Computerised PACS at the Cooperative Training Centre, Medziphema, on 3rd September 2025.

particularly educated members to engage actively and meaningfully in strengthening the cooperative sector.

He further encouraged participants to share cooperative awareness within their communities and appreciated the dedication of the societies and officials. He also stressed the importance of upgrading professional skills to drive meaningful progress in advancing the cooperative movement in the state.

The programme was chaired by Chubamenla, Principal CTC with a keynote

address from Akangjongshi, Deputy RCS and short speech by Jonah Sema, G.M NSCB Ltd.

DR. NEIPHIU RIO URGES CULTURAL PRESERVATION AT MUNGUNG-CUM-MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL

Nagaland Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio graced the Mungmung-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival held at the Local Ground in Longkhim on 3rd September 2025, as the Special Guest.

In his address, the Chief Minister emphasized the government's continuous efforts in promoting traditional values and culture through events such as the Hornbill Festival, Mini Hornbill Festivals, and various road shows. He reflected on the wisdom of the forefathers, describing it as savage wisdom rooted in hard work and resilience. He also touched upon the current status of the Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation (ENPO) and their demand regarding the Frontier Nagaland Territory (FNT), urging understanding and dialogue.

Advisor for IT & Communication, Economics & Statistics, and Evolution, H.

Sethrongkyu Sangtam, spoke on behalf of the host and highlighted the cultural and unifying significance of the festival. He urged the people to uphold the festival's spirit in unity and progress.

The closing ceremony on 5th September was graced by Minister PWD, Housing & Mechanical Engineering, P. Bashangmongba. The special guest while addressing the public gathering has said that we need to avoid hypocrisy, jealousy and hatred amongst the brothers and sisters, and a sense of unity and appreciation must be developed to promote our society and to go forward. While highlighting on the issue of unemployed educated youths in the region, he said that many educated youths are seeking government jobs only, where he encouraged youths to set up local entrepreneurial ventures, skill development and farming for surviving. Chang while appreciating USLP for being advancement and unity amongst the Sangtam community has appeal to the Sangtam community.

The festival showcased vibrant cultural performances, including male and female folk dances from various villages such as Phir Ahi, Chimonger, Chungtor, Tronger, Tsungti Mulong Singrep, Kiding, Angangba, Tsaru, and Holongba. Highlights included traditional log drum beating by Angangba youth, warrior songs, and indigenous games like log cutting and spear throwing.



Minister for PWD Housing & Mechanical Engineering P. Bashangmongba being facilitated during the Mungmung-cum-Mini Hornbill Festival as the Special Guest on 5th September 2025 at Local ground, Longkhim, Tuensang.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON 'NASHA MUKT BHARAT' CONDUCTED AT Y. ANNER VILLAGE, SHAMATOR



EAC Shamtor, Kudazo Swuro with members of village council, Church, Youth and Student Community during the Anti- Drug Nasha Mukt bharat Campaign conducted at Y. Anner village, Shamator District on 6th September 2025.

An awareness programme under the theme "Choose Health, Not Drugs – Nasha Mukt Bharat is Our Duty" was organised with the initiative of Kudazo Swuro, EAC Shamator, in collaboration with the Village Council, Church, Youth and Students community at Y. Anner Village on 6th September 2025.

Addressing the gathering, EAC Kudazo Swuro highlighted the importance of education and skill development in ensuring that the youth remain engaged in constructive activities and are safeguarded from the menace of drugs. He also called upon the

Village Council Chairman and members to remain well-informed about women-centric welfare schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), which promotes institutional delivery and extends support to pregnant women.

As part of the programme, a volleyball competition and a rally race were conducted to encourage sportsmanship and promote a healthy lifestyle as an alternative to drug abuse. Sanitary pads were also distributed to promote menstrual hygiene among women and adolescent girls.

KHUVIE FESTIVAL HELD & MULTI-UTILITY HALL INAUGURATED AT NERHEMA VILLAGE, KOHIMA

The inauguration of the Multi-Utility Hall-cum-Khuvie Festival took place on 6th September 2025 at the Multi-Utility Hall in Nerhema Village, Kohima District.

In his address, Dr. Rio praised the unity of the village for making the project a success and congratulated the village leaders on the completion of the Multi-Utility Community Hall, built under the Tribal Affairs and Local Area Development (Iconic Fund). He noted

that the hall would serve as a spacious venue for community gatherings and also appreciated the efforts of the department for organising the festival to promote and preserve organic farming traditions.

Earlier in the day, while inaugurating the Elders Forum Building at Chiephobozou, the Chief Minister encouraged elders to guide the youth by sharing their wisdom and correcting them with clarity on what is right, wrong, and



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, speaking at the inaugural function of the Multy Utility Hall-cum-Khuvie Festival at Nehrhemba Village, Kohima District on 6th September 2025.

culturally forbidden to help shape a better future.

Speaking at the event, Horticulture Director, Ayieno Hibo highlighted that the festival was not only about showcasing crops but also about honouring farmers, traditions, and the resilience of local produce. She emphasized that with improved storage, processing, and value addition, Khuvie could reach larger markets and generate better income for farmers. She announced that value addition training programmes would be introduced for farmers in the near future.

TR. ZELIANG ENCOURAGES PEREN CITIZENS TO GRASP TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE THROUGH ITI & POLYTECHNIC DEPARTMENT

The monthly meeting of the Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was held at the DC's Office, New District headquarter, Peren under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chief Minister, Planning & Transformation, National Highway, T.R. Zeliang on 8th September 2025.

While deliberating on the agendas of the day, the Board approved the proposal for creation of Government Primary School at Tening Namsan. The house also deliberated to organise the 11th Inter-Departmental tournament in the month of November and constituted the Organising Committee headed by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Peren as Convener.

In response to a report presented by the Principal of Polytechnic, Deputy CM Zeliang reiterated the government's commitment to improve sensitization and impart more technical education to the younger generations. He tasked the Deputy Commissioner with organizing a Sensitization Programme for Civil Society Organisations

(CSOs) across Peren district, including Tening and Nsong circles.

On the issue of land allotment, the DC informed that plots have been allocated to various departmental heads for constructing their respective office buildings. He also stated that internet service providers and the relevant departments have been approached to enhance internet connectivity and road infrastructure in and around government offices for smoother operations.

Deputy CM Zeliang urged district officers to coordinate with their departmental contractors to begin office construction as per their requirements. He noted that the Peren New District Headquarters is Nagaland's first planned township, designated specifically for the development of government offices and staff quarters, and confirmed that this policy will be strictly enforced.

PowerPoint presentation was delivered by Survey Officer Phenrongwi Zeliang from the Department of Land Records, highlighting the department's activities within the district.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME WITH JAIL INMATES HELD AT LONGLENG

With the logistical support and initiative of Yingli Keikung, the PLV Longleng District Legal Services Authority (LDLSA), in collaboration with Phomla Hoichem, organized a fellowship-cum-awareness programme under the Drugs Awareness and Wellness Navigation (DAWN) Scheme 2025. The event was held with jail inmates at the District Jail, Longleng on 7th September 2025.

Chairing the event, Retainer Lawyer of LDLSA, Panglang Y. Phom, highlighted that the primary goal of the fellowship and awareness programme was to foster spiritual development, support rehabilitation, and encourage community involvement among the inmates. He also briefed the inmates

about the DAWN Scheme to enhance their understanding of its benefits.

Following the fellowship session, members of Phomla Hoichem, led by their president, conducted a hands-on training session on banana and potato chips making. The activity was designed to productively engage inmates and help them develop practical skills that could assist them during their rehabilitation and post-release reintegration.

In his vote of thanks, Assistant Jailor Bankathung Patton expressed gratitude and remarked that this was the first time an organization had taken the initiative to provide chips-making training inside the District Jail, Longleng.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

The District Planning & Development Board, Tuensang held its monthly meeting on 8th September 2025 at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang under the Chairmanship of SDO (C), Tuensang, H. Berimong.

After reviewing the last meeting minutes, the house deliberated on various meeting agendas and decided to recommend registration of Thangjam Welfare Society and Tuensang Village Students Union to the concerned authority.

Er. Kenyubu Keppen, Executive Engineer (Power), Tuensang, delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining various departmental schemes and initiatives. These included the Rooftop Solar (RST) schemes under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, and the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS). His presentation emphasized enhancing electricity distribution by prioritizing financial sustainability and improving operational efficiency.

LONGLENG DPDB REVIEWS KEY PROJECTS

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board held its monthly meeting, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB Longleng, W. Manpai Phom NCS, at DPDB hall, Longleng on 9th September 2025.

The agenda included the proposal for establishing an urban sub-centre within

Longleng town. The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) highlighted the purpose and need for such a facility, emphasizing the importance of identifying a suitable site for its construction. After detailed deliberation, the board agreed to constitute a committee to oversee the site selection process. The board also discussed the registration of a cooperative enterprise

society. EAC Longleng, Imkongnukla Ao, briefed the members on its objectives and benefits, following which the proposal was approved for necessary follow-up action. Updates were also shared on ongoing infrastructure projects: the Principal of Bautung Government Higher Secondary

School provided a status report on the school's construction under the Light House Project, while MS Longleng presented the progress of the new district hospital.

Additionally, ARCS Cooperation, Atongba, gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining recent departmental activities.

DC PHEK SPEAKS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF GST AT A ONE-DAY TRAINING ON GST AT PHEK

Addressing as special guest at the One-day GST Training program for Department DDOs and stakeholders held at Town



Deputy Commissioner of Phek, Rhosietho Nguori, addressing participants during the one-day GST training held at Phek Town Council Hall on 9th September 2025.

Hall, Phek on 9th September 2025, Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Rhosietho Nguori, NCS encouraged upon the concerned Drawing & Disbursing Officers (DDOs) of respective departments in the district to follow up GST norms of Taxes Department without fail. He commented and said that stakeholders pay taxes for the welfare of own State.

Resource persons at the training were ACST Enforcement (Directorate), Zulutemsu, and faculty team from State GST officials & IT Cell, Government of Nagaland.

Training topics were TDS Registration, Filing of Returns by DDOs and Opening of House/Queries.

DC KOHIMA CALLS FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN COMBATING AIR POLLUTION

A programme on Deeper Public Engagement and Consultation under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) 2024-25 was held at DBHSS Auditorium on 9th August 2025, organised by the Kohima District Administration in collaboration with Don Bosco College, Kohima.

The event began with a symbolic plantation drive, where Deputy Commissioner B. Henok Buchem, NCS, and Don Bosco College Principal Fr. Dr. Tious Varghese planted a Ficus benjamina sapling.

In his address, DC Buchem reflected

on his personal battle with COVID-19, underscoring the importance of clean air. He called air pollution one of the most pressing environmental issues, citing dust, construction, and vehicular emissions as key contributors in Kohima. Stressing the need for public participation alongside government initiatives, he encouraged students to lead by example through simple actions like tree planting, waste reduction, and eco-friendly habits.

Keynote speaker Dr. Riku Khutso, EAC Kohima, highlighted the dangers of air pollution caused by PM10 and PM2.5 particles,

which pose serious health risks. He advocated for both stronger policy implementation and community involvement.

Principal Fr. Dr. Tious Varghese welcomed participants and emphasized the role of education in creating socially and environmentally responsible citizens. He praised the event as a model of collaboration

between government, academia, and civil society.

As part of the programme, speech competition was held for students. The event marked a significant step in raising awareness and encouraging collective action towards a cleaner, healthier Kohima.

DISTRICT WATER AND SANITATION MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING AT KIPHIRE

A meeting of the District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM) Committee, Kiphire, was held on 9th September 2025 at the office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Temsuwati Longkumer (NCS), who also chairs the DWSM.

The meeting focused on eight key areas:

1. Progress Review

Updates on Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM-G), rainwater harvesting, and convergence with departments like MGNREGS and Agriculture.

2. Planning & Implementation

Formulation of Village Action Plans, identifying water-stressed areas, and ensuring inclusive coverage.

3. Quality & Sustainability

Status of water quality labs, contamination issues, and source sustainability efforts.

4. Capacity Building & IEC Training

for VWSCs and awareness campaigns on

hygiene, sanitation, and safe water use.

5. Operation & Maintenance

Review of O&M mechanisms and the role of local bodies.

6. Finance & Fund Utilization

Status of fund allocation, utilization, pending UCs, and exploring CSR support.

7. Monitoring & Evaluation

Data entry, third-party monitoring, and grievance redressal.

8. Special Issues

Emergency response for water-related disease outbreaks and state-level directives.

The DC emphasized the need for transparency and commitment in implementing centrally-sponsored projects, given Kiphire's status as an Aspirational District. He also directed PHED and Kiphire Town Ward Chairman to identify and report on natural water sources such as rivers and lakes for future planning.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING AT GHATASHI, CONCRETE ROAD AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM INAUGURATED UNDER THE PMAAGY SCHEME

The monthly meeting of the Sub-Divisional Planning and Development Board (SDPDB), Pughoboto, was held on 9th September 2025 at the Ghatashi Village Council Hall in Zunheboto.

A key highlight of the meeting was the approval of a proposal to establish an Information Technology (IT) Department in the Sub-Division, aimed at enhancing digital infrastructure. The board also discussed

fostering inter-departmental cooperation through sports, leading to the proposal of an Inter-Departmental Sports Meet.

In recognition of exemplary agricultural practices, MLA Dr. Sukhato A. Sema distributed five automatic sprayer machines to outstanding farmers, underlining his commitment to innovation and productivity in agriculture. He also expressed strong dissatisfaction with contractors failing to maintain standards under the Economic Importance (EI) Road Project and urged community members to actively monitor the quality of public works to ensure durable

infrastructure. Earlier in the day, Dr. Sema inaugurated a newly constructed concrete road and drainage system under the PMAAGY scheme of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs at Ghatashi.

Additionally, the MLA conducted an inspection of the Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Ghatashi to assess healthcare infrastructure and interacted with the staffs.

In his address, Additional Deputy Commissioner Tiameren Chang urged Village Council Chairmen to actively cooperate with government officials to ensure effective service delivery for the benefit of the public.

MONTHLY COORDINATION MEETING AND CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS PROGRAM HELD AT CHIEPHOBOZOU, KOHIMA

The Monthly Coordination meeting of Chiephobozou Sub-Division was held on 10th September 2025 at the DB's Court, Chiephobozou, Kohima District.

Chairing the Meeting ADC, Chiephobozou, Alemyapang Longchar stressed on the need of improvements of staff attendance. He also suggested the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Chiephobozou to create awareness with all the Village Council Chairmen in regard to health care of cattles, animal diseases and treatment of sick animals. He also reminded the departments that do not have a land patta to submit a

proposal of land to the Office of the ADC Chiephobozou for taking up the issues to the State Level.

Departmental activities were also highlighted by Assistant Surgeon, Veterinary Dispensary, Chiephobozou, Dr. N. Suokhrie.

After the Sub-divisional Meeting, NIELIT Kohima conducted a Cyber Security Awareness Program. Atoshe Lohe, Principal Forensic Analyst, explained how to report cybercrimes via cybercrime.gov.in or by calling 1930. Joint Director A. Morimenba Amer discussed modern cyber threats and social engineering attacks.

ZUNHBEOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of September was held on 10th September 2025 at the DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB, Zunheboto, Dharam Raj, IAS.

The meeting began with a review of the minutes from the previous session, followed by discussions on the scheduled agendas.

One of the key items discussed was a proposal from the Sumi Literature Board regarding the correction of the spelling of "Sütsa," which had previously been written

as "Sütsah." Vihoshe Muru, Chairman of the Sumi Literature Board, explained the cultural and linguistic importance of the corrected spelling to the board members.

The DC announced that the annual Inter-Departmental Sports Week, a tradition since 2010, would be held in the second week of October 2025 for which he urged all Heads of Departments in Zunheboto District to participate actively in the event.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner discussed various district-related issues with

the members, urging departments to bring innovative ideas to improve governance in the district. He also highlighted the issue of stray cattle and deliberated on corrective measures to prevent them from entering populated areas.

The meeting concluded with a presentation by Urban Development Officer, Y. Kunyangse, on the various development activities being undertaken by the Department in the District.

PHEK DBDP MEETING HELD

DPDB Phek held its monthly meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Phek on 10th September 2025 under the Chairmanship of Rhosietho Nguori, NCS, Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB, Phek.

The meeting discussed Inter Departmental Sports 2025 for the district scheduled to be held in the month of October. In this regard, a committee headed by ADC Phek, Thejakhienuo Nisa was constituted for formulation of all necessary relating to the tournament.

Meeting also deliberated and shared on Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan- Responsive

Governance Programme for building a Viksit Bharat/Develop India by 2047. In this regard, Master Trainers, Dzuthovilo Icho, Assistant Conservative of Forest, Phek and Shievozo Nienu, ADEO (Edn), Phek highlighted its activities through PowerPoint presentation.

Executive Engineer, Road & Bridge, Phek Div. Er. Vikerhe Venyo highlighted the details of Vehicular Roads in Phek district through PowerPoint presentation at the meeting. He also highlighted the ongoing construction of road projects and new projects implemented under Phek.

WOKHA DPDB REVIEWS PROGRESS, GEARS UP FOR FIRST-EVER BANANA FESTIVAL

The Wokha District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) held its monthly meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 10th Sept. 2025, chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB, Vineet Kumar, IAS. The meeting was attended by Advisor for Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan, and MLA Mhongbemo Humtsoe, along with heads of various departments and committee representatives.

A major highlight of the meeting was the detailed discussion on the upcoming Banana Festival, scheduled for 22nd and 23rd October 2025 the first of its kind in the district.

The meeting began with a review of the previous month's proceedings and included the approval of a proposal to register Myanta Okho Society, a local non-profit organization, which was recommended for final registration by higher authorities.

Advisor Mhathung Yanthan introduced an agenda on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM), urging the need for training and awareness campaigns to enhance transparency and efficiency in government procurement.

The board also discussed the formation of a Committee for Inter-Departmental Sports to promote unity, wellness, and healthy engagement among government

employees. In the health sector, Medical Superintendent Dr. N. Mhonchan Kithan shared the achievement of Dr. Motsuo Memorial District Hospital, which secured 2nd Prize in the prestigious Kayakalp Awards from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for excellence in cleanliness, hygiene, and infection control under the Swachh Bharat Mission.

CAMPAIGN FOR SATURATION OF FINANCIAL INCLUSION SCHEMES AT GP LEVEL HELD IN BADE VILLAGE, CHÜMOUKEDIMA

A Financial Inclusion Saturation Camp was held on September 10th, 2025, at Bade Village, Chümuokedima, organized by the Department of Financial Services, in collaboration with the RBI and Bank of Baroda. The event was part of a national campaign (July 1–September 30) to expand coverage under schemes like PMJDY, PMJJBY, PMSBY, and APY, while also promoting digital literacy, re-KYC awareness, and fraud prevention.

Advisor Hekani Jakhalu, attending as special guest, praised the initiative and highlighted the need for a local bank branch to improve access. She encouraged residents, especially tribal communities, to

take advantage of financial services for better savings, protection, and opportunities.

Bank of Baroda's Executive Director, Beena Vaheed, thanked the community for its support, stressing that financial inclusion empowers individuals and communities. She urged completion of re-KYC to continue receiving scheme benefits and highlighted the bank's commitment to promoting financial awareness, especially among women and marginalized groups.

The event concluded with the distribution of sanction letters to 18 beneficiaries, reinforcing the goal of building a financially inclusive India.

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAM HELD AT ALAYUNG VILLAGE, LONGLENG

Longleng District Legal Service Authority conducted a Legal Awareness program at Alayung Village, Longleng under NALSA's Effective Implementation of Poverty Scheme 2015, on 11th September 2025.

(NJS) Secretary, Longleng DLSA, Kumdilong Kessen, delivered the keynote

address, highlighting the importance of legal awareness in poverty alleviation and further mentioned that a court system is a framework for administering justice, comprising various courts with distinct jurisdictions, powers and procedures.

Retainer Lawyer, Panglang Y. Phom, sensitised the villagers about their rights

and entitlements under various poverty alleviation schemes, and provide them with information on how to access these benefits like eligibility criteria, application process and grievance redressal mechanisms.

Deputy LADC, P. Monyei Phom, briefed on the Victim Compensation and Lok Adalat with success stories and informed about the upcoming National Lok Adalat to be

held on 13/09/25. The program saw the active participation including women and marginalized groups. Participants took part in interactive sessions.

Later Participants were provided with informational materials, including pamphlets and brochures, on various rights by PLVs Yingli Keikung, Manau and Nyingching.

DISTRICT-LEVEL ORIENTATION AND 3-DAY TRAINING ON AADI KARMAKOGI ABHIYAN HELD AT ZUNHEBOTO



DC Zunheboto, Dharam Raj with officials and others during the three-day training programme Under Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan held at Multipuroose Hall, Zunheboto on 16th September 2025.

A district-level orientation and a three-day training programme under the Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan were successfully conducted in Zunheboto, organized by the District Administration and District Process Lab-Zunheboto.

The orientation meeting was held on 11th September at the DC's Conference Hall and was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Dharam Raj, IAS. A training session followed, led by Graduate Teacher Bonoka Sumi, a District Master Trainer, who shared the vision of the Abhiyan "Empowering tribal communities through a decentralized, culturally grounded, and convergence-based cadre of committed change leaders to ensure last-mile delivery and co-create Viksit Bharat @2047."

The DC emphasized the concept of "convergence", highlighting the importance of inter-departmental cooperation and the role of civil societies and NGOs in supporting village-level frontline workers.

Further intensifying efforts, a three-day training programme was held from 16th to 18th September at the Multipurpose Hall, Zunheboto. The training focused on building decentralized tribal leadership through the three leadership pillars: Adi Karmayogi (government officers), Adi Sahyogi (youth, service providers), Adi Saathi (SHG members, elders).

Participants were trained on key components such as the establishment of Adi Sewa Kendras, the Village Vision 2030

Planning, and mechanisms for last-mile service delivery through the Abhiyan Portal.

District-level orientations under Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan were also held in **Kohima**, **Mon**, **Tsemiphyu**, **Chumoukedima**, **Tuensang**, **Peren**, and **Phek**, while block-level orientations were

conducted in **Medziphema**, **Tuli**, **Atoizu**, **Aghunato**, **Jakhama**, and other locations. Additionally, three-day training programmes were held in **Mon**, **Peren**, and **Phek**, aimed at equipping trainers to lead the campaign at the village and block levels.

SDPDB BHANDARI CALLS FOR EXPEDITION OF ONGOING WORK ON THE FOOTHILL ROAD FOR COMPLETION BY DECEMBER 2025

Giving a directive on the ongoing Foothill Road construction within Bhandari Subdivision, MLA and Chairman SDPDB Bhandari, Achumbemo Kikon, said that construction work should be completed by the month of December, 2025.

MLA Kikon, who chaired the monthly SDPDB meeting of Bhandari, Wokha at the Conference Hall of the Summer House-cum-Guest House, on 11th September 2025, added that the Foothill Road, once completed, would be hassle-free “Home road” for public travellers.

SDO R&B, PWD, Bhandari, Er. Elithung Ovung, highlighted that presently construction work is in progress covering a stretch of around 39 kilometres including construction of bridges, and informed that some locations were facing a slower pace of work due to monsoon rainfalls.

The meeting resolved to urge the government to establish or reactivate permanent police outposts in strategic border areas and improve power and accommodation for Indian Reserved Battalion personnel at Liphayan and Tchuanphen. A proposal to shift the police check post from Bhandari town to Merapani Village was also discussed.

Principal L. Tiameren Longkumer raised concerns about the two-year shortage of language and Informatics teachers at Government Higher Secondary School Bhandari, prompting the House to request urgent staffing.

Other decisions included upscaling Bagty sub-treasury to handle subdivision government financial transactions, upgrading power supply to the Community Health Centre, and renovating the Northern Sumi Guest House in Bhandari.

MELURI DPDB MEETING HELD

The Monthly DPDB meeting of Meluri District was held on 11th September 2025 at DB's Court, Meluri under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Meluri, K. Mhathung Tsanglao.

After reviewing the previous meeting minutes, the board deliberated on the agendas of the day. Proposal for creation and establishment of Statistical Office and

District Youth Resources & Sports Office in Meluri were discussed and recommended to the respective department for approval.

During the meeting, Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer Meluri, Wetsote Kapfo gave a PowerPoint presentation on the departmental activities and the schemes implemented under Meluri district.

COORDINATION MEETING HELD AT TULI

The Sub-Divisional Coordination Meeting of Heads of Offices under Tuli Sub-Division was held on 11th September 2025 at Dobashi Court, Tuli, Mokokchung, where various departments reported on their activities and progress.

The Rural Development Department highlighted 2,118 active MNREGA job cards generating 48,176 mandays in 2025–26 and 80% saturation of targeted households under NSRLM, promoting 113 Self-Help Groups.

The Agriculture Officer reported 2,753 registered farmers across three blocks under PM-KISAN and over 50 farmers engaged in oil palm cultivation with financial support

under NMEO.

The Forest Range Office, supported by JICA, planted 90,168 saplings over 427 hectares at Merangkong village and 2,000 saplings under Nagar Van Yojana at Tuli College. The Medical Officer raised concerns over dog bites, tuberculosis, and road accidents averaging three cases monthly, but noted no malaria cases in the past five to six years.

The meeting underscored the need for inter-departmental collaboration to sustain and enhance development in Tuli Sub-Division.

MEETING ON AI-POWERED VIRTUAL ASSISTANT INITIATIVE HELD AT WOKHA

The Wokha District Administration convened a coordination meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall on 11th September 2025 to discuss the integration of departmental schemes and services into the upcoming AI-powered Virtual Assistant (Chatbot) system. The initiative aims to promote e-Governance and provide citizens with seamless access to government schemes and services through digital platforms.

The meeting brought together representatives from various key departments. Officials deliberated on the inclusion of department-specific services and mandates to ensure comprehensive coverage and citizen-friendly access.

The chatbot system is expected to enhance transparency, efficiency, and real-time information delivery across the district.

DPDB MOKOKCHUNG TO SUPPORT TB PATIENTS IN THE DISTRICT

On 12th September 2025, during the monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting held at the DC's Conference in Mokokchung, the Department of Health and Family Welfare delivered a PowerPoint presentation on Nikshay Mitras under the TB Elimination Programme. DTO Mokokchung, Dr. Toshila Jamir, reported

that the district currently has 174 TB patients requiring support from Nikshay Mitras. She explained that Nikshay Mitras can be individuals, NGOs, co-operative societies, political parties, or others, and each Mitra can adopt at least one TB patient undergoing treatment for a minimum of six months to provide any form of assistance needed.

MLA and DPDB Chairman Nuklutoshi Longkumer encouraged members to adopt at least one TB patient, announcing his commitment to adopt five patients. This was followed by Deputy Commissioner Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS, who also pledged to adopt five patients. It was decided that the list of Nikshay Mitra donors from various district departments would be reviewed in the next DPDB meeting.

Addl. Superintendent of Police Y. Tumchobemo Yanthan updated the meeting on the border situation between Assam and Nagaland, stating that the District Administration and Police have taken



MLA & Chairman DPDB, Mokokchung, Nuklutoshi Longkumer chairing the Mokokchung DPDB meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 12th September 2025.

necessary steps to manage the issue, with the situation currently under control and the status quo maintained.

Deputy Commissioner Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS, urged Heads of Offices in Mokokchung to regularly visit their subordinate offices in blocks and sub-divisions to build confidence, improving coordination, and understanding on-ground challenges. The DC also informed that annual reports on these visits will be required in the future.

Agenda on Financial and logistics assistance for hosting 25th Edition of Dr. T. Ao Inter- District Championship 2026, presented by the MDFA was discussed to which the Chairman DPDB said steps such as approaching certain departments and necessary steps would be taken after thorough study.

Constitution of Verification Committee for LADP 2025-2026 was informed by the District Planning Officer. Change of nomenclature of Rajeshwari Karina School, Tuli to Royal Knight School, Tuli was considered and forwarded to higher authority for approval.

1st DISTRICT-LEVEL YOUTH FESTIVAL HELD AT MELURI



DYRO Phek, Chubarenla Longchari with officials and participants during the first District level Youth Festival held at Village Council Hall, Meluri on 12th September 2025.

The Department of Youth Resources and Sports organised the very first District-level Youth Festival at Meluri on 12th September 2025, at the Village Council Hall, Meluri.

The historic event was held under the initiative of the District Youth Resource Officer Phek, Chubarenla Longchari, marking a new chapter in the district's youth engagement and cultural promotion.

DYRO Phek, Chubarenla Longchari, expressed the importance of youth festivals

in nurturing talent, promoting traditional art forms, and fostering unity among young people. She expressed the importance of the event being the very first District-level Youth Festival at Meluri after becoming a district.

The Festival has set a promising foundation for empowering and celebrating the youth of Meluri. The highlights of the day included competitions of Declamation, Folk songs and Folk Dances.

ONE DAY WITH DEPUTY COMMISSIONER INITIATIVE INSPIRES STUDENTS IN KOHIMA

In an effort to motivate and expose young students to the workings of district administration, the Deputy Commissioner of Kohima, B Henok Buchem, launched the "One Day with Deputy Commissioner" initiative on 12th September, 2025. The first batch of five students from Dr. N. Kire Government Higher Secondary School visited the DC Office, Kohima, and participated in an interactive session designed to provide valuable insights into public service and governance.

During the program, the students had the opportunity to interact with DC Buchem, administrative officers, district officers, members of the Kohima Press Club, and officials from the Nagaland Pollution Control Board. Buchem shared inspiring stories of bureaucrats who overcame challenges, remained humble, and achieved success through perseverance. He emphasized the importance of hard work, a positive attitude, good health, and essential leadership qualities.

Highlighting the purpose of the initiative, Buchem encouraged the students to redefine their own paths and aim for excellence, irrespective of their family



DC Kohima, B Henok Buchem with other officials and the 2nd batch of Don Bosco Higher Secondary School students during the "One Day with Deputy Commissioner" initiative at DC's Office, Kohima on 19th September 2025.

backgrounds. He explained that the program is designed to boost confidence, expand perspectives, and ignite interest in careers in public service among young people.

This initiative by DC Kohima will select five meritorious and enthusiastic students, at a time, from private and government schools across Kohima district. It offers them firsthand experience of the district administration's functions and the system of governance at the local level.

The students actively participated in the program, expressing keen interest and dedication.

AWARENESS PROGRAM ON INCLUSIVE QUALITY EDUCATION HELD AT GPS INDUSTRIAL VILLAGE

An awareness program on early intervention and inclusive quality education was held at GPS Industrial Village, Dimapur in collaboration with Blessed Bonding (NGO) and sponsored by the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities on 13th September 2025.

Deputy Commissioner of Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, who attended the event as the special guest, emphasized the importance of early intervention, stressing that parents need to understand their children's challenges and responsibilities. While early intervention primarily falls on parents, he highlighted it as a shared responsibility of the entire community and society.

He praised Angel Home's efforts and called for inclusive education to be adopted in all schools. He also lauded the schools and education departments in Dimapur for raising awareness and providing opportunities to children regardless of disabilities.

DPDB KOHIMA HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING, FELICITATES NATIONAL TEACHERS' AWARD RECIPIENT AND REVIEWS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

The monthly meeting of the District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) Kohima was held on 15th September, 2025 at the DPDB Conference Hall under the chairmanship of Kevipodi Sophie, MLA and Chairman of DPDB Kohima, with Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman of DPDB Kohima, B. Henok Buchem (NCS), presiding over the proceedings.

The Deputy Commissioner welcomed the members and facilitated Peleno Petenilhu, a teacher from John Government Higher Secondary School, Viswema, who was

He cited inspiring individuals like Stephen Hawking and Stevie Wonder to demonstrate that people with disabilities can achieve great success. He called for collective support, emphasizing everyone's role in helping one another, and assured that the district administration is always available to provide assistance whenever needed.

Beni Seb Chishi, a qualified Behavioural Therapist, spoke on the importance of early intervention, while Madam Loyilo Kikon from Samagra Shiksha JUBRC elaborated on important features and benefits of inclusive education. Orentsani N. Kithan, Developmental Paediatrics Department, CIHSR, highlighted the importance of early detection and support for children with special needs.

Special presentations were made by GPS Industrial and Angel Home, Signal Angami, followed by sharing of testimonies by parents from GPS Industrial and Blessed Bonding.

recently conferred the prestigious National Teachers' Award 2025.

The house then took up the registration of new societies, recommending the Lechale Khamo Society and Koinonia Society, for approval.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Village Adoption Award for the year 2024-25 by Ruopfukuotuo Noudi, Additional Deputy Commissioner (HQ). 14th Southern Angami I Committee was adjudged the best-performing committee, while the Northern Angami I Committee

secured second place.

The board further approved the constitution of new Village Adoption Committees (VACs) and LADP Verification Committees, and recommended the upgradation of Don Bosco School, Peducha, to Class VIII.

Departmental presentations included updates from the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department, and the State Hub for Empowerment of Women (Mission Shakti), which gave a briefing on the POSH Act (2013) focused on preventing sexual harassment in the workplace.

The Kohima District Level Advisory Committee (DLAC) on Safe Food and Healthy Diets, in coordination with the District Task

Force, reviewed the implementation of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. It was announced that five task force teams will begin inspecting food establishments across Kohima later this month.

Additionally, the Rural Development Department gave a presentation on the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyaan a nationwide initiative to promote grassroots tribal leadership.

Concluding the meeting, MLA Kevipodi Sophie congratulated the award-winning Village Adoption Committees and commended the Deputy Commissioner for launching the “One Day with DC” initiative, describing it as a “mindset-changing step that reflects our responsibility towards the younger generation.”

FINANCIAL INCLUSION SATURATION CAMPAIGN HELD AT TSEMINYU

A three months Financial Inclusion Saturation Campaign & KYC Re-verification, organised by SBI, Tsemintyu branch, was conducted on 16th September 2025 at the Council Hall, Tsemintyu Village.

LDM, LBO, Kohima, Temsu Meren, highlighted the schemes of PMJDY, PMJDY, PMSBY & APY while Branch Manager, SBI Tsemintyu, Pamii Eliakim enlightened on the awareness on KYC re-verification, nomination, unclaimed deposits & prevention of cyber crime.

During the programme, short speeches were delivered by Deputy Commissioner

Tsemintyu, Japheth Woch; Director, Department of Financial Services (MoF) New Delhi, Vinod Kumar; General Manager, NW-11, SBI, LHO Guwahati, Amaresh Kumar Jha; and General Manager (O-I-C) RBI, Kohima, S.Nekhini.

The program was chaired by Centre Manager, CFL Chunlikha, Juliet Kent while the welcome address was delivered by DGM, SBI Administrative Office, Jorhat, Surabhi Bhattacharya. Words of gratitude were pronounced by Regional Manager, SBI, Regional Business Office, Dimapur.

SEMINAR ON WEAVING HERITAGE HELD AT AHTHIBUNG TOWN, PEREN

A seminar titled “Weaving Heritage: Propagating Sustainable Community Life in Harmonious Co-existence with Nature through the Cultural and Traditional Ethos

and Values of the Tribal Kukis in Nagaland” was successfully held at Community Hall, Ahtibung Town, Peren on 16th September 2025.

The seminar was sponsored by the North Eastern Council (NEC), Ministry of DONER, Government of India, and organized by Gracious Society, Ahthibung in collaboration with Kuki Students' Organisation Nagaland (KSON) and Kuki Inpi Nagaland (KIN).

The programme was chaired by Project Director and President of KSON, Thangjamang and a presentation was delivered by General Secretary of KSON, Lalminthang. The seminar project was formally inaugurated by Retired SDEO, L. Gangte.

Resource persons for the seminar included President of the Custom and

Culture Board, KIN, Lensei Lotjem, Social and Cultural Secretary, KIN, Zampao Kilong, and MSW, Social Worker and Founder of Gracious Society, Hoineichin Singson.

The seminar was attended by students from Government and Christian Higher Secondary Schools, Ahthibung, along with GBs, Village Council members, and student leaders from the Ahthibung circle.

The event successfully highlighted the importance of preserving the rich cultural heritage of the Kuki tribes, while promoting sustainable community living in harmony with nature.

TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the DPDB Tseminyu was held on 18th September 2025 in the DC's Conference Hall, Tseminyu, under the chairmanship of Vice-Chairman, DC Tseminyu, Japheth Woch.

During the meeting, the House approved registration of New society of Tseminyu District Differently Abled Person Union (TDDAPU). The house also discussed the urban waste disposal which is facing many hurdles to improve the waste management for which a proper site is required for the disposal of waste, and the Tseminyu Town council was asked to look into the matter.

The house further discussed on installation of CCTVs in all the Office and approached the government for approval.

The House unanimously agreed to declare Tseminyu District as a Piggery District and decided that the Administration in coordination with the officers from the District Committee would formulate an action plan, and present it in the next DPDB meeting.

Yhuntilo Kent (Forest Ranger), Department of Forest, Tseminyu gave a detailed Power Point presentation of activities that have been carried out.

KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING CUM ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR ADI KARAMA YOGI ABHIYAN HELD

The District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) Meeting cum Orientation Programme for the Adi Karama Yogi Abhiyan (AKA) was held on 17th September 2025 at the DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire, chaired by DC Temsuwati Longkumer.

Key discussions included SHE-BOX

registration, malaria and dengue prevention, and the implementation of PM Gati Shakti. The DC urged departments to prioritize mapping key assets schools, hospitals, Anganwadi centres, roads, and water pipelines on the Gati Shakti Portal and report progress to the MIS team.

EACTakatemjen Pongen highlighted the importance of AKA as a national mission to strengthen tribal leadership and governance. Various officials presented departmental updates and activities. The DC also directed the RD department to identify households without job cards and maintain accurate MGNREGA records, stressing transparency

and accountability. The meeting concluded with a reminder about the Miss Kiphire Grand Finale on 27th September 2025.

Departmental presentations were given by Lily O. Ezung from NSRDA (representing the DRDA department) and Shekimu H. Sumi from the Soil Conservation Department.

CHILD RIGHTS & PROTECTION AWARENESS PROGRAMMES HELD IN NOKLAK, DIMAPUR, AND NIULAND

As part of Mission Vatsalya under the Department of Social Welfare, the District Child Protection Units (DCPU) across **Noklak**, **Dimapur**, and **Niuland**, in collaboration with the Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NSCPCR), organized a series of awareness and sensitization programmes on child rights, legislation, and protection mechanisms.

In **Noklak**, the awareness programme was held on 12th September at Khaokhan Council Hall, specifically targeting Anganwadi Workers, Helpers, and ASHA workers. In his keynote address the DCPO Noklak, Kito Ayemi, emphasized the role of grassroots workers and community involvement in child protection. Sessions included a presentation on CHILDLINE 1098 by CHL Supervisor Thaiming T and a detailed overview of child-related legislation by PO NIC Manggol L. Phom. An interactive session allowed participants to share concerns and deepen their understanding.

In **Dimapur**, a one-day awareness programme was held on 19th September at Hotel Saramati under the theme "Child Rights & Child Protection". Chaired by CWC Chairperson Moamenla Yaden, the event featured addresses by Yongchingkumla, NCS, Secretary, Social Welfare & NSCPCR, and Alun Hangsing, NSCPCR Chairman.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Tinojongshi Chang highlighted the urgency of addressing rising child abuse cases and called for coordinated action. Key legal provisions under the Juvenile Justice Act, POCSO Act, and Child Labour laws were presented by NSCPCR members and legal experts. DCPO Dimapur, Avika Zhimomi, shared that 310 CNCP cases and 499 CHILDLINE cases were reported in the district over two years.

Similarly, in **Niuland**, a programme on 18th September brought together officials and community leaders at the Town Council Hall. NSCPCR Chairman Alun Hangsing spoke on the global importance of child care, while Deputy Commissioner Sara S. Jamir urged public leaders to work against child labour and child marriage. Sessions covered the JJ Act, Adoption Act, Right to Education, and POCSO, with speakers including NSCPCR Legal Consultant Lichani Murry and Members Aying Wangsha and Akumla Longchari. DCPO Niuland Kughakali Achumi presented district data.

A one-day Awareness Programme on Child Rights and Protection was held at the DC Conference Hall, **Chumoukedima** on 30th September 2025. Deputy Commissioner Polan John and NSCPCR Chairman Alun Hangsing highlighted the urgent need for community involvement in combating rising

child exploitation cases. Resource persons spoke on key child protection laws including the JJ Act, POCSO, and RTE. A district

report on child-related cases was presented by DCPO Nikito Zhimomi.

LAUNCHING PROGRAMME OF POSHAN MAAH HELD AT MELURI

The Department of Social Welfare ICDS project Meluri, organised the launching programme of Poshan Maah at Meluri Village Council Hall on 18th September 2025.

Special guest, Deputy Commissioner, Meluri, Mhathung Tsanglao, NCS, emphasized the crucial role of updating the facial recognition system (FRS) and encouraged everyone to collaboratively work as to uplift the district in every way. He also said, the importance of community participation, asserting that, collectively efforts and engagement from the convergence department are vital for the successful implementation of Initiative aimed at fostering growth and development in the

district.

MO CHC Meluri, Dr. Kelelo Pradia, stressed on obesity by reducing sugar and oil consumption. He stated that, a balanced diet is important, in order to have a good immune system and a healthy body.

Sr. Supervisor, Watsüsie delivered a welcome address and CDPO i/c. DPO Meluri, Thorhosie Kajiri delivered key note address of this year's themes, Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi and infant and young Child Feeding (IYCF) Practices.

The programme was chaired by Poshan Block Coordinator, Kuhuvelu Chotso, where she also led the Poshan Pledge.

DPDB DIMAPUR HELD WITH FOCUS ON DEVELOPMENT, DRAINAGE AND SAFETY

The monthly Dimapur District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 22nd September 2025 at the DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur under the chairmanship of MLA and Advisor, Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, & Excise Department, Moatoshi Longkumer.

Moatoshi Longkumer, in his address, highlighted the urgent need for collective efforts to improve the district, stressing that drainage remains the most pressing issue. He directed the Urban Development Department to immediately take up maintenance work to address the problem.

DC Tinojongshi Chang informed the house that a 10-member Drainage

Encroachment Verification Committee formed in 2023 has been expanded by inclusion of three new members— the Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Naga Council Dimapur, and the Administrator of East Dimapur Town Council. Tasked with preparing a detailed report for submission to the State Government.

He also said that responsibilities for the road sector have already been divided between the Public Works Department and the Urban Development Department for better management.

Meanwhile, Chief Executive Officer, Dimapur Municipal Council, Dimapur, Thungchanbemo Tungoe, announced that "Run 4 Green Dimapur" will be held

on September 27 to create awareness on environmental protection.

The board also deliberated on the implementation of the Nagaland Special Development Zone (NSDZ) in Dimapur district, agreeing to submit suggestions to the State Government.

Various other agendas related to education, infrastructure, and development in Dimapur, were also discussed recommended to the State Government for approval, including the upgradation of Plus Mont Essors School and Rising Star Academy to class VIII. Registration of Earth Alliance Nagaland, Opening of New School

Raindrops School Viola Colony, Issue of NOC for United Computer Institute Pvt. Ltd. and proposal for government takeover of Public College on Burma Camp Road.

On the sidelines of the DPDB Meeting, Dimapur, the Drainage Encroachment Verification Committee, headed by the Revenue Officer, Dimapur, submitted its report/findings to the Chairman, District Planning Development Board (DPDB), as per the findings in the report, the House resolved to undertake a final spot verification and demolish structures which encroached upon the natural flow of drainage in Dimapur.

NIULAND DPDB TEAM TO VISIT SCHOOLS & VILLAGES TO VERIFY THE PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION IN DISTRICT

The Niuland District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 24th September 2025 at DC Conference Hall, Niuland.

Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB Niuland, Sara S Jamir, while chairing the meeting informed the members that as per the directive from the Minister PHED & Cooperation Jacob Zhimomi, the DPDB members will be visiting the schools and villages in the first week of October to verify the projects implementation in the district and requested all the members to be prepared for the visitation program.

The DPDB Members also approved to hold seminars on the role of VCCs GBs and

VDBs in all the 103 Villages in the District. In this regard Deputy Commissioner asked all the development departments to prepare for the power point presentation. The purpose of the seminar is to sensitise to the public about the role and functions of the VCCs, GBs & VDBs and also about how various state and central government schemes and projects are being implementing in the villages. The DC also reminded the concerned department officials to compulsorily get GPS tagging photos for the entire program.

Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Niuland, Bisinle Kemp, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on behalf of the Cooperation Department.

TOOLKIT DISTRIBUTION UNDER PM VISHWAKARMA HELD AT PEREN

A toolkit distribution programme under the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Scheme was held at the District Headquarter, Peren,

organized by the District Industries Centre (DIC), Peren on 25th September 2025.

Deputy Commissioner of Peren, Hiazu

Meru, handed over toolkits to 21 beneficiaries who had successfully completed a 7-day training programme at the Polytechnic Institute, Peren.

In his address, Meru encouraged the trainees to effectively utilize the knowledge and skills they had gained, and urged the beneficiaries to make the best use of the provided toolkits to enhance their livelihoods.

Highlighting that the beneficiaries are the first batch of trained artisans under PM Vishwakarma in Peren district, he described

them as ambassadors of the scheme and encouraged them to set an example through their work. He also noted that entrepreneurs have a vital role in strengthening the district's economy and called upon them to work skilfully and productively with the support of the toolkits.

The programme was chaired by Functional Manager, DIC Peren, Namziulung, with the welcome address delivered by General Manager, DIC Peren, Kughato Sema.

MOCK DRILL ON EARTHQUAKE HELD AT KIPHIKE

A District Level Mock Drill simulating a 7.8 M earthquake was conducted by the 12 BN National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in collaboration with the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Kiphire on 24th Sept 2025 in Kiphire.

The drill was preceded by a Tabletop Exercise (TTX) held on September 23rd, 2025, where response strategies, coordination mechanisms, and roles of all stakeholders were reviewed. During the simulation, various emergency scenarios such as evacuation, search and rescue, first aid, and relief camp management were carried out to ensure operational readiness.

Representatives from all key stakeholders and departments actively

participated in the exercise. In his feedbacks, observer of the Mock Drill, Major Rayat 14 Assam Rifle, Kiphire suggested on involvement of more local participants in the drill. He stated that the strength of NDRF, Assam Rifle and the Police alone is not sufficient during the aftermath of Disaster, and encouraged active involvement of locals for prompt disposal of rescue tasks.

While debriefing the programme, DC Kiphire extended appreciation to all the team and department involved in the drill. He also informed that the upcoming mock drill to be held probably in the month of November this year would be in large scale, and said that schools and colleges will be involved.

WORKSHOP ON WASTE MANAGEMENT AND COMPOSTING UNDER NCAP HELD AT DIMAPUR

As part of the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), a workshop on Waste Management and Composting as an Alternative to Burning of Waste was held on 24th September 2025 at Kevijau Colony, Dimapur. The event aimed to promote sustainable waste disposal practices

and encourage community participation in household and community waste management.

Delivering the keynote address, Imlijungla, EAC Dimapur, remarked that clean air is the most basic need for a healthy life, yet it remains under constant threat

from vehicles, industries, waste burning, and other human activities. She highlighted that the NCAP, launched by the Government of India, seeks to reduce air pollution and make cities healthier places to live.

Adrian, DMC consultant, emphasized that proper waste segregation can turn waste into a resource and reduce harmful practices like burning. He noted that while DMC spends ₹48 lakhs monthly on waste management, proper handling could cut costs and generate revenue, contributing to

a cleaner, healthier Dimapur.

The technical session was led by the Life Ministry Learning Centre, which demonstrated composting techniques as a sustainable alternative to open burning of waste.

The workshop concluded with a distribution of compost bin and a vote of thanks delivered by Kesovonou, General Secretary of KWO, while the invocation was offered by Aliang Zeiliang.

11th EDITION OF THEPOCHURY BLACK DAY MEMORIAL CUP CONCLUDES

The 11th Edition of the Pochury Black Day Memorial Cup, organised by the Pochury Students' union, concluded at Meluri local ground on 24th September 2025.

He noted that the event represents the collective identity of the Pochury Tribe and serves as a poignant reminder of the region's difficult past and the enduring strength of its

people. He emphasized that this occasion is an opportunity to honor the sacrifices and struggles of the ancestors, transforming their hardships into lessons that shape our shared responsibilities. He also urged the youth to embrace a sporting culture, highlighting its role in shaping character and instilling core values.

KOHIMA DISTRICT TASK FORCE BEGINS FOOD SAFETY INSPECTIONS

In line with the resolution of the Kohima District Level Advisory Committee (DLAC) on Safe Food and Healthy Diets to prioritize food safety and public health, the Kohima District Task Force on Food Safety has begun inspection of food establishments across the district. The initiative is aimed at ensuring effective implementation of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, along with its Rules and Regulations of 2011.

On the first day of inspection, the task force visited 11 restaurants and hotels, beginning from Jail Colony. The team carried out checks on key areas including water quality, functionality of electronic



Officials from Kohima District Task Force during the Food Safety Inspection on 25th September 2025.

appliances, condition of washrooms, kitchen hygiene, food storage practices, and waste management.

The inspections revealed several lapses such as contamination on walls and peeling paint, damaged exhaust systems, uncovered waste bins, absence of gloves and headgear for kitchen staff, lack of separate knives and storage for vegetables and meat, flies in kitchens, and absence of medical certificates for employees.

MON DPDB LAUNCHES SMART HUB PORTAL AND REVIEWS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The monthly meeting of Mon DPDB was held on 26th of September 2025 at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Mon under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB Mon, Wennyei Konyak, NCS.

During the meeting, Wennyei Konyak officially launched the Mon Smart Hub Portal, aimed at promoting smart governance and improved service delivery under the tagline "Smart Governance, Better Services, Bright Future".

The Board reviewed the last month's meeting minutes and discussed the following agenda, setting up of Private Bus Stand at Yingtongho below Mon village, upgradation of AME (Mechanical) to EE Mon Division,

Out of the 11 establishments inspected, only four hotels along with one restaurant were found to have water analysis reports. Officials reminded that it is mandatory for all food establishments to obtain certification for water quality.

The task force emphasized that inspections will continue across all hotels and restaurants in Kohima to ensure that food safety standards are strictly followed.

construction of New Office Building and Staff Quarters for SDEO Tizit and Wakching.

The Board approved for registration of Spoken English Academy, Walo Ward Mon and forwarded it to the Government for final approval.

Ajit Kumar SDEO (C), while discussing the agenda, explained the concept of Vibrant Village Programme, an initiative of the GoI, to make village of bordering country more accessible with all the facilities and infrastructure like better road, telecom, electricity, education and healthcare system. He informed the house that under Myanmar Vibrant Village Programme Phase 2, nine villages under Mon District have been selected.

Y. PATTON CONDUCTS SURPRISE INSPECTION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN WOKHA

Continuing the series of surprise inspections across government offices, Deputy Chief Minister, Yanthungo Patton visited several departments in Wokha on 26th September 2025.

The Deputy Chief Minister was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner

Wokha. Vineet Kumar IAS, Superintendent of Police Wokha, Relo Aye, and representatives from Lotha Hoho and Lotha Students' Union, including their respective Presidents, Mhondamo Ovung and Lirhonthung Kithan. Addressing the issue, the Deputy Chief Minister acknowledged that while many

staff members are sincerely performing their duties, even a few unjustified absences can disrupt public service delivery. He emphasized the need for all departments to uphold discipline and accountability to

ensure that citizens receive the services they rightfully deserve. He further stated that such inspections will continue in order to reinforce a culture of responsibility and transparency within the government machinery.

GOVERNOR, AJAY KUMAR BHALLA UNDERTAKES TWO-DAY VISIT TO WOKHA AND DOYANG

Governor of Nagaland, Ajay Kumar Bhalla, commenced a two-day official visit to Wokha district from 27th Sept. 2025, marked by a series of engagements aimed at reviewing developmental initiatives and interacting with key stakeholders.

Upon arrival, the Governor was received at the Assam Rifles Camp, Wokha, where he was accorded a Guard of Honour and met with district officials. En route to Doyang, he made a brief visit to Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Wokha, reflecting his interest in educational institutions and youth development.

At Doyang, the Governor visited the Doyang Hydroelectric Power Station and held a meeting with officials of the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO). The programme was chaired by Head of Project, John Zeliang, and featured a presentation by Senior Manager (Civil), Zachamo Ovung. The presentation outlined

the inception and historical significance of the Doyang Hydroelectric Dam, highlighting key initiatives undertaken by NEEPCO in areas such as infrastructure development, community outreach, funding mechanisms, and regional connectivity.

Governor Bhalla commended the NEEPCO team for their dedicated service and contribution to the state's energy sector. He lauded their efforts in enhancing operational efficiency, fostering sustainable development, and ensuring reliable power supply to the region. He emphasized that such institutions play a vital role in driving economic growth and improving the quality of life for citizens.

The Governor was accompanied by his lady wife Jyoti Grover Bhalla. He was also joined by Deputy Commissioner Wokha, Vineet Kumar IAS, Superintendent of Police Wokha, T. Relo Aye, and other senior officials.

DISTRICT-LEVEL TRAINING ON PANCHAYAT ADVANCEMENT INDEX 2.0 HELD AT WOKHA

The State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), Nagaland, Kohima successfully organized a District-level Training on Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 for officials of Line Departments and Block Development Officers (BDOs) on 29th September 2025 at Tiyi Hall, Wokha.

The training programme was led by Course Directors Principal, Extension Training Centre (ETC), Phek, Suohienuo Keyho; Senior Lecturer and Consultant, SIRD Dr. Chekhupru Nyekha; and Consultant, SIRD, Vepo Keyho.

The event commenced with a welcome



Official from SIRD, Nagaland and DRDA Wokha along with trainees during the Block Level training on Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0 under Revamped-RGSA for VDB Secretaries and Computer assistants held T. Mount Tiyi Hall, Wokha on 30th September 2025.

address by Principal ETC Phek, Suohienuo Keyho, followed by an inaugural note delivered by Project Officer, DRDA Wokha, Ekonthung Ngullie,

Participants were introduced to the framework of PAI 2.0, developed under the Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA). The initiative aims to strengthen local

governance by evaluating and enhancing the performance of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) through a set of measurable indicators. The mission is to promote transparent, accountable, and inclusive rural governance. The training concluded with a post-assessment of participants.

WORLD RABIES DAY OBSERVED AT LONGLENG

The District Surveillance Unit, IDSP Longleng in collaboration with the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Service Department observed World Rabies Day under the theme- “Act Now: You, Me and Community”, at Sakshi village and Tamlu CHC, Longleng on 25th and 26th September 2025 respectively.

Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Dr. O Kupmei Phom, spoke on the importance of vaccination and its preventive measures and treatment methods. She said that rabies has no treatment but is preventable through vaccination; therefore, the annual

vaccination of pets is very important.

District Surveillance Officer, Dr. K Manan Phom, spoke on the awareness and management strategies. He mentioned that rabies is a fatal but preventable viral disease that is spread to people through the saliva of an infected animal. He highlighted that mass dog vaccination to cut off transmission, post exposure prophylaxis and community awareness on prevention and recognising rabies symptoms as ways to effectively management strategies.

The programme was followed by free anti-rabies vaccination drive.

AKASHVANI KOHIMA CONDUCTS VARIOUS PROGRAMMES COMMEMORATING 90 YEARS OF RADIO

To mark the 90th Anniversary of Radio Broadcasting in India, Akashvani Kohima organized a series of events on 26th September 2025, including an Essay Writing Competition, a Health Camp, and a Hindi Song Competition.

The celebrations aimed to honour the legacy of radio broadcasting, encourage students to think critically, and raise awareness about the vital role of radio in national development. The Essay Writing Competition, held at PM Shri School Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kohima, targeted students from Classes IX to XII, with 30 participants taking part.

Simultaneously, a Health Camp was held at Akashvani Kohima under the nationwide "Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan," in collaboration with the Chief Medical Officer's office, Kohima. The camp provided on-site medical services, including screenings for anaemia, non-communicable diseases (NCDs), TB, HIV, and Hepatitis B.

Hindi Film Song Competition was also successfully held at Akashvani Kohima Office premises as the closing event of the annual Hindi Pakhwada celebration 2025 to promote the practical and cultural use of Hindi in official and social spheres.



BHANDARI TOWN COUNCIL DEDICATES SANITATION VEHICLES



ADC Bhandari, Longasen Lotha with Chairperson, Bhandari Town Council, Khonthungia Odyuo and others during the dedicatory programme of Sanitation Vehicles at Bhandari on 24th September 2025.

Bhandari Town Council dedicated three Sanitation Vehicles at the Summer House-Cum-Guest House, Bhandari, Wokha on 24th September 2025.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari, and Executive Officer, Bhandari Town Council, Longasen Lotha, NCS lauded the Bhandari Town Council for stepping up efforts to improve and ensure systematic and timely waste collection and transportation, to maintain cleaner and healthier environment in all the Wards of the town. Highlighting on the sanitation vehicles, Chairperson, Bhandari Town Council, Khonthungia Odyuo, stated that the vehicles were provided by the department of Rural Development under Swach Bharat Mission, and would be functional after the dedication.

The Chairperson also appealed to the

wards to cooperate with the Town Council by enabling the sanitation vehicles pass through the arterial roads smoothly in their respective areas while collecting household or open wastes.

The programme which was attended by the councillors from the nine wards of Bhandari town, Bhandari Town Lotha Hoho, and Elo Hoho, Bhandari Town Students' Union, Trade Union, Church leaders, Dobashis and Gaonburas, also deliberated upon public vehicle parking zones and parking taxes and earmarked three sites as parking zones within Bhandari town.

Dedicatory prayer was pronounced by Rev. Longshi Lotha, Pastor, Bhandari Town Baptist Church. The programme was chaired by T. Likao Odyuo, Deputy Chairperson, Bhandari Town Council.



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio with dignitaries at the launching of Enhancing Landscape and Ecosystem Management (ELEMENT) Nagaland Project at the Chief Minister's Secretariate, Nagaland Civil Secretariate, Kohima on 17th September 2025



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio and Minister, Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak flagging off ambulances, hearse vans and rapid response team vehicles during the launching of Swasth Nari, Sashkt pavivar Abhiyan at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on 17th September 2025.



Nagaland Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla and his wife Jyoti Grover Bhalla along with Commissioner and Secretary to the Governor K. Thavaseelan, IAS; Deputy Commissioner of Wokha, Vineet Kumar, IAS; Superintendent of Police Wokha, T. Relo Aye and Assam Rifles officials at Assam Rifles Camp during the Governor's two-day visit to Wokha on 27th September, 2025.



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STATE ROUND-UP



Secretary, Industries & commerce, Kumar Rammnikant, Director of Industries & Coommerce, P. Tokugha Sema, COO, NLDSL, Arvind Devaraj, after signing of MOU between NLDSL and Industries & Commerce, Nagaland at DOI & C, Kohima on 10th September 2025.



Advisor for New & Renewable Energy, NSDMA, Z Nyusieto Nyuthe, chairing an emergency meeting with all line departments at the NSDMA Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 15th September 2025.



Chairperson, NSCW, W. Nginyei Konyak and officials during the consultative meeting with the Apex Women Tribal Hohos in Nagaland held at the SIRD Conference Hall, Kohima on 17th September 2025.

STATE ROUND-UP



Development Commissioner, Temsunaro Aier, IAS, along with NDBA officials and Trainers with the machineries distributed during the world Bamboo Day Celebration 2025 at Nagaland Bamboo Resource Centre, Chumoukedima on 18th September 2025.



Advisor, IT&C, Economics & Statistics and Evaluation, H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam with Economics & Statistics officials releasing the Survey Report on Employment, Unemployment, Skill and Migration in Nagaland, 2025 at DES Conference Hall on 19th September 2025.



Chief Secretary Sentyianger Imchen with officials and a delegation from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) India Office, led by Country Head Takuro Takeuchi and Representative Saya Ishikawa, at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 22nd September 2025.

DISTRICT ROUND-UP



Medical Officer, District Hospital Noklak, Dr. Chongnya with officials and participants during the Sankalp awareness program on Menstrual Hygiene conducted at the KGBV Hostel, Noklak on 8th September 2025.



MLA, Dr. Sukhato A. Sema inaugurates the concrete road and drainage constructed under PMAAGY Scheme Ministry of Tribal Affairs at Ghathashi, Zunheboto on 9th September 2025.



DC Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang with officials and children at an awareness program for Person with Disabilities held at GPS Industrial Village, Dimapur on 13th September 2025.

DISTRICT ROUND-UP



NDRF personnel demonstrating a rescue operation during the District Level Mock Drill at the DC's office, Kiphire, on 24th September 2025.



Infants Vaccinated During Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan Health Camps at PHC Buranamsang and Tamlu CHC, Longleng on 25th & 26th September 2025.



DC Peren, Hiazu Meru with officials and entrepreneurs at the PM Vishwakarma toolkit distribution program held at Polytechnic Institute, Peren on 25th September 2025.