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State tableau on display during the 77th Republic Day celebration at Kartavya Path, New Delhi on 26th January 2026. (Dept. of Art and Culture, GoN)



Chief secretary, Sentiyangar Imchen, IAS and G.H. Ramlia, newly sworn in Upa-Lokayukta of Nagaland, signing the official record register during the oath-taking ceremony at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 16th January 2026.



Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio and Commisioner & Secretary IPR and Cooperation, Orenthung Lotha interacting with a visiting media delegatiom from Gujarat at Chief Minister's Residential complex, Kohima on 21st January 2026.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS *and* NOTIFICATIONS

HIGH POWERED COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED FOR HORNBILL FESTIVAL

In the interest of public service and in order the Governor of Nagaland is pleased to constitute A standing High Powered Committee Governing Body for the Hornbill Festival has been constituted to provide overall policy, direction, inter-departmental coordination, and strategic oversight, with the following composition:

1. Hon'ble Chief Minister : Chairman
2. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (Planning & NH) : Member
3. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (Home & BA) : Member
4. Hon'ble Minister (Tourism & HE) : Member
5. Hon'ble Minister (Horticulture & WRD) : Member
6. Hon'ble Advisor (Art & Culture) : Member
7. Hon'ble Advisor (Industries & Commerce) : Member
8. Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister : Member
9. Chief Secretary : Member Secretary
10. Finance Commissioner : Member
11. Development Commissioner : Member
12. Commissioner & Secretary (Tourism) : Member
13. Secretary (Art & Culture) : Member
14. Secretary (Industries & Commerce) : Member
15. Secretary (Horticulture) : Member
16. Chairman (TaFMA) : Member

The Role of the High Powered Committee will be as under

Provide strategic vision and policy guidance, Ensure inter-departmental convergence, Approve major strategic initiative, partnership and frameworks, Monitor progress against defined outcomes, Allotment of site, Monitor the rates for materials sold and events and all policy decisions.

Further, amongst the members of the HPC, a Convenor and Festival Director for the Hornbill Festival shall be appointed.

The HPC in addition to above will also oversee the CSRs, Sponsorship received for the Hornbill Festival. The decision to hold any event for promotion of music, culture and related activities in the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama during the period other than Hornbill Festival will also be approved by the HPC.

G.H. RAMLIA SWORN IN AS UPA-LOKAYUKTA OF NAGALAND

Former State Information Commissioner, Nagaland and Retired District & Sessions Judge, G. H. Ramlia was sworn in as the new Upa-Lokayukta of Nagaland at a formal ceremony held on 16th January 2026.

The oath of office was administered by Chief Secretary, Sentiyanger Imchen, IAS at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima. The formal proceeding of the swearing in ceremony was initiated by Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha, IAS.

Senior government officials and invited dignitaries attended the oath-taking ceremony.

OFFICIAL ORDERS *and* NOTIFICATIONS

HOME DEPARTMENT APPOINTS CENSUS OFFICERS

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Census Act, 1948 (Act. No.37 of 1948), the Home Department, Government of Nagaland has appointed the officers mentioned in column (2) of the Scheduled below as Census Officers with the designation shown against each column thereof, to take or aid in or supervise the taking of the census of India 2027 within their jurisdiction mentioned against each column (4) of the table given below:

In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section 4 of the said Act, the Officers noted at column (2) of the above table, has the power of appointing census officers within their respective jurisdiction.

SN	Officers	Designation	Jurisdiction	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1	All Deputy Commissioners	Principal Census Officers	Their respective district	
2	All Additional Deputy Commissioners (HQs)	District Census Officers	Their respective districts	Necessary order will be issued by Principal Census Officers
3	All Additional Deputy Commissioners (independent charge)	Sub-Divisional Census Officers	Their respective Sub-Division	Necessary order will be issued by Principal Census Officers
4	All SDOs (C)/EACs	Charge Officers	Their respective circle/charge	Necessary order will be issued by Principal Census Officers
5	CEO/ADC	City census Officers	Their respective jurisdictions	Necessary order will be issued by Principal Census Officers
6	ADC/SDO(C)/EAC	Town Census Officers	Their respective jurisdictions	Necessary order will be issued by Principal Census Officers

As per the provision of section 11 of the census act 1948, any census officer or any person lawfully required to give assistance towards the taking of Census and who refuses to perform duty allotted to him/her under this Act or any rule made there under or any person who hinders or obstructs another person in performing any such duty, shall be punishable with a fine up to one thousand rupees and in case of a conviction shall also be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three years.

OATH OF SECRECY ADMINISTERED TO NPSC CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

The new chairman of the Nagaland Public Service Commission (NPSC), A Pitoh Chophy and Members, Kenilo Apon, Athel O. Lotha, and S. Temsuwati Angh were sworn in on 23rd January 2026.

The oath taking ceremony was held at the Secretariat conference hall of the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima wherein the Chief

Secretary of Nagaland, Sentiyaner Imchen, IAS administered the oath of secrecy.

The ceremony was presided over by Commissioner & Secretary, Mohammed Ali Shihab A, IAS and attended by senior government officials and NPSC department officers, staff and family members.

NAGALAND POLICE RECRUITMENT DRIVE CONDUCTED ACROSS VARIOUS DISTRICTS

The Physical and Medical Standards Test (PST/PMT) for 1176 constable post under Police Department was conducted at designated district venues across the state from January 7th to 13th 2026.

These include police complex at Chumoukedima for candidates from Dimapur, Niuland and Chumoukedima districts; NAP (IR) Battalion headquarters at Saijang, Thizama, Okhezung and Phek; RSA Ground at Old Tseminyu Town; Imkongmeren Sports Complex in Mokokchung; Loyem Memorial

Ground in Tuensang; and local grounds or institutional campuses in districts including Wokha, Zunheboto, Longleng, Mon, Noklak, Shamator, Meluri and Phek.

The recruitment rally witnessed enthusiastic participation from aspirants across the districts and was conducted in an orderly, transparent, fair, and merit-based manner, with adequate arrangements ensuring safety and fairness throughout the selection process.

NAGALAND GIS & REMOTE SENSING CENTRE SIGNS MEMORANDUM TO STRENGTHEN DATA-INFORMED DECISION MAKING

In a move to strengthen planning for reliable and clean energy, the Nagaland GIS and Remote Sensing Centre (NGISRSC) and WRI India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 7th January 2026 at the Nagaland GIS and Remote Sensing Centre, Kohima.

NGISRSC and WRI India will work together to adopt the Energy Access Explorer (EAE), an open-source, interactive geospatial platform. This will help the State identify high-priority areas for clean energy interventions.

EAE is the first digital public good to focus on climate-friendly energy transitions.

Sr. Project Director, NGISRSC, Er. Mhathung Kithan said that the MoU marks the next step in our partnership with WRI India. This collaborative model strengthens transparency, shared responsibility and impact in inclusive planning for the sustainable development of Nagaland.”

Bharath Jairaj, Executive Director, Energy Program, WRI India said, “The Energy Access Explorer (EAE) offers a powerful way to move from intent to informed action. Beyond expanding energy access, EAE can guide the decarbonization of critical public infrastructure, particularly in the health and education sectors, through the strategic deployment of decentralized renewable energy systems. In doing so, it supports Nagaland’s development priorities while contributing to India’s broader goals of meeting half its energy needs from renewable by 2030 and achieving Net Zero emissions by 2070.”



Officials from NDISRSC and WRI India during the signing of MOU at the Nagaland GIS and Remote Sensing Centre, Kohima on 7th January 2026.

The platform was launched in Nagaland in July 2023, and has also been developed for the States of Assam, Jharkhand and Mizoram. EAE can be utilized by Planners, Entrepreneurs, Government bodies, and Institutions.

UNION MINISTER SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY VISITS KOHIMA UNDER NER FORTNIGHTLY PROGRAMME

Union Minister of State for Coal and Mines, Satish Chandra Dubey, visited Kohima district on January 10th 2026, in connection with the Fortnightly Visit of Union Ministers to the North Eastern Region (NER). The programme was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kohima.

Union Minister Satish Chandra Dubey thanked district officials for their cooperation and highlighted the Prime Minister's special focus on the development of the North-East. He emphasized attention to every district and said visits to aspirational districts help review the implementation of central schemes and identify areas needing improvement.

The Minister noted that in some areas the benefits of government schemes may not be reaching the intended beneficiaries fully, while in others there may be gaps in implementation. He said the purpose of the visit was to understand ground realities, address concerns raised by officials, and submit reports to the Government of India for further action.

Sharing his impressions of Nagaland, the Minister said he admired the culture and honesty of the people. Highlighting the importance of organic farming, he praised the practice of producing food grains without

chemical fertilizers in Nagaland and noted that such practices are beneficial for public health.

On infrastructure development, the Minister said efforts are being made to improve connectivity through roads, highways, and railway projects across the North-East. He reiterated the Government of India's commitment to ensuring inclusive development under the principle of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and expressed hope that the coming years would bring greater progress for Nagaland and the region.

Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, NCS, in his welcome address, informed that the Minister had earlier visited Rusoma village, where he interacted with villagers and shared valuable inputs, particularly on orange cultivation. He stated that the guidance provided by the Minister would benefit the village as well as the district in the long run.

This was followed by a brief overview of Kohima district, presentations on departmental activities, and interaction with district officers.

The programme also included interaction with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), during which various issues and suggestions were discussed.

HANDS ON TRAINING ON SYNCAPP HELD

Hands On Training for State SyncApp was conducted at Conference Hall, Department of Planning & Transformation, Kohima on 13th January 2026 with Er. Rishav

Sethi, CEO, NITI Technologies and Planning Officer, Kekhrie Mezhür Sekhose as the Resource Persons.

The trainees were trained on

submission of new proposals and details of ongoing projects under sectoral outlays for Development Activities 2026-27.

PAWAN HANS CONDUCTS TRIAL LANDING OF HELICOPTER IN FIVE DISTRICTS OF NAGALAND



Commissioner & Secretary Transport Department, Robert Longchari and OSD Transport, M. Ababe Ezung with officials from Transport Department and Pawan Hans during the Trial Landing of Helicopter at Lerie Helipad, Kohima on 13th January 2026.

Pawan Hans Limited (PHL) conducted a trial landing of its helicopter in five districts of Nagaland under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)–UDAN of the Government of India on January 13th 2026. The trial landing was carried out to assess helicopter connectivity linking Mokokchung, Kohima, Phek, Tuensang and Zunheboto with Dimapur.

The operation was conducted using a Pawan Hans Dauphin twin-engine helicopter bearing registration number VT-ELG, with due permission from the respective district

administrations.

This marks an important milestone toward the commencement of regular helicopter services in the state. Once operational, the services will directly connect Kohima, Phek, Mokokchung, Tuensang and Zunheboto through Dimapur Airport under the UDAN scheme.

The initiative is expected to significantly improve regional connectivity, enhance accessibility to remote districts and contribute to economic growth and social integration across Nagaland.

ONE-DAY REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON RUSA/PM-USHA HELD AT KOHIMA

The Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India officials led by Armstrong Pame, IAS, Joint Secretary (ICC & RUSA), Ministry of Education, GoI, undertook a three-day official visit

to Nagaland from 14th to 17th January 2026, which included a One-Day Regional Workshop on RUSA/PM-USHA held on 16th January 2026 at Kohima for the North-Eastern States of Nagaland, Arunachal

Pradesh, Manipur, and Mizoram hosted by the Department of Higher Education Nagaland.

Key discussions during the workshop focused on PFMS/SNA-SPARSH issues, the PM-USHA Portal, review of ongoing projects, state-specific challenges, and best practices. The workshop aimed to provide handholding support to States and HEIs to improve implementation, fund utilization, and alignment with NEP 2020 and PM-USHA objectives. Temjen Imna Along, Minister for Higher Education & Tourism, Government of Nagaland, also addressed the

workshop.

Subsequent to the workshop, the Ministry official also conducted on-site visits to PM-USHA projects across Nagaland to assess both physical and financial progress. The visit included Dimapur Government College, where ongoing and completed PM-USHA components such as Girls Hostel, Academic Block, Incubation Centre/Skill Hub, and Library building upgradation works were reviewed. The officials also inspected two Scheduled Tribe Girls Hostels at Kohima Science College and the Professional College of Music & Fine Arts, Tsiesema.

UNION MINISTER BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY VISITS NOKLAK

Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, Bhagirath Choudhary visited Noklak district, Nagaland on 16th January 2026 as part of the Fortnight Visit of the Union Ministers to the North Eastern Region.

During the visit, the Union Minister interacted with departmental officers to review the developmental progress of the district at the Tourist Circuit, Noklak on

16th January. During the meeting, he assured that a Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) would be developed in Noklak district to strengthen agricultural extension services and support local farmers.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, Mono Khamniungan, presented an overview profile of Noklak district, highlighting its developmental status and key challenges faced by the district.



Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, GoI, Bhagirath Choudhary with officials during his visit to Noklak on 16th January 2026.

SDO (Civil), Vikhoto Richa shared a detailed overview of the Aspirational Block, Thonoknyu focusing on ongoing initiatives and future plans. Officials from the Agriculture and Allied Departments also briefed the Union Minister on various projects being implemented in the district and their progress so far. The Agriculture Department also requested the Minister to establish Farmers' Multi Marketing Complex with storage facilities ensuring better marketing facilities for agricultural produce.

Later, the Union Minister, accompanied by the district administration visited the District Hospital, where the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Victor highlighted key concerns faced by the hospital, including a shortage of doctors, the prevalence of scrub typhus and typhoid as a major disease in the district, and the urgent need for a gynecologist to improve maternal healthcare services in the hospital.

The Union Minister visited Village

Guard Museum at New Pangsha village on 17th January 2026. Addressing the community, the Union Minister emphasized the urgent need for establishing a Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in the area to enhance agricultural productivity and improve the livelihood of the farmers in the district.

He advised farmers to apply for the PM-KISAN Credit Card and stated that the growth of farming is fundamental to the overall development of the nation. The Minister inspected the grassroots level challenges faced by farmers and listened attentively to their grievances.

The Pangsha community also shared their concerns and highlighted the pressing need for modern agricultural machinery to support better and more efficient farming practices.

Further, the Minister held a security meeting at COB, International Trade Centre, Dan with the security officers.

PROJECT INSPECTION OF PM-DeVINE, NEC SCHEMES HELD IN DIMAPUR

Angshuman Dey, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), undertook a two-day official visit to Nagaland from January 17 to 18, 2026. During the visit, he inspected ongoing projects in Dimapur district being implemented under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East (PM-DeVINE) and North Eastern Council (NEC) schemes.

Following a review meeting at Hotel Saramati, Dimapur on January 17, 2026, the Joint Secretary inspected the construction of the 220/132kV (2×100 MVA) and 132/33kV (2×50 MVA) Tsitrongse–Dimapur substation being executed under

the PM-DeVINE scheme. He also inspected the upgradation works of the Radiation Oncology Department at CIHSR, Dimapur, which is being implemented under the same scheme to strengthen cancer care facilities and improve access to advanced treatment services in the district.

Dey was accompanied by Er. Kasho Chishi, Chief Engineer (Transmission & Generation), Asangla Imti, Secretary, Power Department, Nagaland, and Temsunaro Aier, IAS, Development Commissioner, Government of Nagaland, along with other departmental officials.

While on the second day, He carried out inspections of projects being implemented

under PM-DeVINE and NEC schemes in Dimapur district. During the inspection, he visited Thiluxu village and reviewed an NEC-funded project on value addition in coffee, which includes procurement of coffee roasting machines and capacity-building through entrepreneurship training. He also inspected the construction of a Common Facility Centre (CFC) Emporium for Handloom and Handicraft at Agri Expo Nagaland, implemented by the Nagaland Khadi and Village Industries Board (NKVIB), and visited the state-of-the-art Cane and Bamboo Technology facility at the Nagaland Bamboo Resource Centre under the Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency (NBDA).

He was accompanied by S. D. Meena, Director, MDoNER; Temsunaro Aier, Development Commissioner, Government

of Nagaland; Hekato N, Additional Director, Department of Land Resources; Er. Kasho Chishi, Chief Engineer (Transmission & Generation); Asangla Imti, Secretary, Power Department, Nagaland; and Kuku Mero State Mission Director Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency (NBDA), and Dr. Tolto Metha, team member, NBDA along with other departmental officials.

During the two day visit, the Joint Secretary reviewed several development projects funded under the NEC, including infrastructure and livelihood-based initiatives. He interacted with implementing agencies and district officials and stressed the need for timely completion of works, adherence to quality standards, and effective utilization of funds to ensure tangible benefits for the people.

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME HELD AT NIELIT KOHIMA

At the inauguration of a capacity-building programme on data analytics at NIELIT Kohima on 19th January 2026, Commissioner & Secretary Kevileno Angami thanked the Chief Secretary for initiating skill-enhancement trainings for government officials and appreciated P&AR, ATI, and NIELIT for organizing the programme.

She emphasized that data should go beyond record-keeping and be properly analysed and used for informed decision-making, planning, and policy implementation. Encouraging evidence-based governance, she urged officials to prepare proposals grounded in accurate data reflecting real needs. She also stressed inter-departmental data sharing and preservation, calling data a valuable state asset, and

motivated participants to apply and share their learning within their departments.

Director, NIELIT for Nagaland & Assam, Er. L. Lanuwanbang highlighted the growing importance of data analytics and digital skills in strengthening governance and enhancing administrative efficiency. Emphasising the need for continuous capacity building, Er. L. Lanuwanbang said that government officials must equip themselves with modern digital tools and analytical skills to keep pace with rapidly evolving technologies. He further assured NIELIT's continued technical support for such initiatives in collaboration with the State Government.

Meanwhile, Joint Director, NIELIT Kohima, Er. A. Morimenba Amer emphasised the need for continuous capacity building

in emerging technologies for government officials and assured continued support from NIELIT Kohima in organising and facilitating such training programmes.

The capacity building programme forms part of the Government of Nagaland's

ongoing efforts to strengthen administrative efficiency and promote data-driven decision-making across departments. This month-long capacity building programme culminated on 13th February 2026.

TEAM NAGALAND SHINES AT INDIASKILLS REGIONAL COMPETITION NORTHEAST 2025-26



Team Nagaland during the IndiaSkills Regional Competition Northeast 2025-26, held at Guwahati University, Assam from 19th -22nd January 2026.

Team Nagaland has achieved commendable success at IndiaSkills Regional Competition Northeast 2025-26, showcasing excellence in vocational and technical skills held at Guwahati University, Assam from January 19-22, 2026.

Imtisangla Kangshou was awarded the Silver Medal in Restaurant Service, Vimeneno Phira received the Bronze Medal

in Fashion Technology, and Tonikali Yeptho earned a Medal of Excellence in Fashion Technology.

These achievements reflect the effectiveness of skill development initiatives being implemented in the State and underscore the commitment, talent, and hard work of Nagaland's youth in advancing the objectives of the Skill India Mission.

KOHIMA PRESS CLUB MARKS SILVER JUBILEE WITH THEME "TRAVERSING 25 YEARS OF STORYTELLING: INSPIRING THE FUTURE"

The Kohima Press Club celebrated its 25th Anniversary with the theme 'traversing 25 years of storytelling: Inspiring the future' at the Capital Convention Center, Kohima on 20th January 2026.

President Press Club of India, Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty delivering the keynote

address lauded the club for marking its 25 years through meaningful engagement with journalists from neighbouring states, describing it as a timely and reflective exercise for the profession.

Drawing from her over three decades of experience in journalism, Pisharoty said the

profession's challenges today are far more complex due to weakening financial models, corporate ownership, political interference and erosion of editorial independence.

Calling for public participation in sustaining credible journalism, Pisharoty urged citizens to subscribe to and financially support independent media platforms. "Even a small monthly contribution can strengthen democracy and ensure journalism remains accountable only to the people," she added.

Pisharoty also highlighted the growing leadership of women in journalism in the Northeast, noting that the region has long broken gender barriers in newsrooms and press clubs. She acknowledged senior journalists such as Monalisa Changkija for their pioneering role and said the Northeast continues to set examples in inclusive media leadership.

Alice Yhoshü, President, Kohima Press Club delivering the presidential address urged journalists to draw inspiration from life's many streams that nurture hope and resilience despite challenges, and called on members to remain focused on the lifeline of truth and storytelling.

Former Vice President of Kohima Press Club (KPC), Vibou Seyie delivering greetings said that the occasion was a time to introspect on the arduous journey of the Club, from holding meetings in small offices and government departments to becoming a strong institution with a permanent building coming up. Expressing gratitude to God and the media fraternity, she said the press remains one of the key pillars of democracy.

The inaugural event was followed by the Northeast Media Conclave themed "Reimagining Truth: Northeast Journalism for a Changing World" which brought together leading journalists and media professionals from across the region to deliberate on the evolving challenges facing journalism in the digital age. The conclave featured sessions on "Evolving Nature of Media: Ethics under Pressure and Strengthening Credibility in the Age of Misinformation" and "Journalism as Peace Work: Navigating Divides, Building Bridges and Strengthening the Media Ecosystem in the Northeast."

Addressing the valedictory programme, Nagaland Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio appreciated KPC's initiatives, including the Impact Journalism Award and the Nagaland Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board (NBOCWFB) media fellowships noting that these efforts encourage in-depth, people-centric reporting that gives voice to often overlooked sections of society.

Noting the rapidly evolving media landscape marked by misinformation and complex social realities, Rio urged journalists to remain committed to truth, ethics, and sensitivity. Further, He expressed hope that the Kohima Press Club would continue to be a beacon of fearless and responsible journalism in the years ahead.

Earlier, the valedictory programme opened with the unveiling of the Commemorative Plaque and release of the KPC 25th Anniversary Souvenir (Cover) by the Chief Minister, Dr Neiphiu Rio.

DR. NEIPHIU RIO INTERACTS WITH GUJARAT MEDIA TEAM

Chief Minister, Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio interacted with the visiting media delegation from Gujarat at Chief Minister's

Residential Complex, Kohima on 21st January 2026.

During the interaction, Rio highlighted

various aspects of Nagaland, including its history, struggles, economy, social issues, and the special constitutional provisions under Article 371(A).

He explained that investment and industrial growth in the state are limited because land and its resources belong to the people, preventing outsiders from owning land except on a lease basis. While natural resources cannot be easily exploited due to this special status, he emphasized that Naga youths are talented and well educated, contributing significantly both in India and abroad. He also mentioned the JICA project sponsored by the Japanese government and noted the positive relationship between

Nagaland and Japan in recent years.

The primary objective of their visit is to showcase the various development activities taking place in Nagaland and highlighting the rich cultural heritage of the State. This visit will not only foster better understanding and interaction but also hoped to strengthen the bond between Nagaland and Gujarat.

The tour programme was organised by the Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India. Altogether, 15 distinguished media persons from different media houses and two PIB officials from Gujarat are on a 4-day visit to the State of Nagaland from 19th - 22nd January 2026.

UNION MINISTER B. L. VERMA VISITS NAGALAND

Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Social Justice & Empowerment, B. L. Verma, visited Nagaland for a two-day tour to assess the progress of ongoing infrastructure projects and review the implementation of various government welfare schemes in Chumoukedima.



Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Social Justice & Empowerment, B.L. Verma addressing the review meeting on implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes held at DC Conference Hall, Chumoukedima on January 21st 2026.

On 21st January 2026, the Minister was accompanied by Advisor for Food & Civil Supplies and Legal Metrology, K. T. Sukhalu, Deputy Commissioner Chumoukedima, Polan John and senior officials from various departments to review the ongoing infrastructure projects and the implementation of various government welfare schemes in Chumoukedima.

During the visit, Verma inspected the construction site of the Unity Mall at Chumoukedima and reviewed the progress of the project. Interacting with contractors and officials, he stressed the importance of maintaining quality standards and ensuring timely completion of works. He also visited the Anganwadi Centre at Diphuphar, the Centre for Disease Control, and the Cancer Treatment Centre at the Referral Hospital, Chumoukedima to assess infrastructure, manpower and service delivery.

The Union Minister further inspected a Fair Price Shop in Chumoukedima, where

he interacted with beneficiaries and officials, reiterating the Central Government's commitment to strengthening the public distribution system and ensuring transparency and accountability in service delivery.

Later, Verma chaired a review meeting on the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes at the Deputy Commissioner's office. Addressing the meeting, he reaffirmed the Government of India's strong commitment to the development of the Northeastern region, stating that the region has received unprecedented focus under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Referring to the Prime Minister's vision of the Northeast as "Ashta Lakshmi", he emphasised that the development of the region is vital for the country's overall economic growth and progress.

He expressed satisfaction over the implementation of flagship schemes such as PM-DevINE and initiatives of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), and directed the officials to strictly adhere to the guidelines to ensure that benefits reach eligible beneficiaries in a time-bound manner. Appreciating the efforts of the district administration led by the Deputy Commissioner, Verma called for coordinated teamwork to develop the newly created Chümoukedima district into a model of good governance. He further directed the departments to expedite delayed construction works and ensure efficient utilisation of central

and state funds.

Addressing the media during a press briefing, the Union Minister said that the Centre remains fully committed to strengthening infrastructure and improving the quality of public service delivery in Nagaland. He stressed that regular monitoring, transparency and people-centric governance are key to achieving inclusive development. Verma also urged officials to proactively address public grievances and ensure that benefits from welfare schemes effectively reach at the grassroots level.

On 22nd January 2026, the Minister visited the Palm Oil plantation site at Chümoukedima Village and the Health and Wellness Centre at Diphupar B, Chümoukedima district, Nagaland

During his visit, the Minister interacted with local farmers and officials, reviewing the progress of cultivation under the National Edible Oil - Oil Palm initiative. He emphasized the importance of palm oil cultivation in enhancing farmers' income, promoting self-reliance in edible oil production, and strengthening the rural economy of the region.

At the Health and Wellness Centre, Diphupar B, Verma inspected the facilities and interacted with healthcare workers and took stock of the services being provided and highlighted the government's commitment to strengthening primary healthcare delivery, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas.

MoA SIGNED FOR DRONE-BASED HEALTHCARE SERVICES

In a significant step towards strengthening healthcare delivery in the State, the Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre (NGISRSC), Planning & Transformation Department and the Department of Health & Family Welfare (H&FW), signed a

Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima on 22nd January 2026 to integrate drone technology into the State's Healthcare Service Framework.

The collaboration seeks to address critical

challenges arising from Nagaland's difficult terrain and limited accessibility by deploying drone technology for emergency medical supply delivery, response during disease outbreaks and natural calamities, aerial support for vector control, and geospatial mapping for informed planning and decision-making. Under the agreement, NGISRSC will undertake drone operations, capacity building, data analysis, and ensure compliance with applicable regulatory frameworks, while the Department of Health & Family Welfare will extend necessary logistical support, coordination, and deployment planning.

Senior Project Director, NGISRSC, Er. Mhathung Kithan emphasized the importance of integrating emerging technologies into public health systems, stating that the adoption

of drone technology would significantly enhance the efficiency of healthcare service delivery across the State.

Principal Director, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mereninla Senlem, highlighted that the collaboration would strengthen the State's preparedness and response mechanisms during emergencies and disasters. She noted that the initiative would play a crucial role in ensuring timely delivery of essential medical supplies during emergency health operations and disaster situations.

This MoA marks an important milestone in Nagaland's journey towards resilient, technology-enabled healthcare and sets a model for inter-Departmental collaboration in leveraging emerging technologies for public welfare.

UNION MINISTER OF STATE KAMLESH PASWAN GRACES 18th TRANCHE ROZGAR MELA AT DIMAPUR

The 18th Tranche of Rozgar Mela, organised by the Assam Rifles was held at the Assam Rifles Training Centre and School, Dimapur, on 24th January 2026 for the newly selected youths appointed to various Central Government organisations.

The programme was graced by Union Minister of State for Rural Development,

Kamlesh Paswan, who attended the event as the Chief Guest was accompanied by Commissioner & Secretary, Rural Development, Thavaseelan K, IAS, senior officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs, District Administration and other dignitaries.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister congratulated the 366 candidates who



MoS for Rural Development, Kamlesh Paswan with senior officials and newly appointed candidates during the 18th Tranche Rozgar Mela held at ARTC & S, Dimapur on 24th January 2026.

received appointment letters on the occasion. He urged the newly appointed candidates to uphold integrity, discipline and a strong spirit of public service.

Highlighting the participation of youths in the Assam Rifles, CRPF, ITBP, SSB and other Central Armed Police Forces, Paswan emphasized their crucial role in safeguarding the country's unity, security and peace. He also expressed happiness over the selection of a large number of women candidates, calling it a reflection of the government's commitment to women-led development.

Paswan stated that the North-East has emerged as a key driver of national development and noted significant

improvements in connectivity and infrastructure in Nagaland. He reiterated the government's vision of Viksit Bharat @2047 and called upon the newly appointed youths to contribute actively to nation-building with honesty, discipline and sensitivity towards citizens.

The event was connected live with the national Rozgar Mela programme, during which the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi launched the Rozgar Mela and addressed the appointees across the country. The Rozgar Mela was organised simultaneously at 45 locations across the country, during which around 61,000 appointment letters were issued nationwide.

NAGALAND CELEBRATES NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY

Nagaland celebrated the 16th National Voters' Day (NVD) on 25th January 2026 across all districts under the theme "My India, My Vote", marking the foundation day of the Election Commission of India (ECI). State-level and district programmes were organised with several offices and institutions taking part in the pledge ceremony.

KOHIMA

The State Level programme held at Hotel Japfu, Kohima was addressed by Abhijit

Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary (Home), who emphasised that democracy is strengthened through informed action, inclusive dialogue, and free, fair, and fearless voting. He urged citizens to enrol, vote responsibly, and uphold ethical electoral practices.

Messages from the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland and the Chief Election Commissioner of India highlighted the importance of informed voter participation.

The programme featured felicitations of



Principal Secretary, Home Department, Abhijit Sinha IAS and DC Kohima, B. Henok Buchem with First time voters and officials during the State Level National Voters' Day programme at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 25th January 2026.

outstanding Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and first-time voters. The State Award for Best BLO was presented to Sentitula, and the State Award for Best Campus Ambassador to H. Longching. Several Kohima district BLOs and 12 new young voters were also honoured. The event included administration of the National Voters' Day Pledge.

MOKOKCHUNG

In Mokokchung District, the celebration at the DC Conference Hall under the theme was organised by the District Election Office, Mokokchung, in collaboration with My Bharat Mokokchung.

Atsungba Walling, ADC Mokokchung, highlighted the significance of National Voters' Day as the foundation day of the Election Commission of India and emphasised the Right to Vote as a cornerstone of democracy, with special focus on youth and student participation. The event featured felicitation of newly enrolled voters and awards to Best Booth Level Officers for their dedicated service.

TUENSANG

The celebration at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang was organised by the District Administration, District Election Office Tuensang in collaboration with Mera Yuve Bharat and Department of Social welfare, Tuensang.

DC Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa highlighted the importance of every vote, ethical and clean elections, youth enrolment, and awareness of NOTA, while the programme featured voter pledges, felicitation of new voters and Best BLOs, and addresses by district officials and SVEEP icons.

TSEMINYU

The National Voters' Day was observed at DC's conference hall, Tseminyu. On the occasion the felicitation for best BLO of 12 A/C

Tseminyu was awarded to Sogwalo Magh-Polling Station, 8-Tesophenyu (middle). The program also witness distribution of voter Card to newly registered voters. While EAC & AEO Tseminyu, Molosangla Ozukum chaired the program and administered the National Voters' Day Pledge.

MON

Additional Deputy Commissioner Pakon Phom, addressing the celebration at the DC's Conference Hall, Mon, highlighted the importance of voter registration, especially among youth, and promoted ethical and informed voting.

EPIC cards were distributed to new voters, and dedicated officials were felicitated for their contributions to the electoral process. Best BLOs from various Assembly Constituencies were honored and AEO Mon, Lungkuba administered the Voters' Pledge during the programme.

LONGLENG

Longleng celebrated the National Voters' Day at DPDB Hall with DC & DEO W. Manpai Phom as special guest. He highlighted the importance of enrolling first-time voters and strengthening democracy through informed participation, and administered the Voters' Pledge. Best BLO awards were presented to Y. Buhu Phom (49 A/C Tamlu) and H. Khamba Phom (50 A/C Longleng).

MELURI

National Voters' Day was observed at Dobashi Court, DC Office Meluri, with DC & DEO K. Mhathung Tsanglao as special guest. Emphasizing adult suffrage, he urged citizens to value and wisely exercise their constitutional right to vote. Best BLO award was given to K. Shekupo Chizo of Kizari Village, and badges were distributed to newly enrolled voters. The significance of NVD 2026 and the pledge were delivered by SDO (Civil)

& ERO Sakuchingmak.

NOKLAK

Noklak celebrated the the event at DC Conference Hall where DC & DEO P. Mono Khamniungan encouraged youth enrollment and stressed maintaining a clean electoral roll, while honoring outstanding BLOs from 56 A/C Noklak and 57 A/C Thonoknyu.

SDO (Civil) & ERO Vikhoto Richa highlighted the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) 2026 and urged cooperation for free and fair elections. The programme included the Voters' Pledge, a special song, and a vote of thanks.

WOKHA

Wokha district celebrated National

Voters' Day 2026 on 24 January at the DC's Conference Hall under the theme "My India, My Vote," emphasizing democratic participation and the power of every vote.

Delivering the keynote address, ADC Wokha, Renbomo Ezung highlighted the significance of the day and urged citizens to treat voting as both a right and a duty.

As part of the celebration, the Best Booth Level Officer Awards were presented to outstanding officers from each Assembly Constituency. The program also included the felicitation of new voters and Voters' Pledge was administered by EAC Wokha, Thepfuzakie Sanchu.

TaFMA LEADS CREATIVE ARTS' IMMERSION TOUR

The Task Force for Music & Arts (TaFMA), Government of Nagaland, undertook a Creative Arts Immersion Tour to Mumbai from 24th –26th January 2026, bringing together district-level representatives from all 13 districts along with TaFMA's leadership. Designed as a capacity-building and exposure initiative, the tour aimed to familiarise participants with India's leading creative, cultural, and contemporary arts ecosystems.

A major highlight was the delegation's visit to Lollapalooza India, which held historic significance as Nagaland-based band Trance Effect became the first band from the state to perform on the festival's main stage. The visit offered first-hand

exposure to global standards in large-scale music festivals, including production, artist programming, technical execution, and audience engagement.

The programme also included visits to key cultural landmarks such as Jehangir Art Gallery, the Gateway of India, and museums along Marine Drive, along with official interactions with prominent artists and practitioners from India's creative industries.

Led by Chairman Theja Meru and Project Director Dr. Hovithal Sothu, the immersion tour aligns with TaFMA's broader vision of strengthening music, arts, and creative entrepreneurship in Nagaland while preserving its indigenous heritage and creative identity.

GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO ACHIEVE VIKSHIT BHARAT@2047, DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES KEY TOWARDS THIS: CM Dr. NEIPHIU RIO STRESSES ON 2026

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio stated that the Government remains committed to make concerted endeavours in every area

and sectors of development for achieving the goal of Vikshit Bharat @ 2047, along with every other state in the country. He said this,

while delivering the Republic Day speech at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2026.

Towards these achievements, Dr. Neiphiu Rio said that the development of human resources of the state cannot be overemphasized. The Department of School Education under NESIDS (OTRI) completed the in-service Teachers training cum examination centre with residential facilities at Medziphema, Chumukedima district and Educational Infrastructure related to IT which was inaugurated by Union Minister of Communications and DoNER Jyotiraditya M. Scindia on 5th December 2025, Dr. Rio said. He added that the State Level Education Committee (SLEC) has approved the introduction of three months certificate course for language teachers/officials of the recognized languages of Nagaland in collaboration with Nagaland University to enable the teachers/officials to improve their teaching skills and proficiency in language.

Dr. Rio stated that the Labour Department is setting up a Skill Centre for the Construction Sector in partnership with the Construction Skill Development Council (CSDC). To improve governance, enhance transparency and make public services more accessible the Department has introduced a new Online System for Registration and Licensing notified on 13th November 2025, the Chief Minister stated. Technical Education Sector has achieved a paramount milestone in NBA accreditation

of 3 (three) Polytechnics and the upgradation of Khelhoshe Polytechnic Atoizu to Degree college is making significant progress. He announced that an MoU with ARMS Incorporation-Japan is in the offing with employment for Technical Graduates being the focal point of this venture.

To streamline scholarship governance, centralized monitoring and facilitation, the Chief Minister said the Nagaland Scholarship Nodal Cell has been set up at the Directorate of Higher Education launched on 1st December 2025, while the State Cabinet has also approved the Guidelines on Coaching Centres 2025 that lays down mandatory standards for registration, safety, fee regulation, teacher qualification and ethical practices.

The Chief Minister stated that the Department of Youth Resources and Sports has been taking steps for empowering youth and strengthening the sports ecosystem in the state. Nagaland hosted the Dr. Talimeren Ao Junior Girls National Football Championship 2025-26 (Tier 2) at Chumukedima from 22nd November to 11th December 2025 with thirteen States and Union Territories competing which was the first national-level football championship ever held in Nagaland and announced that the state is gearing up to host the 9th North East Youth Festival in March 2026 that is expected to bring together more than 1200 youth from across the Northeastern states.

CM HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED FOCUS ON AGRI AND ALLIED SECTORS IN R-DAY ADDRESS TO THE STATE

Nagaland Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio highlighted the state's continued focus on Agri and Allied sectors while delivering the Republic Day speech at the Nagaland

Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2026. He stated that the Agriculture Department has engaged AG Horizon Pvt. Ltd as Programme Management Unit &

Consultancy (PMU &C) to spearhead proper implementation of various initiatives taken by the Department and for identification and formulation of projects.

The Chief Minister informed that under PM-KISAN, more than 2.38 lakh farmers have been benefitted and an amount of over 763 crore has been directly credited in their individual bank accounts. The State is also implementing National Mission on Natural Farming since 2024-25 to promote nature based and sustainable farming system through enhanced use of on farm produced bio inputs.

Dr. Rio said that the Horticulture Department under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) 2025-26, could ensure area expansion of 1290 hectare for various horticultural fruits, vegetables, flowers, spices crops, aromatic & medicinal plants and under RKVY during 2025-26, it is planned for establishment of apple processing unit, low-cost oyster mushroom unit and for enhancing livelihood through cultivation of GI tagged crop Tree Tomato.

As part of the nationwide efforts in conserving natural resources, enhancing sustainable livelihoods and promoting community participation in watershed development under PMKSY-WDC 2.0, the State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA) under Land Resources Department organized the Watershed Mahotsav Campaign 2025 at Kohima and the Agency has also achieved

inventorization of 7369 springs covering 1318 villages in Nagaland, the CM stated. He added that the Department of Soil & Water Conservation during 2025-26 under the Soil Health and Fertility component of RKVY has inaugurated 12 (twelve) Biofertilizer production units along with 1(one) Command and Control Center at the Directorate.

The Chief Minister highlighted that the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services is carrying out mass vaccination of Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) with a target of vaccinating 60,000 bovine population under National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) and is also establishing 9 (nine) units of Meat Production Unit for production of Pork through rearing of Finisher. He said that the Fisheries Department under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) is taking up development of another 10 hectare water bodies along with input support. Under NEC, the Department will be implementing Table Fish Production Farm to efficiently develop the unutilized areas for augmenting fish and fish seeds production in the State.

The Chief Minister also highlighted that the Sericulture Department is taking up development of Eri Silkworm rearing in the districts of Tseminyu, Chumoukedima, Kiphire, Phek and Dimapur covering 120 women beneficiaries. All the beneficiaries have been supported with individual skill training, plantation, rearing house, equipments and silkworm seed for rearing.

STATE HAS REMAINED ONE OF THE MOST PEACEFUL STATES- POLICE TAKING STEPS TO SUSTAIN THE GOOD SITUATION: CM STATES ON REPUBLIC DAY

Nagaland Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio stated that for the past many years Nagaland has remained one of the most peaceful States of the country with good law and order

situation and no major security concerns whatsoever. He said this while delivering the Republic Day address at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza on 26th January 2026.

The Chief Minister stated that the latest Crime in India 2023 report of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) places Nagaland among the safest states in the country with a cognisable crime rate of 84.9 per lakh population, the second lowest in India.

Dr. Rio stated that the State Police has been taking further steps for sustaining the good situation prevailing in the State and for enhancing its enforcement capabilities it has strengthened its response to new-age crimes by developing a robust cybercrime architecture, actively using national cyber

platforms, and intensifying action against financial and online offences.

The Chief Minister said that Nagaland Police has also been carrying a vigorous campaign against narcotics, targeting trafficking networks. In the past one year, Nagaland Police seized 230 kg of NDPS drugs and around 1 lakh units of synthetic drugs. A total of 135 NDPS cases were registered, leading to the arrest of 218 persons, reflecting strong action against drug trafficking and protecting communities from drug-related harm, in line with broader security and social objectives.

DR. NEIPHIU RIO HIGHLIGHTS VARIOUS INITIATIVES OF STATE GOVERNMENT ON REPUBLIC DAY 2026

Nagaland Chief Minister highlighted various initiatives being taken up by the state government while delivering the Republic Day address at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza on 26th January 2026. Addressing the people of the state during the Republic Day celebration programme that was streamed Live on the official Youtube channel of the State government, Dr. Rio mentioned that the Department of Social Welfare has ensured operationalization of One Stop Centre (OSC) in all the 17 districts and the department has also duly framed and officially notified the Nagaland Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) rules 2025 on 2nd December 2025. The Department of Food and Civil Supplies has achieved 100% online allocation and 100% Supply Chain Management.

The Chief Minister stressed on the Healthcare access in Nagaland which has expanded and strengthened through the implementation of Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY and the Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS). He said that over 5.78

lakh PM-JAY and CMHIS (General) cards and 1.92 lakh CMHIS (EP) cards have been issued, benefiting more than one lakh people, with claim payouts exceeding 450 crores since inception.

The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) is transforming healthcare delivery by digitally registering health facilities and professionals, improving access, transparency, and efficiency, the CM noted adding that preventive healthcare has also been prioritised, with a MoU signed with FSSAI to build a robust food safety ecosystem in the state.

For ensuring that the State's development remain on the fast lane, it is crucial to strengthen the roads and other infrastructure, the CM stated. In the current year, the PWD (Roads & Bridges) is undertaking 11 road projects under NESIDS covering a length of 205.92 km. Under the Special Assistance to State for Capital Investment (SASCI) during 2025-26, work on 1 (one) RCC Bridge of 25 metre span, and 56

road projects of length 463.05 km amounting to 382.20 crore are ongoing. Under PMGSY scheme for Rural Roads, 545.12 km of road is being taken up for construction using the new eco-friendly FDR technology, he said.

In Power sector, the transformation capacity of the existing 132/66/33kV, 200 MVA Nagarjan Sub-station, Dimapur has been successfully upgraded to 350 MVA. The project, sanctioned by MDoNER under NESIDS (OTRI), was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Communications and DoNER on 5th December 2025. Installation of Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) is under implementation to establish fast and reliable communication between various EHV Substations and generating stations across the State and with the State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC) and North Eastern Regional Load Despatch.

The PHE Department under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) has been successful in providing more than 3.41 lakh Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) as on November 2025 covering more than 1100 rural villages/ habitations.

The Department of Industries & Commerce, with support from the Ministry of Textiles, is constructing Individual Worksheds which will benefit 154 weavers and is implementing key infrastructure projects under SASCI, including two Food Processing Incubation Centres at Toluvi and Tuensang, an Incubation Centre for Startup and Entrepreneurship at Ganeshnagar,

Dimapur and a 1-km connectivity link from the Modern Aggregation Centre (Gati Shakti) at Longnak, Mangkolemba to NH-702D.

The CM said that the department of Underdeveloped Areas (DUDA) has successfully implemented Iconic Projects across the six Eastern Districts. A key cultural initiative undertaken by the Department was the construction of the Konyak Heritage Complex in Mon District, supported by NEC. This Infrastructure aims to preserve the unique architectural and cultural heritage of the Konyak tribe. The Hornbill Festival - Mon Edition, from 8th -10th December, 2025 was organized at Konyak Heritage Complex, Mon.

The Art and Culture Department implemented the Scheme for construction of Children and Adolescents' Libraries and Digital Infrastructure under SASCI. Libraries have been set up across the State of Nagaland which was officially launched by the Chief Minister on Statehood Day, 1st December, 2025.

The disaster management capabilities in the State got strengthened with the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) Home Department, Government of Nagaland building the "ELIONA", a dedicated high performance super computer architecture designed to transform Nagaland disaster risk governance by enabling real-time high-resolution modelling of rainfall, atmospheric, landslide susceptibility and hydrology data.

CHIEF MINISTER LAUNCHES MARCOFED E-COMMERCE PLATFORM 'NAGA BAZAAR' ON REPUBLIC DAY

An e-commerce platform 'Naga Bazaar' was formally launched by Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio in the presence of Commissioner & Secretary, Cooperation and

IPR, Orenthung Lotha and other dignitaries during the 77th Republic Day celebrations at the Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2026.

The Nagaland State Co-operative Marketing & Consumers' Federation Ltd. (MARCOFED) formally launched its e-commerce portal www.nagabazaar.com, a hyper-local quick delivery platform aimed at strengthening Nagaland's local economy through digital innovation and cooperative participation.

The platform is designed to deliver everyday essentials and groceries with speed and reliability. Powered by MARCOFED's extensive cooperative network, the platform connects primary cooperative societies, local producers, farmers, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), artisans and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) directly with

consumers across the state.

MARCOFED envisions Naga Bazaar as a scalable digital marketplace that promotes inclusive growth, ensures fair pricing and strengthens supply chains. By leveraging technology to bridge gaps in traditional retail systems, the platform will champion homegrown products and enhance market access for local stakeholders.

The launch of Naga Bazaar on Republic Day symbolises the spirit of Atmanirbhar Bharat, reflecting national progress through cooperative-led e-commerce and positioning Nagaland towards a more connected, self-reliant and digitally empowered future.

AH&VS WINS BEST EXHIBITION STALL AT THE 77th REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

The evening programme marking the celebration of the 77th Republic Day, 2026 was held at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2026. Abhijit Sinha, IAS, Home Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Government of Nagaland, graced the programme as the chief guest.

During the programme, Prize distribution was carried out for the exhibition stalls, participating parade contingents and football teams.

Under Exhibition Stalls, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Nagaland stall which featured exhibition-cum-sale of local eggs, dairy products, live rabbits and quails, animal feed products, and distribution of educational flyers bagged the 1st Prize in the Exhibition. While the Department of Land Resources and the Department of Sericulture were placed in the second and third position respectively.

In the Parade Contingent (Uniformed)

category, Tripura Police secured first position, followed by 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Battalion in second place and Home Guards, Civil Defence & SDRF in third place.

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The award for the Best Parade Commander was conferred to Z. Tshurhosie Kajiri, NPS, Deputy Commandant, 5th NAP Battalion, while the award for Best Second-in-Command was awarded to Gurpreet Kaur, IPS (Probationer).

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77th REPUBLIC DAY 2026 CELEBRATED ACROSS NAGALAND**KOHIMA**

The official function of the 77th Republic Day 2026 was celebrated at Secretariat Plaza, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 26th January 2026 with Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio unfurl the National flag, received Rashtriya Salute inspected the parade and delivered the Republic Day address.

The march past for the 77th Republic Day 2026 was led by Parade Commander Z.Tshurhosie Kajiri, NPS Dy. Commandant, 5th NAP Bn. and Second-in-Command Gurpreet Kaur, IPS (Probationer). The 17 parade contingents that participated were: Assam Rifles; 78 Bn. CRPF; 105 Bn. BSF; Tripura Police; DEF Kohima; 4th NAP Bn.; 10th NAP (IR) Bn.; 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Bn.; Home Guards & Civil Defence & SDRF; Ex-Servicemen; NCC (Boys); NCC (Girls); Bharat Scouts & Guides; 13 Assam Rifles Pipe Band; Nagaland Police PTS Brass Band; 15th NAP(IR) Mahila Bn. Pipe Band; Nagaland Police Auxiliary Brass Band

The recipients of the Governor's Gold Medal as announced on Republic Day 2025 were: Suman Shivashankar Sivachar, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Wokha; Tsutsowe Kupa, NCS, Under Secretary, State Election Commission; Lanuchuba Longchar, NPS, Asst. Commandant, 12th NAP (IR) Bn.

The recipients of the Union Home Minister's Medal for excellence in Police Training for the year 2019-2020 were: UBI, Kevisibilie Angami; UBSI, Rhinilo Keppen; Inspector, N. Mhabemo Lotha; Havildar, Sentiyanger Ao.

The Governor's Commendation Certificate for Republic Day 2026 were presented to: Rajesh Kumar, IFS, Director,

State Environment & Forestry Training Institute; Er. Inaho P. Awomi, Addl. Director, Directorate of NRE; Megolhu Dolie, Addl. Director, Directorate of Youth Resources & Sports; Dr. Kapenlo Thong, Joint Director, Directorate of Food & Civil Supply; Avinuo, Commandant, Central Training Institute, Toluvi; Er. Lhokashe Swu, SDO, Water Resources, Chumoukedima Division; L. Pitongse Sangtam, ABI, Nagaland Police Training School, Chumoukedima; Limanungsang, DB-I, Office of the EAC, Ongpangkong, Mokokchung; S. Thungtimongko Chang, Sr. Head Assistant, RD Block Sangsangyu; Sedzevito Angami, Unarmed Battalion Constable, CP, Dimapur; K. Limiwi Sangtam, LDA, office of the DC, Tuensang; Yimchameren Yimchunger, MTS, School Education Department, Nagaland Civil Secretariat; Ruuvikho Zhunyu, NSS Volunteer, Department of Youth Resources & Sports; Tek Raj Sharma, Chowkidar, Nagaland House, New Delhi; IT Cell, Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts.

On the occasion of Republic Day 2026 the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service was awarded to Ben Longkumer, Commandant, Nagaland.

The Police Medal for Meritorious Service on the occasion of Republic Day 2026 were awarded to Lanuchuba Longchar, Assistant Commandant, Mepu Konyak, Inspector/ ARMR and I Akaho Sumi, Havildar, Nagaland.

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Imchen, Dy. Director, Veterinary Hospital, Dimapur; Dr. Wobenthung M Kithan, Medical Officer, Chukitong PHC, Wokha; E. Aphak Konyak, Unarmed Battalion Inspector, DEF, Mon; Abemo Ezung, Armed Battalion Inspector, Narcotic Branch, PHQ.

Special presentations were performed by Nurile Chizo, 78 Bn CRPF and Women Resouces Development and cultural performances by Jakhama Village Cultural

Troupe, Yachummaro Cultural Group, Pochury Cultural Troupe Kohima, Yangphi Jümü Lili Mulung and Yimkhiung Beru Cultural Troupe.

Thereafter, the Chief Minister inaugurated the Exhibition Stalls, launched marcofed e-Commerce platform 'NagaBazaar' and also inaugurated the Drone School- Drone Centre of Excellence, Nagaland at GIS & Remote Sensing Centre.

VISIT OF INSTITUTIONS BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

As part of the 77th Republic Day, 2026 celebration held at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza on 26th January 2026 the Indian Red Cross Society, Kohima District Branch distributed sweets to the public at the Parade Ground, Kohima.

Meanwhile, various charitable organisations undertook visits to different institutions across the district to extend support and goodwill. Gorkha Public Panchayat, Kohima visited the State Mental Health Institute and interacted with the patients and staff, while the Nagaland Contractors & Suppliers Union visited Bright Morning Star Orphanage and spent time with

the children. Hindu Kalyan Samiti, Kohima visited the Kohima Orphanage and Destitute Home and interacted with the children, and the Kohima Masjid Committee visited the District Jail and met with the inmates.

The Kohima Chamber of Commerce & Industry visited Cherry Blossom, while Royal Club, Kohima visited the Old Age Home and spent time with the elderly. Puliebadze Club, Kohima visited the District TB & Chest Diseases Hospital, Khuzama and interacted with patients and hospital staff. Classic Club, Kohima visited Mt. Gilead Home, while Rotary Club, Kohima visited Cradle Ridge.

EVENING PROGRAMME AT NAGALAND CIVIL SECRETARIAT PLAZA

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LOK BHAVAN, NAGALAND

As part of the 77th Republic Day celebrations, the National Flag was unfurled at Lok Bhavan, Kohima, on January 26, 2026, by the Commissioner & Secretary to the Governor of Nagaland, Thavaseelan K, IAS.

The solemn ceremony was attended by officers and staff of Lok Bhavan, along with CPT, SB and AR personnel residing at Lok Bhavan, Kohima. The event reflected the spirit of patriotism and reverence for the Constitution of India, marking the significance of Republic Day.

Chiephobozou

To mark the occasion, the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Chiephobozou, Shri Alemyapang Longchar, unfurled the National Flag at the ADC's Office premises, Chiephobozou, Kohima. The ADC also distributed Soil Health Cards, issued by the Department of Soil and Water Conservation, to 14 villages under Chiephobozou Sub-Division.

Jakhama

At Jakhama Sub-division the Republic Day was celebrated at the SDO (C) Office premises Jakhama. SDO (Civil) Vineikho Tetso, NCS, unfurled the National Flag, received the Rashtriya Salute from Khuzama Police personnel, and delivered the Republic Day address.

DIMAPUR

The 77th Republic Day was celebrated at DDSC Stadium, Dimapur with Metsubo

Jamir, Minister for Rural Development and SIRD, Nagaland as the Special Guest.

Addressing the gathering, Jamir highlighted the importance of unity, discipline and collective responsibility in nation-building.

As part of the occasion, district awards were conferred to the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Dimapur; Vizokholie Meyase; WPC Korolina; Temsuwapang Longchar; Mempho Phom; Water and Sanitation Committee (WATSAN), Aoyimti Village; Dimapur Gurudwara Sahib and social worker Chandu Kumar Agarwal in recognition of their outstanding service and contribution to society.

The Parade contingents were reviewed by the DCP, Khrua Kheyo Dimapur. The Parade Commander was Manas Utpal, IPS while, Second-in-Command was Lanutemsu (ABI 11th BN, IR). The parade contingent units included Police Commissioner, Dimapur; 11th NAP (IR) Battalion; Home Guard Civil Defense & SDRF; Ex- Servicemen; NCC, Dimapur, Govt. College; Zakiesato Memorial Hr. Sec. School, Dimapur; PM Shri Govt. High School, Burma Camp and 15th AR Band Platoon.

In the evening, the celebrations concluded with a prize distribution and ceremonial retreat by the Assam Rifles, marking the end of the district's Republic Day observance.

CHUMOUKEDIMA

Chumoukedima district celebrated the 77th Republic Day at Sammogooting Stadium,

DC's Office Complex, Chumoukedima with Advisor for Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, graced the occasion and unfurled the National Flag and delivered the Republic Day address.

Led by Parade Commander Kumari Kanchan Gohil, IPS (Probationer), the parade contingents included 1st NAP Battalion, 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Battalion, 22nd Assam Rifles, Ex-Servicemen, Patkai College, Government Higher Secondary School, Tetso College, St. Joseph College, Assam Rifles Training Centre and School Pipe Band.

During the programme, District Commendation Awards were presented to the WATSAN Committee, Tsithrongse Village, and the District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW), Chumoukedima, in recognition of their services.

Other highlights included cultural performances including folk dances by the Sumi Cultural Troupe and Kuyingpong Cultural Society (Sangtam Naga).

Later, Zhaleo also inaugurated exhibition stalls set up by various departments including the Rural Development Department, Department of Agriculture, Department of Social Welfare, Nagaland Beekeeping and Honey Mission, Department of Sericulture, and Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Sciences.

The programme concluded with the beating of retreat ceremony by 1st NAP Battalion, Chumoukedima.

Medziphema

The celebration at ADC's Office Complex, Medziphema was graced by ADC Medziphema, P James Swu as the Special Guest.

ADC on his arrival unfurled the national flag and took the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingent, the 10th NAP (IR) 'E' COY Zhadima Kohima and delivered the Republic Day Speech. He also received the Rashtriya

Salute.

A bamboo cultural dance by Bunsang Village and a National Anthem by VFATI Trainees students were the highlights of the celebration.

ZUNHEBOTO

The 77th Republic Day was celebrated at the Local Ground, Zunheboto with Minister for PWD (Roads & Bridges), G. Kaito Aye as the Special Guest. The Minister unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya salute from the parade contingents followed by the Republic Day address.

The parade contingents included District Executive Force (DEF), Zunheboto; 8th NAP, Naltoa; Ex-Servicemen; Home Guards & Civil Defence; Band Party, 8th Assam Rifles, Zunheboto; NCC Unit, Government Higher Secondary School; Olympic Higher Secondary School. and Cornerstone Higher Secondary School, Zunheboto.

The Special Guest also inauguration exhibition stalls set up by the Department of Forest, Agriculture, Horticulture, land Resources, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Medical department set up respective stall.

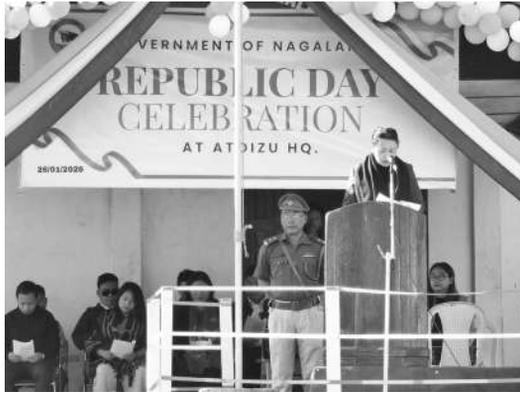
In the afternoon, Sumi Kukami Hoho visited the District Hospital, while Sumi Totomi Hoho (Zunheboto Area) visited the District Jail. A ward-wise penalty shootout competition for both men and women was held in the evening. To mark the celebration, the National Flags were unfurled at all government offices and educational institutions.

The celebrations concluded with the traditional Beating of Retreat by DEF Zunheboto.

Atoizu

At Atoizu Town, Additional Deputy Commissioner Atoizu, Nukutulu S. Venuh, NCS unfurled the National Flag, took the Rashtriya Salute and delivered the Republic Day speech.

National Anthem was presented by the Students' Union Atoizu Town (SUAT).



ADC Atoizu, Nukutulu S. Venuh, NCS, delivering the Republic Day Speech during the 77th Republic Day celebration at Atoizu, Zunheboto on 26th January 2026.

Pughoboto

MLA, Dr. Sukhato A Sema graced the Republic Day celebration at Public Ground Pughoboto, Zunheboto. He unfurled the National flag and took the Rashtriya salute from parade contingents led by 8th NAP (A) coy.

Dr. Sukhato also commissioned ambulances for Pughoboto and Ghatashi PHC and distributed solar lights, Auto Sprayers & Ginger processor.

Other highlights included folk song by Elders of Mishilimi Yepaqa; Men exhibition football match between MLA X1 Vs SDPDB X1 and Women volleyball match between SDPDB Vs CSOs.

Satakha

The Republic Day was celebrated at the ADC Office Complex, Satakha, Zunheboto with ADC Chumlano Humtsoe as the Chief Guest. The program commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag, followed by the singing of the National Anthem and the Republic Day address. The celebration also featured a patriotic song presented and a tug-of-war competition among various colony GBs.

TUENSANG

The event was celebrated at Parade Ground, Tuensang with Advisor DUDA, Geology and Mining, Chingang Konyak as the Special Guest. The advisor unfurled the National Flag, took Rashtriya Salute and delivered the Republic Day Speech.

The Parade Contingents includes, DEF Tuensang, 3rd NAP Tuensang, Home Guard and Civil Defence, Village Guard from Tuensang Village and Kejok Village, Ex-servicemen, NCC Tuensang and 3rd NAP and Hauhyang Chuba Pipe Bands.

The Advisor also Flag off two-wheeler Taxi service and inaugurated the Exhibition Stalls set up by various Departments from Tuensang. The Advisor was accompanied by MLA, Lima Onen Chang, MLA, Imti Choba Chang and Host of dignitaries.

Institutional visits were also undertaken as part of the celebration, Visitation of District Hospital by Tuensang Town Baptist Lashing, District Jail by Sangtam Baptist Lithrongla Tuensang, Bethel Children's Home by Tenyimi Church Tuensang and Kohdi Children's Home by Tuensang Town Ao Baptist Arogo.

Exhibition Football match between Government Departments and Chang Wedoshi Setshang (CWS) was played at Loyem Memorial Astro Turf Ground Tuensang.

Longkhim

At Longkhim, Tuensang, Additional Deputy Commissioner Longkhim, Anoka H Assumi graced the Republic Day celebration at ADC's Office, Longkhim, Tuensang. The ADC unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute performed by the Police Personnel, Longkhim and delivered the Republic Day speech.

PHEK

Phek District celebrated the event at Local Ground, Phek Town with I. Kuto Zhimomi,

Advisor for Land Resources as the Special Guest.

The Special Guest unfurled the National Flag and delivered the Republic Day speech. He also took Rashtriya Salute from the six Parade Contingents which includes, DEF Phek, 5th NAP, Home Guards, Bharat Scouts & Guides, 39th Assam Rifles and Pipe Band (39th AR).

Zhimomi also inaugurated the Exhibition Stalls set-up by the Department of Agriculture, District Legal Services, ARCS (Cooperation), Horticulture, Election, Medical, Treasury & Accounts, and Nagaland Mission (LIRHŪ VANDHAN).

Pfutsero

At Pfutsero, Phek, the Republic Day celebration was held at the Sports Complex, graced by MLA of 16th A/C Pfutsero, Dr. Neisatuo Mero. On arrival, Dr. Mero unfurled the National Flag, received the Rashtriya Salute, and delivered the Republic Day address.

The parade contingents were led by Parade Commander ABI Wekou Kapfo of B Company, 5th NAP, with ABSI Ruopfukhrietuo Chuzo as Second-in-Command, and included students from DEF Phek, CMHSS Pfutsero, GHSS Pfutsero, Nazareth HSS Pfutsero, and Government College Pfutsero.

Chozuba

At Chozuba, Phek, the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Diana Patton, NCS, unfurled the National Flag, received the Rashtriya Salute, and delivered the Republic Day address.

The programme was attended by government officials, staff, students, and members of the public from various villages.

NOKLAK

At Noklak, Advisor, School Education & SCERT Government of Nagaland, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute from the

Parade contingents comprises of DEF & NAP Noklak, Village Guard, Anyashu, Village Guard, Pathso, GHSS Noklak, GHS Noklak, Holy Angel High School Noklak St. Paul School Noklak, Christian High School Noklak and Frontier Piper Band, NVG.

Later, Yhome inaugurated the Exhibition stalls set up by various departments, Noklak District Handloom & Handicrafts Council and SHGs.

To mark the occasion, the District Administration along with the HODs of various department and Red Cross Society, Noklak Branch visited District Hospital Noklak.

In the evening session, Football exhibition match was played and the programme ended with Retreat by Frontier Piper Band.

LONGLENG

The event was celebrated at Public Ground, Longleng with Advisor, Minority Affairs and Sericulture, Imkongmar as the Special Guest.

Advisor, Imkongmar unfurled the National Flag, took Rashtriya salute, inspected the ceremonial parade contingents and delivered the Republic Day speech.

The parade contingents comprised DEF Longleng, Village Guard, Yingli College, Bautung Government Higher Secondary School, St. Joseph High School, Good Shepherd High School and 12th NAP (IR) Chingtok Band party.

Cultural highlights included Folk dance by Tangha Buhu Hoichem Longleng, Folk song by Tangha Momchingla Longleng, a special performance by the students of Christian School Longleng.

The Advisor inaugurated exhibition stalls and inspected the stalls set up by various departments.

Later, Exhibition match and penalty shootout was played between various departments.

Tamlu

Additional Deputy Commissioner Tamul, Lankonsen Tsanglao graced the Republic Day celebration at Public Ground Tamlu, Longleng.

The special guest unfurled the National Flag, delivered the Republic Day speech and took Rashtriya salute from the Parade contingents of Christian School Tamlu and CHC staff Tamlu Town.

MELURI

At Meluri, Minister for Women Resource Development & Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse graced the celebration as the special guest.

She unfurled the National flag and took the Rashtriya salute from the parade contingents of Village Guards of Lephory post, Ex. Servicemen of Meluri, Christian Higher Secondary School Meluri, St. Xavier Higher Secondary School Meluri, Government Higher Secondary School Meluri and VG Pipe Band of Meluri.

The special guest also inaugurated exhibition stalls installed by various departments and Self-Help Groups. Other highlights of the day included a special presentation by Project 5 PM and a cultural dance by Meluri Women Society.

KIPHIRE

In Kiphire, the event was celebrated at Local Ground, Kiphire with MLA & Advisor, Social Welfare, Government of Nagaland, Wangpang Konyak as the special guest, who unfurled the national flag, took Rashtriya Salute, inspected the Parade contingents and delivered the Republic Day speech.

Parade Commander Assistant Commander Imlisunep, NPS 8th NAP & SDPO(Ex - Officio) Pungro, and Second-in-Command ABI Daniel Ao 14th NAP (IR) led the eight parade contingents in the ceremonial parade including 30th Assam Rifles Kiphire,

DEF Kiphire, 14th NAP (IR) Kiphire, Village Guard Kiphire village, NCC, Zisaji Presidency Government College, Bharat Scouts & Guides, Pipe Band, 30th Assam Rifles and Parade BHM Kiphire.

The celebration featured cultural presentation from Kiphire Village Cultural Troupe and Hilly Troupe of Zisaji Presidency College Kiphire (ZPC) while Tsasupa, KDDA and Rozehli L Sangtam presented special numbers.

Konyak also inaugurated and inspected the exhibition stalls set up by various government department of the District.

Later, Beating of retreat by DEF, Kiphire marked the conclusion of the celebration.

Pungro

At Pungro, the celebration commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag at all Government offices and institutions on 26th January 2026.



ADC Pungro. Meilezo Tep, NCS delivering the Republic Day Speech during the 77th Republic Day celebration at Atoizu, Zunheboto on 26th January 2026.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pungro, Neilezo Tep unfurled the National flag at the ADC's Office, Pungro and took the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingents.

Seyochung

At Seyochung, Kiphire the Republic Day

celebration was celebrated at the ADC's Office complex with James T Khulu NCS, Additional Deputy Commissioner as the Special Guest. He unfurled the national flag, took the Rashtriya salute from Sepong Havaladar Major, Village Guard (VG) Seyochung and delivered the Republic Day speech.

PEREN

The celebration was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex, Peren with Minister of Forest, Environment & Climate Change and Village Guards, C.L. John unfurling the National Flag and taking the Rashtriya Salute.

To mark the occasion, National Flags were hoisted in all Government offices, institutions, and residential premises across the district.

Parade contingents included DEF, Peren; 9th NAP (IR), Saijang; Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Jalukie; Peren Government College; and Sainik School, Punglwa. The parade was commanded by Assistant Commandant, 9th NAP BN (IR), Saijang, Ronvungthung Yanthan, NPS, with ABI, 1st NAP, Kahito Achumi, as Parade Second-in-Command.

Cultural performances were presented by the Rongmei Cultural Troupe, Peren, and Peren Government College Cultural Troupe. A folk song was presented by St. Xavier's College, Jalukie, followed by a patriotic song by Matubo Zeliang.

On the occasion, Farmers Award was conferred to Idalia Cerai of Old Tesen Village, Tening Block; Ipeisibe Ikie of Ndunglwa Village, Peren Block; Thangkhohao Dimngel of Phaijol Village, Ahthibung Block; Alung Newme of Jalukie-kam Village; and Nzeuwang Nampeung while Best Farm School Award was awarded to Akole Zeliang of Heunambe Village, Peren Block; Ngulthang Lenthang of Old Chalkot Village, Ahthibung Block; Igumong of New Tesen Village, Tening Block;

and Dibamleule of Mhainamtsi, Jalukie, Peren District, in recognition of their contributions to agriculture and allied sectors.

The Minister also inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up. Visits were carried out to the District Jail, Peren, by IRCS, Peren; District Hospital, Peren, by Peren Town Council; and Children Home, Peren, by Mission Shakti, Peren.

The day-long celebration concluded with the Retreat ceremony conducted by DEF, Peren.

Tening

The Republic Day celebration in Tening, Peren, took place at the ADC Office Complex. The occasion was graced by Extra Assistant Commissioner Shri Ihoilung Chuilo, NCS, who unfurled the National Flag, received the Rashtriya Salute from the contingents, and delivered the Republic Day address.

The day-long observance concluded with the Beating of Retreat ceremony in the evening.

MOKOKCHUNG

Advisor for Law & Justice and Land Revenue, Nagaland, T.N. Mannen graced the Republic Day celebration at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung unfurling the National Flag and delivering the Republic Day Speech.

Altogether, eight contingents comprising of 2nd NAP Bn. Alichen, DEF Mokokchung, 13thNAP (IR) Bn. Yajang, Home Guards, Mokokchung, Ex – Servicemen, Mokokchung District BS & G, NCC, MGHSS and Band Party (2nd NAP Bn. Alichen) took part in the March past with Asstt. Commandant 2nd NAP Bn. Alichen, Zareni Yanthan, NPS, as the Parade Commander and ABI, K. Meren Jamir, New Reserve, DEF, Mokokchung, as the Second in-Command.

Other highlights of the programme include cultural presentation by Zee Walok

Cultural Troupe, Ungma and Chang Union Cultural Troupe, Mokokchung and Tug of War between HoDs and All Ward Union, Mokokchung.

The Advisor also inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up by Women Entrepreneurs, Mokokchung, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Institute of Communication and Information Technology, Mokokchung, Nagaland, Mokokchung District Legal Services Authority, DRDA, Department of Horticulture and the Department of Agriculture.

In the evening, Football exhibition match was played between DC XI and MDVFA while Penalty Shootout (Ladies) was played between the Technical Team and Rest of the department.

Changtongya

The Republic Day celebration at the SDO Civil Office Complex, Changtongya, Mokokchung, was graced by the Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil), Changtongya, Shri Nukshimatong, who unfurled the National Flag and received the Rashtriya Salute from the police personnel.

MON

Minister of Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak attended the Republic day celebration at Local Ground, Mon Town as the special guest.

On the occasion, District Commendation Award were awarded to the following individuals: - Chingak PW Konyak, Horticulture Inspector from District Horticulture Office, Mon; Khanyi Konyak, ASI from Superintendent of Police Office, Mon; Manai Konyak, LDA, CMO Office, Mon; Ngeplei W Konyak, CHO, CMO Office, Mon; Er. Saddam Hussain, JE (CIV), 100 RCC (GREF); Er. Abhishek Bhatt, JE (CIV), oo RCC

(GREF); Er. Jitendra Singh, JE (CIV), 100 RCC (GREF); Kapil Chandra Bohara, Driver, SDO Electrical Office, Naginimora. While, Wagim Ward and Shantham Ward bagged First and Second Position in the Inter ward Mon Town, Cleanest ward Award, while Tompong ward and Thamnan Ward secured third Position.

The Special Guest also launched Mon Matti Portal. A digital platform designed to manage land-related permissions, specifically for renewing or obtaining permits on government lands in the Mon district. It assists with Land Records, ensuing legality and processing applications. Later he inaugurated the stalls set up by different societies and departments.

Mankap T Konyak, NPS, Asst.Comdt, 'D' Coy 11th NAP (IR) Bn was the Parade Commander. The parade contingents comprised: 42 Assam Rifles, Mon, 42 Assam Rifles, Pipe Band, Mon, DEF, Mon, Village Guards, Ex-Servicemen, NCC, GHSS Mon, GHSS, Mon Town, Don Bosco Higher Secondary School (Scout & Guides), Mon District Bharat Scout & Guides and 6th NAP Pipe Band.

Some Departments visited institutions: District Jail by EE, Water Resources Department, Mon, District Hospital by 100 RCC GREF, Mon, Orphanage Home and District De-Addiction Centre, KBBB by NHIDCL, Old Age Home by DWO, Mon.

In the evening, an inter-departmental penalty shootout match was held, followed by the "Beating of Retreat" ceremony performed by the 6th NAP Pipe Band.

Naginimora

The Republic Day was observed at the ADC office compound in Naginimora, with ADC N. Zubenthung Ngullie attending as the special guest. The ADC unfurled the National Flag, received the Rashtriya Salute, which was

followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Ayo Memorial School, Naginimora.

Aboi

The Republic Day celebration at Local ground, Aboi, Mon event was graced by Additional Deputy Commissioner of Aboi, M S Thangpong, who unfurled the national flag, took the Rashtriya Salute, and read out the Republic Day speech.

Tobu

At Tobu, Mon, the Republic Day celebration was held at the local ground with ADC Tobu, Shri Shaying Sheu, NCS, in attendance.

The ADC unfurled the National Flag, received the Rashtriya Salute from parade contingents comprising the 6th NAP, Tobu Village Guard, Newman Higher Secondary School, Bejing School, Government Higher Secondary School, and Government Middle School, Tobu, and delivered the Republic Day address.

Monyakshu

The Republic Day was celebrated at SDO (Civil) Office complex, Monyakshu Headquarter, Mon with SDO (Civil) Monyakshu, C. Wangan. He unfurled the National Flag and took Rashtriya Salute from the NVG contingent.

The Program was attended by Government officials, Police, Village Guards, DBs & GBs and NGOs from the sub-division.

Tizit

At Tizit, Mon the Republic Day was celebrated at ADC's Office Complex, Tizit with Additional Deputy Commissioner Tizit, Relise Sangtam, who unfurled the National Flag and delivered the Republic Day speech.

TSEMINYU

The 77th Republic Day was celebrated at RSA Ground, Tseminyu with Hekani Jakhalu, Advisor Industry & Commerce Government of

Nagaland as the Special Guest who unfurled the National flag, took Rashtriya salute from 6 (six) Parade contingents and delivered the Republic Day speech.

The Parade contingents included 4th NAP (A) coy, GHSS-NCC, Baptist Higher Secondary School -NCC, DBS-NCC, Christian School Tseminyu and Ex-servicemen.

The Special Guest also inaugurated exhibition stalls set up by various departments and visited the district hospital & orphanage home.

Other highlights of the programme were: special no. presented by music academy Tseminyu, folk song by Kasha Daho Tseminyu Unit and exhibition match (Futsal) between DC staff Vs SP team Tseminyu, Officers team Vs Pastors team, DBs Vs GBs and Rengma Selozi Vs RSU.

WOKHA

At Local Ground, Wokha the celebration was graced by Minister for Tourism and Higher Education, Government of Nagaland, Temjen Imna Along as the special guest.

Upon arrival, the Special Guest unfurled the National Flag, took the Rashtriya Salute, inspected the parade contingents and delivered the Republic Day speech.

The march past featured eight contingents, namely DEF Wokha, 7th NAP Wokha, District Home Guards and Civil Defence, Ex-Servicemen, Bharat Scouts and Guides Wokha, NCC JNV Chukitong, NCC Mount Tiyi College Wokha, and NCC GHSS Wokha.

Cultural entertainment added vibrancy to the celebration, with folk songs presented by Lakhuti Women Cultural Club, Wokha Town and Longsa Women Cultural Group, Wokha Town. A live demonstration on fire safety and measures to tackle fire-related incidents was demonstrated by the Fire and Emergency Service, Wokha, creating awareness among the

public.

The Special Guest also inaugurated stalls set up by various departments and self-help groups, including Horticulture, Agriculture, Cooperation, Department of Animal and Veterinary Service, Divisional Management Unit Wokha, Longtsan SHG Englan Wokha, Wokha District Legal Service Authority, Renthan SHG, and the Medical Team from District Hospital Wokha.

The celebration concluded with the beating of retreat by DEF Wokha, marking a dignified end to the Republic Day festivities.

Bhandari

At the Republic Day celebration at Public Ground Bhandari, Wokha, the special guest MLA and Chairman SDPDB Bhandari, Shri Achumbemo Kikon, unfurled the National Flag, received the Rashtriya Salute, and delivered the Republic Day address.

The parade contingents were led by Parade Commander Levi Zeliang, ABI of the 7th NAP, and Platoon Commander Yanphamo Lotha, ABSI of the 7th NAP, and included student contingents from Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Government Higher Secondary School, Bhandari, and the 7th NAP Unit School, Bhandari.



MLA, Achumbemo Kikon taking the Rashtriya Salute during the Republic Day Celebration at Bhandari, Wokha on 26th January 2026.

Sanis

At Sanis, Wokha the Republic Day was celebrated at ADC Office, Sanis. The event was graced by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sanis, Amentoli Anar, who unfurled the National Flag, took the Rashtriya Salute, and delivered the Republic Day address.

NIULAND

Niuland District celebrated the 77th Republic Day at Niuland Public Ground with Minister of PHED & Co-operation, Government of Nagaland, Jacob Zhimomi as the special guest.

Upon arrival, the Minister unfurled the National Flag and took Rashtriya salute from 9 Parade contingents under the command of Asst. Commandant Dr, Nongothung Yanthan.

The minister while delivering the Republic Day Speech highlighted the various government initiatives and achievements of the state government. He also handed over the District Commendation Award to the 9 officers and staffs during the programme.

The programme also witnessed special presentation from Alino Chishi & folk dance, folk song from Old Showuba village and Nguvihe village.

The Special Guest also inaugurated 19 exhibition stalls set up by various government departments and organizations.

SHAMATOR

MLA and Deputy Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA) S. Toiho graced the Republic Day celebration at Shamator.

The Chief Guest unfurled the National flag, took the Rashtriya Salute and delivered the Republic Day address.

The Parade contingents included DEF Shamator; Shamator Battalion; Assam Rifles; Village Guards Shamator Hq.; GHSS Shamator; St. Xavier Hr. Secondary; Christian High School Shamator and NCC Shamator College.

On the occasion, special items were presented by The Quiet Kids, Groot Brothers and Shamator Taekwondo Association followed by colourful cultural presentation from Wongphong Peilo Areihlu, Mongtsüwong Cultural Society and Eastern Sumi cultural troupe.

The Chief Guest also inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up by various government departments

NAGALAND HOUSE NEW DELHI

The Republic Day celebration at Nagaland House, New Delhi was graced by Minister for

Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K. G. Kenye as the Special Guest.

Addressing the gathering, Minister K. G. Kenye reminded the significance of the occasion, which marks the day Constitution of India came into force. He noted that Nagaland being the 16th State of India, has been striving to bring development in all fronts. He further exhorted the citizens to uphold the ideals of the nation and its aspirations.

The celebration was led by Joint Resident Commissioner, NH New Delhi, Sharon Longchari, and attended by children, senior officers and staff of NH New Delhi.

STATE TABLEAU DISPLAYED AT REPUBLIC DAY PARADE 2026

The State tableau for the Republic Day Parade 2026 Theme: “The Hornbill Festival – Celebrating Culture, Tourism & Self-Reliance” was conceptualised and presented by the Department of Art & Culture, to showcase the Hornbill Festival as a vibrant expression of culture-led tourism and grassroots self-reliance, reflecting the spirit of Atma Nirbhar Bharat in India’s Northeast.

The tableau paid tribute to the Great Indian Hornbill, symbolising cultural

guardianship, ecological harmony, and the collective aspirations of the people of Nagaland. It illustrates how the Hornbill Festival has evolved into a successful model of community-driven and self-reliant tourism.

Through the tableau, the State presented to the nation a compelling example of how culture, tourism, and tradition together can build confident, sustainable, and empowered community.

DoTE CONDUCTS FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Directorate of Technical Education, Kohima Organized a 2-day Faculty Development Program on 22nd & 23rd January 2026 at the Directorate’s Conference Hall, Kohima.

The program witnessed 93 Participants where Resource Persons for the Program were Prof. Dr. Khwaja M. Rafi, Director, Mewat Engineering College, HWB, Government of Haryana. Prof. Dr. Sukanta Kumar Naskar, Technical Education & Management National Institute of Technical Teachers’ Training and Research, Kolkata. Dr. Sonam Palden,

Principal, Advanced Technical Training Centre, Sikkim. Zakie Rheicha, State Co-Ordinator for NeGD, MeITY.

The Technical Sessions included interactive insights on ICT-Enabled Outcome-Based Pedagogy, NEP 2020 Curriculum & Employability, Quality Assurance, approaches on learning experiential, learner-centric outcome-based. SMART objectives in education and training students to solve unknown and unstructured problems, use of emerging technologies, particularly AI tools, Hands-On session on Academic Bank of

Credits (ABC) and APAAR ID.

The FDP also witnessed Sessions on Examination systems, Work culture & Ethics, Building trust among peers and Higher ups.

Time and Conflict management, Strategic management and plan, Guidance to Faculties from experiences.

NAGALAND–JAPAN CONNECT 2026 OPENS GLOBAL CAREER PATHWAYS FOR NAGA YOUTH

The Government of Nagaland, through Investment and Development Authority (IDAN) organized Nagaland–Japan Connect 2026 at the Integrated Business Hub & Innovation Centre (IBHIC), Dimapur on 28th January 2026.

This event marked a major milestone in the State Government global engagement strategy, positioning human capital development, international mobility, and people-to-people partnerships at the centre of the State’s economic vision. The initiative brought together State government representatives, Japanese prefectural officials from Kochi, industry partners, academic institutions, and youth to create structured pathways for overseas employment, skill enhancement, and long-term institutional cooperation with Japan.

Chairing the programme, I. Changsang, NCS, emphasised the long-term vision of the initiative, stating that “Nagaland–Japan Connect is not a one-time engagement, but a structured platform to prepare our youth for global workplaces while building enduring institutional partnerships with Japan.”

Delivering the welcome address, Abu Metha, Advisor to the Chief Minister and Chairman, IDAN, highlighted that the initiative reflects Nagaland’s evolving global outlook. “Dreams are meant to be realised through hard work, enabling youth to achieve success and excellence,” he said, while urging the youth to gain knowledge



Chairman IDAN & Advisor to CM, Abu Metha and industry representative of Komtekt Asia exchanging the MoU during the Nagaland–Japan Connect 2026 at the Integrated Business Hub & Innovation Centre, Dimapur on 28th January 2026.

and experience, bring back good practices, and contribute to Nagaland, with assurance that the Government will continue to support them.

Hekani Jakhalu, Minister for Industries & Commerce, in her special address, highlighted the importance of youth stepping beyond traditional boundaries. “With more than ten lakh job seekers, the challenge before us is to create sustainable livelihoods. This initiative is about expanding horizons and enabling our youth to compete globally. Japan choosing Nagaland reflects the credibility and commitment of our people and our Government,” she remarked, adding that the programme marks “a beginning, not an end.”

Representing Kochi Prefecture, Japan, Kunitoshi Hojo emphasised the growing demand for skilled youth from Nagaland. “Japan is facing a rapidly ageing population,

and Kochi Prefecture is actively seeking motivated and disciplined young workers. From zero workers from Nagaland just two years ago, we now have 19, and we expect many more success stories to follow,” he said, reaffirming Kochi’s commitment to strengthening cooperation with Nagaland.

Speaking on industry collaboration, Kaushik Choudhury highlighted the economic and cultural potential of the partnership. “This initiative allows us to present Nagaland to Japan not just as a workforce, but as a place of quality products, culture, and innovation. From introducing Nagaland coffee to developing elderly living villages and cultural centres, this partnership opens new possibilities for inclusive growth,” he stated.

Delivering the keynote address, T. R. Zeliang, Deputy Chief Minister, described Nagaland–Japan Connect as a strategic economic intervention. “Human capital is economic policy. By investing in language, skills, and international exposure, we are creating long-term returns through employment, remittances, and institutional capacity. This partnership is built on mutual trust and a shared vision for the future,” he said, recalling the long-standing engagement between Nagaland and Japan since 2014.

The inaugural session witnessed key Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) exchanged to institutionalise cooperation in vocational training, internships, international placements, and investment facilitation. Konnekt Asia was designated as Nagaland’s official representative in Japan, in partnership with IDAN, to promote investment, technical cooperation,

educational exchange, and partnerships across key sectors. Additionally, NYK and IDAN signed an MoU to develop a vocational training ecosystem in Nagaland integrating foreign language skills with industry-oriented technical training. In agriculture, the School of Agricultural Sciences signed separate MoUs with Corporation Kumagai Co., Ltd. and Hagumi Farm Co., Ltd. to offer one-year internships, providing students practical exposure to advanced Japanese farming practices.

A dedicated Technical Session was organised to prepare participants for overseas employment, focusing on Japanese working culture, workplace ethics, discipline, and expectations, along with a clear roadmap for employment in Japan, covering language proficiency, skill standards, recruitment procedures, and long-term career pathways.

Japanese companies and cooperative associations participating in the programme made detailed presentations on their company profiles, sectors, job roles, working conditions, and growth prospects, enabling candidates to gain first-hand understanding of employment opportunities and living conditions in Japan.

The event recorded over 450 student registrations and featured direct job interviews and interactions with Japanese employers across agriculture, healthcare, manufacturing, electronics, hospitality, and heavy machinery sectors. The interview process allowed employers to assess candidates’ language abilities, technical skills, and cultural readiness, while providing youth with practical exposure to Japanese recruitment and workplace standards.

MID CAREER TRAINING FOR OFFICERS OF NAGALAND POLICE SERVICE HELD AT KOHIMA



Principal Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha and ATI officials with trainees during the inaugural programme of mid-career training for officers of Nagaland Police Service held at ATI, Kohima on 28th January 2026.

The first of its kind, a seven-day mid-career training for Officers of Nagaland Police Service began at Administrative Training Institute, Kohima on 28th January 2026 with Principal Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha, IAS as the Special Guest.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, Sinha emphasized on the importance of conducting mid-career trainings to aid and improve on the knowledge and experience gained over the years in service. He urged the trainees to take the opportunity and reflect upon their years in service and try and learn new ways to improve themselves.

He expressed that the topics covered under the training were very relevant and that it would definitely help the trainees in effectively carrying out their duties as officers of law enforcement. He wished all the trainees the very best and hoped that the training would improve their administrative and management skills.

Director General, ATI, V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS in his keynote address said that

the mid-career training, the first of its kind, would cover a number of important topics under establishment matters including service and financial matters which were very relevant for the officers in carrying out their duties. He acknowledged the long-standing tradition of courage and dedication of the Nagaland Police and said that the Nagaland Police was well regarded by many for their professionalism and efficiency even when serving outside the State. He also urged upon them to dutifully tackle the ever-rising menace of substance abuse in the state and to create awareness among the younger generation.

The seven-day mid-career training from 28th January to 4th February was attended by 28 officers from the Nagaland Police Service and would cover a number of important subjects under establishment matters including Treasuries, Accounts and Audit matters, REB, OMs on Service matters, APAR, Vigilance, Legal aspects of Governance, Civil Works Procedures and Land & Registration rules.

NAGALAND DELEGATION ATTENDS ICH SINGLE-WINDOW PORTAL MEETING FOR FILMING IN NEW DELHI

Officials from the Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Nagaland—the nodal department for films in the State led by Deputy Director, DIPR Siewatho Nyusou attended a meeting on India Cine Hub (ICH) single-window portal for filming held at Akashvani Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi, on 28th January 2026.

Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Sanjay Jaju in his opening address, outlined the need and objective for integrating all the states into the ICH portal. He urged the states and union territories to bring in big production houses

to the portal noting that this could yield significant long-term economic benefits. He also added that the platform can regulated and streamlined online permission and payments and requested all states and Union territories to bridge the gaps by integrating the ICH single-window portal.

The meeting was organised by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting to provide an overview of the portal's adoption and functioning, and to facilitate coordination among relevant Ministries, Departments & State Governments.

TRAINING ON ANNUAL CURRICULUM AND PEDAGOGICAL PLAN HELD AT KOHIMA

The Nagaland Education Project – The Lighthouse (NECTAR) conducted training on the Annual Curriculum and Pedagogical Plan (ACPP) as part of the School Transformation Strategy for Trainers of Teachers (ToTs) and Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Subject Presidents and Mentors from 28th to 31st January 2026 at the Administrative Training Institute, Kohima.

The four-day training focuses on the ACPP framework, templates, and implementation process for English, Mathematics, Social Science, and Science, to strengthen pedagogy and academic leadership at the Lighthouse School Complex (LSC) level. Among other things, the training will emphasise Learning Outcomes (LOs) and student competency through pedagogical improvements.

In the keynote address, Shashank Pratap Singh (IAS), Principal Director of DoSE and Project Director of NECTAR, stressed on the importance of developing a micro plan at the classroom level along with ACPP to cater to the unique & differential needs of each pupil. He also emphasized the need to devise plans for children with special needs (CwSN) so that they are not left out. He further stated that in line with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, focus must be placed on learning outcomes through appropriate pedagogy.

The training was being attended by over 70 participants from all seventeen districts. It included sessions on ACPP Design Process, Quality Review, Implementation, Monitoring, and Cascade Plan.

18 ARTISANS HONOURED WITH STATE LEVEL AWARD FOR HANDICRAFT AND TRIBAL TEXTILE

The State Level Award for Handicraft and Tribal Textile 2024 – 2025 and 2025 – 2026 ceremony was held at the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima on 29th January 2026.

Director of Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema, congratulated the awardees and said such events positively impact livelihoods and society. He urged them to continue their traditional crafts with dedication, avoid focusing solely on profit, and inspire other artisans. He further announced that the awardees would be getting a monthly pension of Rs 8000 after attending the age of 60.

The Director also informed that the Ministry of textiles under the Development Commissioner Handicraft have recently announced to nominate two awardees under the Special Category.

Felicitating the 15 awardees, the Executive Engineer and Programme Office Textile, Er. Aenla Walling said the department is not just to give away the certificates, but to honour the quiet, relentless dedication of the artisans that keeps our heritage such as nettle weaves, wood carving, crochet artists, metal workers, bamboo weavers and potters alive. It carries patience, skill and stories of our people and our land, she added. She also highlighted copy designs of our handicraft flooding in the markets, and called upon us to stand together to protect the unique designs and to sell through fair platforms that value

our effort.

In her welcome address, Additional Director of Industries & Commerce, T. Lemnon Wangsha, said the State Level Award program celebrates Nagaland's rich cultural heritage and honors the creativity, skill, and dedication of Naga artisans and weavers. She highlighted that traditional handicrafts and tribal textiles are symbols of identity and vital sources of livelihood, and that the award recognizes artisans who preserve and showcase traditional knowledge and craftsmanship.

The awardees for State Level Award for the year 2024 – 2025 were - Kudulhu for Handicraft (Pottery and Clay), B. Temjen Pongen for Handicraft (Scrap-Metal & Bone-Carving Artisan), Mannyei Konyak for Handicraft (Wood & Stone Carving, Carpenter, Painter), Asenla Imsong for Handicraft (Crochet), K. Tokpon for Handicraft (Crochet) and Tiarenla Jamir for Handicraft (Crochet)

The awardees for the State Level Award for the year 2025 – 2026 were - Maopha for Handicraft (Brass), Imsuyanger for Handicraft (Woodwork), Bumang Hoba for Handicraft (Cane & Bamboo), Kelhoutshevi Kehie for Handicraft (Cane & Bamboo), Vikhoto Meyase for Handicraft (Cane & Bamboo). The awardees in the special category were awarded to K Shahlem for Handicraft (wood carving), Imnasunep for Handicraft (Cane & Bamboo).

IPFC, IDAN ORGANIZES AWARENESS PROGRAM ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The Intellectual Property Facilitation Centre (IPFC) of the Investment and

Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) in collaboration with the Ministry of MSME,

successfully hosted a One Day Awareness Program on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) at the Innovation and Incubation Centre, IDAN, Kohima, January 30th 2026.

The program commenced with an opening & special remark from Anini Nyenga, Senior Consultant, IDAN who emphasized the rapid growth and development of entrepreneurship in the state. Anini also urged the attendees to leverage the platform for the growth and protection of their businesses.

The resource person, Zabenthung Khuvung, IPFC Project Associate, IDAN elaborated on “Intellectual Property Rights and its Components”. While Imnasenla Jamir, IPFC Legal Consultant – IDAN, provided valuable insights and experiences on “Infringement and Opposition”. Vote

of thanks was proposed by Meshu, IPFC Coordinator, IDAN.

The program was attended by entrepreneurs, startups and aspiring entrepreneurs who were provided with vital information on the availability of registration services for all types of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) facilitated by IDAN under the Ministry of MSME.

This initiative by IPFC is part of its ongoing efforts to support entrepreneurs, startups and innovators in Nagaland, offering the necessary support to commercialize their businesses. As a state promotion agency, IDAN continues to play a crucial role in promoting impactful projects across various sectors, including education, healthcare, skill development, entrepreneurship, and community welfare.

CM LAUNCHES DIGITIZATION OF OLD MANUAL BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES

The Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio has officially launched the digitization of old manual birth and death certificates in his official chamber, Kohima on 31st January 2026, in the presence of Akunu S Meyase, IAS, Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Department of Economics & Statistic, Neidilhou Kreditsu, Director, Economics & Statistics and other officials from the department.

During the launching, the CM stressed that the initiative will streamline service delivery, ensure efficient and accurate data, improve citizen access to essential documents, and assist the Government in

making informed public policy decisions. He also commended the efforts of the Department and urged the citizens for timely registration of births & deaths.

Following the directive of the Office of the Registrar General of India (ORGI), Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI, the Department of Economics & Statistics, Nagaland has introduced online registration of births and deaths in the state beginning April, 2022. This initiative marks a significant step toward modernizing vital records management and ensuring greater efficiency and accessibility for citizens.



PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Peren District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) for the month of January was held on 6th January 2026 at the DC's Conference Hall, District Headquarter, Peren, under the chairmanship of Deputy commissioner & Vice Chairman, DPDB Peren, Hiazu Meru.

Presiding over the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the cooperation extended by all the departments in the past and urged them to continue the same in the new year to ensure effective governance in the district.

The house reviewed the minutes of the previous DPDB meeting, which included discussions on the adoption of Peren Government College, adoption of schools, hospitals and roads, adoption of villages under the Pilot Project, as well as initiatives on off-season crops and the Green Peren

programme.

It also deliberated on the work distribution for the upcoming Republic Day Celebration 2026, during which various departments were assigned specific responsibilities. As part of the preparations, the house resolved to conduct a mass social work on 23rd January 2026.

The Deputy Commissioner noted that past National Day exhibitions were dominated by Agri & Allied Departments, which he felt was inequitable. He stressed that participation from all government departments is mandatory for National Days and proposed that every department set up an exhibition stall. He also highlighted the challenges of organizing events at Peren District Headquarters and urged all departments to continue their cooperation to ensure successful programmes.

TOURISM AWARENESS TRAINING HELD AT MAOVA VILLAGE



Officials from Tourism Department along with participants during the Tourism Awareness Training held at Maova Village, Chumoukedima on 10th January 2026.

A Tourism Awareness Training on Tour Operation and Tour Guiding, organised by the Department of Tourism, in collaboration with the Nagaland Tourism Association

(NTA) was conducted on 10th January 2026 at Maova Village.

Senior Tourist Officer, Dimapur, Keholeno Kennao, emphasized the role of

community-based tourism & promoting sustainable tourism in Nagaland. She encouraged local youths to view tourism as a viable profession, recognise the tourism potential of their village, and actively participate in community-driven initiatives in collaboration with the department and NTA through various skill development programmes.

President, Kuki Inpi, L. Singsit,

IPS (Retd.), elaborated on the cultural significance and tourism potential of the Mimkut Festival and the need to preserve indigenous traditions while promoting them responsibly.

The technical sessions included Session I on “Tour Guiding Ethics and Tour Guiding as a Profession” and Session II on “Tour Operation and Homestay.”

TUENSANG HOLDS DBDB MEETING

The Tuensang District Planning & Development Board (DBDB) meeting for the month of January was held on 12th January 2026 at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa.

After reviewing the last month meeting minutes, the board discussed work distribution for the Republic Day celebration in the District. The Chairman

also requested all the heads of offices in the district to actively participate at the Republic Day celebration and the Poanglüm Mini Hornbill festival at Parade Ground, organised by the Chang Khulei Setshang from 13th to 15th January 2026, where a host of dignitaries will attend the festival.

The Deputy Commissioner also reminded all the heads of offices to positively attend DPDB meetings without fail.

FREE SURGICAL CAMP CONDUCTED IN CHUMOUKEDIMA DISTRICT

A free surgical camp under the Chief Minister's - Mobile Operation Theatre Camp (CM-MOT), led by MLA, Dr. Tseilhoutuo (Ato) Rhutso was conducted at **CHC Medziphema** on 12th and 13th January 2026.

MLA and team Leader (CM-MOT), Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso in his speech noted that that the sub-division was the 22nd area to be covered under the CM-MOT. He highlighted the key details and features of the health camp. He highlighted the services offered, purpose and the vision under the initiative, which was launched by the Governor of Nagaland to commemorate the completion of Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio's 25 years which aims to reach all district of the state.

Dr Rhutso stated

During the launching programme, ADC Medziphema, P. James Swu, NCS, briefly highlighted the initiatives of the Chief Minister's - Mobile Operation Theatre (CM-MOT).

The Camp was also conducted at **CHC Dhansiripar**, Chumoukedima on 14th January, 2026.

MLA and Team Leader of CM-MOT, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso in his address stated that Dhansiripar was the 23rd location covered under the programme since its launch on January 26, 2025, and informed that more than 1,000 surgeries had been conducted so far. He added that the aim of

the free health camp was to provide quality healthcare services, particularly for the rural population, who do not have the resources and access to higher medical centres and to bring surgical services accessible to people at their doorstep.

Advisor, Industries and Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu, urged all the residents of Dhasiripar to avail the services provided under the CM-MOT initiative and not to miss the opportunity.

CM-MOT medical team comprised of Dr. Kenie, Anaesthesiologist; Dr. Lanu, Dental Surgeon; Dr. Moa, laparoscopic Surgeon; nurses and medical staff.

The health camp offered surgical, dental and anaesthesia services free of cost, along with pre and post-operative care and also provided OPD consultation services for patient screening and medical assessment. The health camp at Dhasiripar will conclude on 15th January 2026.

RELOCATION OF NAMSANG EAC HEAD QUARTER TO YONGLOK

A programme on Relocation of Namsang EAC Head Quarter from Kongshong to Yonglok Area was held at Yonglok village Community Hall, Longleng on 12th January 2026 with Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio as the Honoured Guest.

Dr. Neiphiu Rio in his addresses said that the decision to relocate the Extra Assistant Commissioner Headquarters of Namsang Circle from Kongshong to Yonglok under Longleng district was taken in response to the long standing public representations and with the objective of strengthening administrative outreach. Rio commended the people of Namsang for their active role in shaping the area's development and expressed hope for continued growth, harmony and prosperity as the region embraces new opportunities.

Others who addressed the gathering included Deputy CM, Y Patton, Legislatures – B. Bangtick Phom, A. Pongshi Phom and



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio addressing the gathering during the Relocation programme of Namsang EAC HQ at Community Hall, Yonglok Village, Longleng on 12th January 2026.

DC Longleng, W. Manpai Phom.

Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton; Commissioner, Nagaland, Thejawelie Gregory; PRO to Chief Minister Rusemtong Longkumer; Asst. Chief Engineer (CAWD) ER. Sungtiba Amer and OSD (Security) to Chief Minister, Melite Kapfo.

POANGLŪM MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL HELD AT TUENSANG

The inaugural programme of Poanglŭm Mini Hornbill festival organised by Chang Khulei Setshang was held at Parade Ground,

Tuensang on 13th January 2026 with Dy. Chief Minister, Y. Patton as the Special Guest.

Speaking on the occasion Y. Patton conveyed Poanglüm greetings to the Chang Community and also thanked the Community for inviting him to be a part of the Grand celebration. He added that Tuensang is considered as the mini Nagaland where many tribes of the State coexist and stated that Chang Community plays a role in ushering peace and harmony among the communities of the District. Being a historical District one must not forget the rich culture and tradition of the community by observing this kind of festival in the district. He also highlighted that the demand of the ENPO has been forwarded to the Government of India.

Other highlights of the festival includes, welcome address by Chief Host P. Bashangmongba Minister Housing and

Mechanical Engineer; Heralding of the festival by Yimkong Simba; Theme exposition by W. Chingmak Executive Chairman CKS; Poanglüm voice by Auching and invocation by Rev. Achu Chang ES CBLT.

The Deputy CM was accompanied by the Minister for Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Village Guard, C.L. John; Advisor for Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Kazheto Kinimi; Advisor for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, A. Pangjung Jamir; MLA, Neiba Konyak; MLA, Lima Onen and MLA, Imtichuba Chang and Host of dignitaries.

The festival was marked by Log Pulling, Cultural Presentation and Indigenous games of Dug of War and Wrestling.

PUNGRO SDPDB MEETING HELD

Monthly Sub Divisional Planning and Development Board meeting for Pungro subdivision was held at Additional Deputy Commissioner office, Pungro on 13th January 2026. The meeting begun with highlighting of the last meeting minutes by Wetsho Lasushe Extra Assistant Commissioner and Secretary of the SDPDB.

In the meeting Advisor, Fire & Emergency Services, Home Guards and Civil Defence and Relief and Rehabilitation and Chairman SDPDB, S Kiusumew Yimchunger,

put forward two proposal:-

1. Construction of circular road, Pungro town
2. Electricity connection at tourism aminity centre, Lower Tizu.

After thorough deliberation both the proposals were passed unanimously by members of the SDPDP. Agenda for upgradation and extension of helipad at Pungro was also put forward which was also accepted by the Chairman and members of the SDPD.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of January 2026 was held on January 14th at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Zunheboto. The meeting was held under the chairpersonship and vice-chairmanship DPDB Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto,

Dharam Raj, IAS.

A key agenda of the meeting was a follow-up discussion on the previous DPDB decision regarding the formation of the New Era Educational Society. While its objectives and training initiatives were outlined, the Deputy Commissioner raised

concerns about its expertise, experience, and funding sources, advising skill-based focus, diversified funding, and greater diversity among societies in the district.

The meeting discussed preparations for the 77th Republic Day celebrations, outlining departmental roles and responsibilities to ensure smooth and coordinated observance.

In another significant initiative, the Deputy Commissioner encouraged all Heads of Offices to adopt at least one village each to bring tangible changes at the grassroots level. It was decided that progress would be reviewed after one year, and discussions were

held on possible criteria for village adoption.

On the health front, District Programme Officer (Communicable Diseases), Dr. Mlato, while highlighting on the status of tuberculosis (TB) cases of the district, urged the members and departments to extend support to TB patients under the Ni-Kshay Mitra initiative of the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (PMTBMBA).

The meeting concluded with a call for collective responsibility and coordinated efforts among all departments to accelerate development and improve the quality of life in Zunheboto district.

MELURI DISTRICT DPDB MEETING HELD

The District Planning & Development Board meeting for Meluri District was held at DB's Court, Meluri on 14th January 2026. The meeting was chaired by Advisor for New & Renewable Energy, NSDMA, and Chairman DPDB, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe.

The meeting reviewed agendas taken up in the previous meeting followed by presentation of PowerPoint by SDHO, Meluri Hesilo Kath on the implementation of various schemes and activities by the department in the district.

PM VISHWAKARMA MARKETING & ENTREPRENEURSHIP ORIENTATION WORKSHOP HELD IN KOHIMA

A one-day PM Vishwakarma Marketing and Entrepreneurship Orientation Workshop was conducted on 15th January 2026 at DC's Conference Hall, Kohima to create awareness among artisans and entrepreneurs on government schemes, marketing strategies, financial literacy and business formalisation.

The programme began with a welcome address by Ahunle Tep, General Manager, District Industries Centre (DIC), Kohima, who highlighted the importance of entrepreneurship and market preparedness for local artisans under the PM Vishwakarma scheme.

The first technical session on schemes under the Ministry of MSME and the State Government was delivered by Pezalhoulie Kets, Inspector of Industries, DIC Kohima,

who briefed the participants on various central and state support mechanisms available for MSMEs.

The second session on EDP, branding, advertising and packaging was presented by Vilalhounuo Solo, Non-Farm Livelihoods, District Mission Management Unit, NSRLM, RD Kohima. She emphasized the importance of branding, advertising and proper packaging in enhancing product visibility and market competitiveness.

The third session on the benefits of onboarding PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries on Udyam and QR code was conducted by Rahul Sahani, Senior Consultant, EY. He explained the advantages of formal registration and digital integration in expanding business

opportunities.

The fourth session on financial literacy and insights on banking matters was led by Thangchinmuan Hangzo, Senior Branch

Manager, Punjab National Bank. He provided practical insights on banking procedures, credit facilities and financial discipline for small entrepreneurs.

KIPIHIRE DPDB MEETING HELD

The District Planning & Development Board meeting was held on 15th January 2026, under the Chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, Longdiba L Sangtam at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kiphire.

Following the review of previous meeting minutes, SDO (Civil) Kiphire, Rozy Sangtam highlighted the work distribution for the upcoming Republic Day preparations on 26th January at Kiphire. Superintendent of

Police, Kiphire, Chinise Chakasang extended special thanks to officers and staff of the District Administration, Medical Department and DPRO staff for the successful conduct of the recent Nagaland Police Constable Recruitment drive and rehearsals in the district.

EAC Kiphire, Takatemjen Pongen reminded the departments that have not yet registered on SHE - BOX to complete it as soon as possible.

1st and 2nd PHASE CIVIL DEFENCE WARDENS & VOLUNTEERS TRAINING HELD AT MON

The Department of Home Guards, Civil Defence and State Disaster Response Force (HG, CD & SDRF), Nagaland successfully conducted the First and Second Phases of Civil Defence Wardens & Volunteers Training at Town Hall, Mon. The programme was funded by the Directorate General of Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guards under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

The first phase was held from 15th to 21st January 2026, with 360 volunteers from six wards of Mon Town participating. While the second phase was held from 22nd to 29th January 2026, with 180 volunteers from five wards — Thamnan, Jahjon, Santham,

Tompang and Chingai — taking part.

In the second phase of training, Deputy Commissioner & Controller, Civil Defence Mon, Wennyei Konyak, while delivering the keynote Address, stated that the training is very essential for the future in safeguarding the citizens in times of disaster, the DC appealed to the volunteers to learn and understand properly to cope with any incident or disaster that may occurred in the future. He also encouraged people to be well prepared to handle any disasters, and he was optimistic that the training would assist the volunteers in protecting the lives of its citizens in times of any disasters.

NIULAND DPDB DECLARED 2026 AS THE YEAR OF PLANTATION

The Niuland District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 16th January 2026 at DC Conference Hall Niuland.

Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman of the DPDB Niuland, Sara S Jamir, while chairing the meeting declared 2026 as "The Year of Plantation" and

urged the concerned department officers to prepare for successful implementation.

The DC also reviewed the achievements and ongoing activities in the district and requested all the officers to outline their respective department's activities for the year 2026.

District Fisheries Officer (DFO), Fisheries Department, Dr, Amenlaga gave a detailed presentation on the

past 3 years of the Department's development activities and undertakings in the district. In this regard, the DC said that the fishery market in the district has good prospects and urged the department to explore marketing strategies that would boost the district's economy. The DC also suggested the department to submit a proposal for a fish farm and to conduct a fish festival in the district.

SDPDB BHANDARI ASKS DEPARTMENT TO EXPEDITE WORK FOR ON-TIME COMPLETION OF NAGALAND FOOTHILL ROAD

The SDPDB Bhandari was held at the conference hall of the Summer House-Cum-Guest House on 16th January 2026.

Additional Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, SDPDB Bhandari, Longasen Lotha, who chaired the meeting welcomed the newly posted officers and reviewed the last meeting agendas.

During deliberation on public importance matters, the house asked the concerned department to expedite work for on-time completion of the Nagaland Foothill Road Construction. Appraising the house on the same matter, Er. Elithung Oving, SDO (R&B) PWD informed that the

department will carry out inspection on 17th January and added that a joint inspection will also be conducted by Lotha Hoho Foothill Construction Committee and Departmental Officials on 21st January 2026.

Spotlighting on the broad scope of formation of the officers' club Bhandari, EAC Bhandari, Kilangtemsu presented a comprehensive understanding of its objective and functional methods.

As part of preparatory step for the upcoming Republic Day Celebration 2026, departments were entrusted with different tasks to be completed well on time.

TSUNGKAMNYO FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT SHAMATOR

The three-day long celebration of Tsungkamnyo festival concluded successfully with Dr. Sukhato. A. Sema, MLA as the special guest on 17th January 2026 at Shamator.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sukhato said that Tsungkamnyuo comes at a meaningful time of the year. The harvest is over, the land rests and people finally have time to come together to celebrate and to strengthen relationships, it is a season

of gratitude, harmony and generosity, he added. For the Yimkhiung people, culture has always been carried through daily life – through customs, values, and oral traditions he said. He urged the younger generation to carry forward their culture dignity and pride

The MLA said that the relationship between the Sumi Hoho and Yimkhiung Tribal council have evolved over the years from village-level trade and occupational conflicts to peaceful coexistence, influenced

by Christianity, education, and modern governance. He added that events like 1996 friendship meeting at Chessore Village and the 2017 Sumi-Yimkhiung Cultural Exchange programme strengthened the bond between the two tribes.

President Sumi Hohho, Dr. Vihuto Assumi, the tribal guest of the festival said that he was deeply moved by the united spirit of Yimkhiung tribe and also appreciated the rich cultural and traditions of the tribe. He also extended an invitation to the Yimkhiung Tribal Council in the forthcoming Ahuna, the premier Sumi festival. He said he. He also shared the ageold friendship and brotherhood between Yimkhiungs and

Sumi's, since time immemorial.

Festival Host, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung, Advisor YRS commened the Yimkhiung Tribal Council and organising team for the grand success of the festival. He added that the state government is promoting mini hornbill festivals in the districts to protect, preserve and to promote our cultural and traditional, and to create peaceful atmosphere in the region by extending invitation to one another.

The program also featured vibrant cultural performances, folk fusion and extravaganza show led by renowned artists Moko Koza, Sunnymongba, Toshii yimkhiung, Kams and many other young artists.

MIMKUT FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT MAOVA

The two-day, 12th state level Mimkut Mini Hornbill festival was held on 16th & 17th January 2026, at Maova Village, Chumukedima district. The festival was organized by Kuki INPI Nagaland and sponsored by the Tourism Department, Government of Nagaland.

Speaking on the inaugural programme as the Special Guest Col. Kartik Thapa, Commanding Officer of the 22nd Assam Rifles, expressed his happiness over the warm affection shown by the Kuki community, which he described as a lifelong bond that began in Kangpokpi. He praised the preservation of age-old traditions showcased during the Mimkut Festival and urged the community to continue safeguarding their culture by passing its values on to the younger generation. Highlighting the significance of the festival, he emphasized the importance of understanding and preserving its cultural essence.

Col. Kartik Thapa also inaugurated 9 (Nine) exhibition stalls set up by the various Kuki villages.

The Chief Host, P James Swu, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Medziphema speaking at the occasion highlighted the importance of preserving the cultural values and promoting it in our generation. He also urged the Kuki community to bring out the best from this Mimkut Mini hornbill festival: strengthening cultural identity with the true meaning of the festival and to carry forward to educate the younger generation about our culture with love and peace.

The festival featured indigenous game competitions, KUT traditional songs, cultural performances and activities like Mimkut Icon and Mimkut Super Dancer.

The celebration culminated with the the unveiling of Mimkut monolith on 17th January 2026 by the Special Guest, I Himato Zhimomi, IFS, Principal Secretary Geology and Mining, P&NG, Science and Technology in the presence of Chief Host, L Singsit IPS (Rtd), President Kuki Inpi Nagaland. The monolith was dedicated by Rev. David Vaiphei, Executive Secretary KCCNS.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB ANNOUNCES CLEANEST WARD AWARDS

The monthly Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 19th January 2026 at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall. The meeting was chaired by ADC Mokokchung, Atsungba Walling.

The meeting began by reviewing the meeting minutes and action-taken reports from the previous meeting to ensure administrative continuity. The meeting deliberated significantly on finalizing the work distributions for the upcoming 77th Republic Day celebrations, ensuring all departmental responsibilities are aligned for the national

event.

In a major move to boost urban sanitation, the DPDB announced a "Cleanest Ward" competition across the four Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the district: Mokokchung Municipal Council (MMC), Changtongya, Tuli, and Mangkolemba. Scheduled for March 2026, the initiative will feature cash prizes for the top three performing wards under MMC and the top two wards from each of the other three ULBs. This incentive program aims to foster community participation in maintaining hygiene and environmental standards across the district's urban centres.

LONGLENG DPDB DISCUSSES 75th PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF LONGLENG TOWN

Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Longleng, W. Manpai Phom, NCS on 19th January 2026 at DPDB hall, Longleng.

Discussing on the proposed agenda submitted by the Phom People Council (PPC) for celebrating the 75th Platinum Jubilee of Longleng town in the month of November 2026, the board discussed on the matter and finally agreed to constitute committee members for the preliminary work.

The chairman entrusted the department of Horticulture to present their departmental activities in the next DPDB meeting.

The house also discussed preparation of work for the upcoming 77th Republic day celebrations in the district headquarter, and review the work distribution and finalized the work assignment to the various departments. The board also decided to conduct a mass social work on 24th January 2026. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the chairman.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING HELD AT SHAMATOR

A Skill Development Training Programme was organised at Shamator in collaboration with the Nagaland Skill & Employment Development Mission (NSEDMD), and AISECT as the training partner at Cultural Hall, Shamator on 19th January 2026.

EAC Shamator, Kudazo Swuro

highlighted the growing demand for skilled manpower in key trades such as Masonry, Tiling, Electrician, and Plumbing and urged the participants to recognize these trades not merely as livelihood options but as avenues for long-term economic growth.

Swuro also highlighted opportunities beyond the district, including international

employment, noting that skilled workers are in high demand abroad and can contribute to the local economy through remittances. Drawing inspiration from countries like Japan and South Korea, he stressed the need for a skill-driven development model in Shamator.

He shared that the district administration has set an ambitious target of skilling 3,000 youth across various trades and is aggressively working towards making Shamator the first 100 percent skilled district in the coming years.

The response to the programme was encouraging with 200 participants registering for the 30-day training programme, of which 50 were women, reflecting inclusive participation and growing interest among women in skill-based livelihoods.

DPDB KOHIMA REVIEWS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES; APPROVES REGISTRATION OF FOUR SOCIETIES

The monthly meeting of the District Planning & Development Board (DPDB), Kohima was held on January 21, 2026 at the DPDB Conference Hall, Kohima under the Chairmanship of MLA and Chairman, DPDB Kohima, Kevipodi Sophie. Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, DPDB Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, NCS, presided over the meeting.

In his address, the Chairman noted that several achievements were made in the previous year and expressed confidence that greater progress would be achieved in the current year through collective effort.

Four societies—Rhodo Realm Academy; Joint Forum Equity; Sunrise Shuttles Badminton Club; and the Nagaland Police CSR & Security Board—made presentations,

after which the house discussed and approved their registration, recommending them for further action by the concerned authorities.

Mhasi Yashü, Horticulture Officer, highlighted activities under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCD-NER), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), infrastructure created under various schemes and training programmes undertaken by the department.

The Regional Transport Officer presented National Road Safety initiatives during Road Safety Month, emphasizing accident reduction through education, enforcement, and training of students, drivers, and stakeholders. The officer also highlighted Government of India's Good Samaritan guidelines. Additionally, the house was informed about hit-and-run compensation provisions under the Motor Vehicles Act, providing ₹2 lakh to the next of kin in fatal cases and ₹50,000 to victims with grievous injuries to ensure immediate financial relief.

The Deputy Commissioner took note of reports of wild elephants creating havoc in Chiephobozou and directed the Chiephobozou EAC to monitor the situation and regularly update the district administration to enable timely preventive measures.

KHAOZAOSIE HOK-AH-CUM-MINI HORNBILL FESTIVAL 2026 CULMINATES AT NOKHU, NOKLAK

The 5th Edition of Khaozasie Hok-Ah cum Mini Hornbill festival 2026 held at Nokhu EAC Hq. under Noklak district, organized by

the Khamniungan Tribal Council and aided by the Government of Nagaland from 19th to 21st January 2026.

Addressing the final day of the celebration, the President of the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organization (ENPO), A. Chingmak Chang stated that the state government has opened the door for Frontier Nagaland Territory (FNT) by sending a recommendation to the Centre. After over a decade of demanding FNT, he said the aspiration is now closer to becoming a reality. He therefore appealed to all Eastern Nagas to continue their prayers and support to ensure the fulfilment of this long-standing demand.

Chang also urged all officers posted in Noklak district, under the leadership of the Deputy Commissioner, to take a proactive role in the progress and development of the district,

While extending greetings on the occasion of the Khaozaosie Hok-Ah cum Hornbill Festival 2026, Chang expressed hope that the festival would serve as a platform to forget and forgive past differences, foster trust, and strengthening unity among the people and tribes.

Festival host MLA, P. Longin in his short speech, stated that while celebrating the Festival, people should embark on to trust one another and strengthen unity within the Khamniungan tribe as well as with other tribes. He added that the state government has initiated tribal festivals with the aim of fostering unity among the tribes and the Nagas as a whole, thereby advancing the collective



Cultural troupe from Thang Range Public Organization presenting Poi- Poi Dong-Dong a tradition musical instrument during the culmination programme of Khaozaosie Hok-Ah-cum-Mini Hornbill festival 2026 at Nokhu, Noklak on 21st January 2026.

aspirations and unity of the Naga people.

Deputy Commissioner of Noklak, Mono Khamniungan in his festival greetings, advised the community to preserve the rich culture and traditions of the tribe and emphasised the importance of agriculture as a sustainable livelihood.

Earlier, Thang Range Public Organization presented a special presentation of Poi- Poi Dong-Dong which is a traditional musical instrument. Other highlights of the day were War Cry competition, Tug of War competition, Bow & Arrows shooting and traditional cultural dance.

The festival concluded with a bonfire ceremony, with torch borne by L. Ngon, President of Khamniungan Tribal Council and Miss Khamniungan 2026, Tsukian Lamheing. The event was followed by 'Strings and Voices' performances featuring the DGP Band, Band of Brothers (32 Assam Rifles, Noklak), and various local artists.

PHEK DPDB DELIBERATES ON URGENT NEED FOR POSTING OF MEDICAL OFFICERS IN 9 PHC WITHOUT DOCTOR

Phek DPDB meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Phek on 21st January 2026 discussed the urgent need for posting of

Medical Officers against the 9 PHC running without Doctor under Chief Medical Officer, Phek including newly upgraded Meluri

district.

The shortage was highlighted during a departmental presentation by Dr. Sedeu Rupreo, District Programme Manager, Phek. DPDB Chairman and Advisor for CAWD & Taxes, Kudecho Khamo, expressed serious concern over healthcare services and assured the house that steps would be initiated soon to post Medical Officers in the affected PHCs.

Matter regarding the naming of Roads and Institutions after the name of important Naga Personality in the district was also deliberated during the meeting as per directive received from the Home department, government of Nagaland.

ADC Phek, Thehakhrienuo Nisa presented a report on the Inter-Departmental Sports Tournament conducted from 4th - 6th November 2025 in the district, where the DEF, Phek emerged as the overall champion of the tournament.

Deputy Commissioner Phek, Rhosietho Nguori, urged DPDB members and officers to show greater concern by actively participating in the monthly mass social work in Phek town. He also reminded district heads of offices to attend DPDB meetings regularly and to actively represent their departments in all development activities of the district.

CHIECHAMA VILLAGE CELEBRATES SILVER JUBILEE OF PELI KRO KEREPOUKO

Chiechama village farming community celebrated Silver Jubilee of Chiechama Peli Kro Kerepouko Kepekrokeli on 21st - 22nd January 2026 at the Amphitheater, Chiechama Village, Kohima in the presence of 11 farmers group (Peli) and its citizens.

Former Director of Agriculture, Helie Rüpreo was the Special Guest at the inaugural event. He lauded the farmers for preserving traditional agricultural practices and encouraged the younger generation to continue these traditions for food security, self-sustainability, and cultural preservation. He also urged the farmers to work with honesty and dignity to receive blessings from Almighty God.

The celebration featured the Chiechama Farmers Association flag hoisting, folk songs

by the farmer groups, a traditional fire-making competition, and a village walk in traditional attire.

The closing ceremony on 22nd January 2026 was graced by Dr. Tolto Metha, Deputy Director, AH & VS, as Guest of Honour. In his address, Dr. Metha thanked the Chiechama Farmers Association for reviving the traditional work culture and emphasized the importance of the Peers group (Peli) in teaching culture, respect, and discipline to the youth. He also highlighted bamboo cultivation as a fast-growing, sustainable economic opportunity that supports environmental conservation and provides potential income for farmers and young entrepreneurs.

DISTRICT HANDLOOM EXPO "TANA BANA" AT NIULAND

The five-day District Handloom Expo (DHE) "TANA BANA" is currently underway at the Shepherd High School Ground, Niuland. The expo, which began on January

23rd 2026 will continue till January 27, is being organised by the Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Nagaland in collaboration with the Sub-

District Industries Centre (SDIC), Niuland, headed by Functional Manager, Itsato Zhimomi.

The expo was graced by Sara S. Jamir, Deputy Commissioner of Niuland, who lauded the Department of Industries and Commerce for organising the handloom expo to encourage and expand local artisanship. Addressing the gathering, she urged the department to continue supporting local

artisans in every possible manner.

Jamir further urged the department for providing necessary training, skill upgradation, and access to modern scientific tools and technologies to improve productivity and product quality among local weavers and artisans.

The event continues to draw public interest and is expected to further promote the growth of the handloom sector in Niuland district.

ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS AND FREE HELMET DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME CONDUCTED IN SHAMATOR

In commemoration of National Road Safety Month, a Road Safety Awareness and Free Helmet Distribution Programme was conducted at Shamator by the District Road Safety Committee, Shamator, led by Mekato J. Aye, EAC Shamator in collaboration with the ARTO, Tuensang and the Police Department, Shamator.

The campaign was organised under the theme, "Let the New Year begin with Road Safety, Kindness and Responsibility". Free helmets were distributed to promote the use of protective gear among two-wheeler riders. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials were also distributed to create awareness on traffic rules and safe road practices.

Banners and flex displays were installed at key locations in Shamator as part of the awareness campaign. A Street-level sensitisation drive was also conducted, during which drivers and riders were educated on the importance of safety kits and responsible use of roads.



EAC, Shamator, Mekato J. Aye with ARTO Tuensang and other officials distributing Helmet during awareness campaign on Road Safety Month at Shamator on 23rd January 2026.

Addressing the participants, the EAC highlighted that with improving road infrastructure and a rising population in Shamator town, road safety has become a priority. He further stated that such awareness programmes would be continued regularly and would not be treated as a one-time initiative.

MON DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Mon District Planning & Development Board was held on

23rd January 2026 at DC's Conference Hall. The Deputy Commissioner Mon, Wennyei

Konyak, NCS presided over the proceeding. He welcomes the members present and called upon the new members for self-introduction.

After reviewing the last meeting minutes, the DC spoke on the agendas of the Village Adoption Committee. He said that a committee will be set up in all the 9 (Nine) constituency, composed of MLA from the concerned constituency, Officer from Administration, and representatives from departments. The committee will identify and select the village for adoption. The DC also urged the members to uplift and bring changes in the villages they adopted by contributing with the available resources from their department. This will be a great help to the village and achievement for the department. He also mentioned that there will be one Core Committee and at the end of

the year the best will be selected.

The proposal for the change of School name and school location of Little Flower School, Tizit was discussed and forwarded to the higher authority. The DC also read out the Republic Day work distribution assigned to each department, and reminded the members about the Inter Departmental Tournament which is going to be held soon. He also informed about the financial assistance (Rs. one Lakh) to A Ponglih Konyak by the MLA & Chairman DPDB, Y. Mankhao Konyak as recommended by the MBDA.

District Chaplain, Rev. Yeangphong Konyak encouraged the members to discharge their assigned duties and responsibilities with a commitment and invoked God's presence and guidance throughout the year.

NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY OBSERVED ACROSS DISTRICTS

Nagaland districts observed National Girl Child Day 2026 on 24th January, emphasizing the themes of empowerment, education, digital inclusion, health, and leadership.

NOKLAK

National Girl Child Day was observed at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak, on 24th January

2026 under the theme "Empowerment, Education, Digital Inclusion, Health and Leadership," organized by the District Administration with DHEW and Sakhi OSC.

SDO Vikhoto Richa and OSC Administrator Niamkoi highlighted Mission Shakti, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), women helplines (181 & 1098), and the need



SDO (C) Noklak, Vikhoto Richa with other officials and participants during National Girl Child Day observed at DC's conference Hall, Noklak on 24th January 2026.

to end child marriage and gender-based violence.

Miss Khamniungan 2026, Tsukian Lamheing, emphasized equal opportunities and leadership for girls. The Lt. Supo Memorial Award was presented to meritorious girl students, and the programme featured speeches, cultural performances, and a vote of thanks.

SHAMATOR

Shamator observed National Girl Child Day under the theme “Empowering Girls for a Bright Future,” organized by the Department of Social Welfare. CDPO Lakiumong Yimchunger urged parents to safeguard and support their daughters, highlighting their vulnerability. The celebration included

displays of cultural games and traditional attire by participating children.

MELURI

At Meluri, the National Girl Child Day was combined with a plantation drive, organized by the District Administration and Sakhi OSC under BBBP and Mission Shakti under the Theme “Empowering Every Daughter Building a Stronger India”.

Deputy Commissioner K. Mhathung Tsanglao highlighted legal safeguards, promoted female education, and stressed self-reliance among women. T

The programme was attended by from local schools and the Pochury Mother’s Association, and the pledge against child marriage was also administered.

FIRST MOKOKCHUNG FILM FESTIVAL CELEBRATES CINEMATIC EXCELLENCE AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

The first-ever Mokokchung Film Festival was successfully held at the Town Hall, Mokokchung on 25th January 2026. The landmark event was organized by the Mokokchung District Administration in collaboration with the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and NFDC Cinemas of India.

In his address, Assistant Commissioner of Mokokchung, Ajay Moktan, IAS, welcomed creators, storytellers, students, and CSOs, Moktan remarked, “Cinema is more than entertainment; it is a powerful medium that reflects society, preserves culture, and inspires change.”

The audience was also addressed by ADC Mokokchung, Atsungba Walling who

emphasized the vital role of cinema in the era of globalization while calling for ethical storytelling. Renowned actor, Bendang Meren Ao provided a detailed highlight of the festival’s objectives.

A highlight of the event was the screening of the short film titled PLASTIC directed by Raj Kumar. The jury comprised of actors Bendang Meren Ao, S. Neangbah Konyak and Yangerkumla Lemtur. The following film, director and actors were declared as winners. Best Film: PLASTIC (Directed by Raj Kumar); Best Director: Anok Pongen (Jeevan Ekta Kitap); Best Actor: Lanusunep Longchar (Longrapong Sama); Best Actress: Tulumenla (The Real Identity From Above).

MATTI PORTAL LAUNCHED AT MON

On the occasion of 77th Republic Day, the Mon Matti Portal, a digital land record and land permit management system, was

launched by P. Paiwang Konyak, Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland, at Mon Town on 26th January

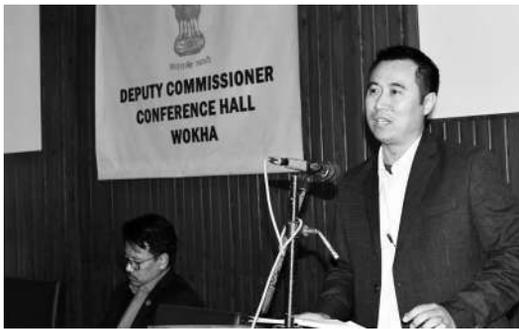
2026.

Developed by the District Administration, Mon under the Mon Smart Hub initiative, the portal digitizes existing land permit records and facilitates issuance of digitally verified permits through a

structured approval process. With a public search facility and digitally traceable records, the portal will reduce paperwork, improves record management, and strengthens public trust in land administration, in line with the vision of Digital India.

MINORITY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT HOLDS FIRST AWARENESS AND SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME IN WOKHA

The Directorate of Minority Affairs, Nagaland, organized awareness and sensitization programme at the DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on January 27, 2026. The initiative aimed to inform stakeholders about various constitutional provisions and developmental schemes available to minority communities at both the national and state levels.



Joint Director, Minority Affairs Department, Andrew C. Imti, addressing the awareness and sensitization program organized by the Directorate of Minority Affairs at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on 27th January 2026.

Delivering the keynote address, Joint Director of Minority Affairs, Andrew C. Imti, highlighted the importance of empowering minority communities through access to government schemes and emphasized their role in strengthening inclusive growth and democratic values.

A series of PowerPoint presentations on Micro-Credit Schemes under the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), Minority Scholarship Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) and PM VIKAS (Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Kaushal Samridhi) were delivered by officials from the Minority Affairs Department.

Heads of Government Departments in Wokha, along with chairmen of village councils from across the district attended the meeting, and engaged in discussions on how these schemes could be effectively implemented at the grassroots level.

18th BISHU MINI HORNBILL TRIBAL FESTIVAL 2026 CELEBRATED AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

The 18th Bishu Mini Hornbill Tribal Festival 2026 was held at the Government High School Playground, Dhansiripar, Chumoukedima, on January 27, 2026.

Addressing the gathering, Minister, Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Village Guard, C. L. John stated that festivals such as Bishu and the Hornbill festival

serve as important platforms for unity, reconciliation and shared identity among the diverse tribes of Nagaland. Highlighting the essence of the festival, he said that merrymaking, music, dance and food are integral to Bishu, while also providing an opportunity for reconciliation. He urged all communities to forgive, forget differences

and move forward together. Emphasising the need to remove tribalism and factionalism, he called upon the people to strive for peace and unity for the economic progress of the State.

Short speeches were also delivered by special invitees Zhato Kimho, President Chakroma Public Organisation, Vikato Achumi, President Western Sumi Hoho, Thamlong Phom, President Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Union Dimapur, and C.K. Bill Mech, President, Kachari Tribe Council, Nagaland.

Bishu greetings were extended by S. K.

Khemprai, Advisor, Kachari Tribal Council, Nagaland and cultural dances by Doyapur Cultural Troupe and Sumi Cultural Troupe were also presented during the programme.

The Minister also inaugurated the exhibition stalls which showcased ethnic cuisine and traditional attires from 10 Dimasa villages, with participation from local entrepreneurs, Self Help Groups and women of the Dimasa community. The two-day festival is being organised by the Dimasa Public Organisation, Nagaland in collaboration with Nagaland Tourism Department at Dhansiripar, Chümoukedima.

SPECIALISED CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME UNDER RAMP SCHEME HELD AT ATOIZU

In furtherance of the Government's initiatives to strengthen the MSME ecosystem, a Specialised Capacity Building Programme on "Equip MSMEs to Manage Business Efficiently," "Entrepreneurship & Business Management," and "Digital Marketing Trends and Social Media Marketing for MSMEs" was organised by the Department of Industries & Commerce under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Scheme, with support from the World Bank, on 28th January 2026 at Jubilee Hall, Atoizu Town and KPA Indoor Stadium, Asukhuto Town, Zunheboto as part

of two day programme.

Shoremong Yim, entrepreneurship trainer, facilitated the training sessions and elaborated on strategic business management and digital marketing approaches.

Extra Assistant Commissioner, Atoizu, Dr. Samuel Akho Konyak P, NCS, underscored the necessity of fostering entrepreneurial culture and digital competence among MSMEs.

District Project Associate, District Industries Centre, Zunheboto, Khekevi Awomi, apprised participants of scheme-based opportunities under RAMP.

BHARAT KO JANO YATRA HELD AT TSEMINYU



DC Tseminyu, Japheth Woch and Director-cum-Nodal Officer of NEZCC, Teisovikuolie Therie with officials and cultural troupes during Bharat Ko Jano Yatra at Town hall Tseminyu on 28th January 2026.

The Bharat Ko Jano Yatra organised by the North East Zone Culture Centre, Dimapur, Ministry of Culture, Government of India in collaboration with Department of Art & Culture, Government of Nagaland on 28th January 2026 at Town hall Tseminyu with DC Tseminyu, Japheth Woch (NCS) as the guest of honour. The DC stated that Rengma tribe has rich cultural heritage and encouraged the participants to uphold and promote their cultural heritage for the younger generations.

Director-cum-Nodal Officer of NEZCC, Teisovikuolie Therie in his keynote address asserted that to make Bharat Ko Jano Yatra a success, he urged the youths to be inspired

and cherish the India diversity.

During the programme, the Kandi Cultural Troupe Tseminyu, Tseminyu Village Cultural Troupe (Men), Tseminyu Cultural Troupe (women), Tai Education Initiative, Mariani Jorhat Assam, Phenwhenyu & Guju Cultural Troupe and Kasha Daho Cultural Troupe showcased their cultural performance.

The program was chaired by Jolly Thyu and the welcome address was delivered by Senilo Kath, Asst. Research Officer, Art & Culture, while the vote of thanks was pronounced by Haichenlo Kath, District Cultural Officer Kohima.

NORTHEAST YOUTH EMPOWERMENT: PM-NAPS AWARENESS AND REGISTRATION DRIVE HELD MOKOKCHUNG

In a significant push toward regional skill development, an awareness and registration drive for the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (PM-NAPS) was successfully conducted at Jubilee Memorial College (JMC), Mokokchung on 29th January 2026.

Organised under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), the initiative focuses on the Northeast Region, aligning with the Prime Minister's vision of "Ashta Lakshmi" and "Viksit Bharat, Viksit North East." The scheme serves as a bridge between industry demand and skilled talent through hands-on, experiential learning.

Addressing the gathering, Atsungba Walling, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Mokokchung, highlighted the urgency of skill development in an era defined by automation and globalisation. He emphasised that skills are the "key to self-employment" rather than just a route to government jobs. Drawing from local wisdom, he cited the Ao folklore, "The bamboo that bends doesn't break,"

encouraging students to remain flexible and resilient in the modern job market.

Key Highlights of the Programme:

Registration Drive: Pravin Yadav, State Coordinator for the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), led a technical session on registering establishments and students on the official Apprenticeship Portal.

Employment Insights: Er. H. Alongse, Joint Director of DOESDE, provided a comprehensive overview of the current employment landscape in Nagaland.

Collaborative Strategy: Representatives from the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati, discussed the importance of convergence and the strategic way forward for apprenticeship in the region.

The event, moderated by Dr. Chubaienla Imchen (Asst. Professor, JMC), included a screening of PM-NAPS success stories and an interactive networking session with Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) and Third-Party Aggregators (TPAs).

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON TELECOM CYBER SECURITY HELD AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

The Department of Telecommunication (DoT), Nagaland, NE LSA conducted an Awareness Programme on “Telecom Cyber Security, EMF Radiation Myths & DoT’s initiatives on Citizen Centric Services at CIHSR, Chumoukedima on 30th January, 2026.

While on the other hand, the Department of Telecommunication (DoT), Nagaland, NE LSA has also conducted an Awareness Programme on “Telecom Cyber Security, EMF Radiation Myths & DoT’s initiatives on Citizen Centric Services at CIHSR, Chumoukedima on 30.01.2026. The event was attended by about 300 students, faculty members & other staffs, aimed at educating people about the prevalent modus operandi of cyber frauds in the modern internet era, EMF radiation myths and various Citizen Centric initiatives being taken by DoT in this regard.

The program focused on raising awareness about the various tactics used by cybercriminals through mobile phones, emails, or laptops, and further provided valuable insights into safeguarding against such threats. During the session, attendees were enlightened on the common techniques used by fraudsters, including phishing, identity theft, malware attacks, and social engineering scams.

The Department of Technology (DoT) further informed attendees about the Sanchar Saathi portal, a citizen-centric initiative by the Department of Telecommunications aimed at empowering mobile subscribers and enhancing their security awareness.

During his address, DDG Nagaland, DoT briefed about the status and progress of Telecom Services in Nagaland and emphasised the need of awareness for cyber frauds and various citizen centric initiatives of DoT which empower them as proactive measures. Further ADET, DoT Nagaland gave the detail presentations on Cyber frauds, EMF Radiation Myths & DoT’s initiatives on Citizen Centric Services. On this occasion, Medical Superintendent, CIHSR and Principal, NERMPI also expressed their views on these topics.

The program also emphasized the importance of reporting cybercrimes promptly. Attendees were also informed about the National Cyber Crime Portal (<https://cybercrime.gov.in>) and 1930 helpline number, where incidents of cybercrimes can be reported securely.

The EMR awareness program was conducted to address public concerns about cell phone tower radiation. Attendees were briefed about common myths and misconceptions surrounding Electromagnetic Radiation (EMR). The TARANG SANCHAR portal was introduced as a resource for citizens to access information on mobile tower radiation and to file complaints if they have any concerns regarding EMR.

Also, four Sanchar Mitra from CIHSR also participated in the event. The Sanchar Mitra is a volunteer ship scheme as a DoT initiative for spreading awareness amongst public. They were also felicitated with token of appreciation.

SAMPOORNATA ABHIYAN 2.0 LAUNCHES IN KIPHIRE

Launching of Aspirational District Programme and the Aspirational Block Programme of Sampoonnata Abhiyan 2.0 was held at DPDB Conference Hall, Kiphire on 30th January 2026, with ADC Kiphire, Longdiba L Sangtam as the Special Guest.

Speaking at the launching program, Longdiba Sangtam said that Sampoonnata Abhiyan 2.0 has recorded significant improvements in service delivery in other districts. Therefore, he said that Kiphire Aspirational District and Block had to actively participate and contribute more in overall progress through strengthening outreach by the frontline workers and improved community engagement.

Under Sampoonnata Abhiyan 2.0, Kiphire Aspirational Block will work towards saturation of some key indicators like related to health and nutrition, education and allied, he said. He added that the Abhiyan is expected to strengthen grassroots governance, sustain earlier gains and accelerate inclusive development in the block.

He further stated that the district is privileged to have been identified as an



ADC Kiphire, Longdiba L. Sangtam with officials during the launching of Sampoonnata Abhiyan 2.0 at DPDB Conference Hall, Kiphire on 30th January 2026.

Aspirational District in 2018, as well as an Aspirational Block. He explained that this recognition was granted due to its remote location and status as one of the most underdeveloped districts in the country.

Earlier, Chief Medical Officer, District Education Officer, DPO, Social Welfare Department, Chief Veterinary Officer, and Area Coordinator NSRLM, RD, Khongsa also spoke in the program.



NEW SP OFFICE AND POLICE BARRACK INAUGURATED IN WOKHA

A significant milestone in the development of police infrastructure in Wokha district was marked with the inauguration of the new Superintendent of Police (SP) Office building and Police Barrack at Wokha on 5th January 2026.

The event was graced by Deputy Chief Minister and Minister-in-Charge of Home and Border Affairs, Yanthungo Patton as the Special Guest. Also present was the Director General of Police (DGP) Nagaland, Rupin Sharma, IPS. The Deputy Chief Minister first inaugurated the newly constructed Police Barrack, which was dedicated in prayer by Asst. Pastor Myingthungo Ezung of the Police Baptist Church, Wokha. This was followed by the formal inauguration of the SP Office building, with a dedicatory prayer led by Pastor Zuben Ngullie of the same church.

Yanthungo Patton congratulated the Wokha District Police and the Superintendent of Police on the successful completion of new

infrastructure facilities. He urged the public to support law enforcement by reporting crimes, stressing that underreporting affects effective policing and resource allocation. On the topic of police recruitment, Patton assured that the selection process would remain free, fair, and based solely on individual merit.

Director General of Police Rupin Sharma, IPS, emphasized optimal use of the new facilities and highlighted the importance of accurate case reporting for better resource distribution and development. He called for efficient policing and stronger public trust.

The program was chaired by Superintendent of Police Wokha, T. Relo Aye, who also delivered the welcome address. He assured that the new buildings would be maintained with utmost care and used for the welfare and safety of the people, likening their upkeep to that of one's own home.

REST HOUSE INAUGURATED AT AGHUNATO

Advisor for Land Resources, G.Ikuto Zhimomi inaugurated the new Rest House at Aghunato on 9th January 2026. He also launched a new ambulance for Aghunato Health Centre Aghunato, which was funded under DoNER.

During the inauguration function, short speeches were delivered by Chairperson Aghunato Town Council, GB union Aghunato and President 34 A/C Aghunato. EAC, Aghunato deliver the welcome address.

WANGPANG KONYAK INAUGURATES THE OFFICE BUILDING OF ICDS AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER, MON

MLA & Advisor, Social Welfare Wangpang Konyak graced the inauguration of office building of District Programme Officer (ICDS) and Child Development Project Officer as a Special Guest on 14th January 2026 at Social Welfare Office Complex, Mon.

In his speech, the Advisor said that

Staff were fortunate to have their own office building unlike other districts. He urged them to carry out their duty with sincerity and urged the staff to make the best use of gadgets provided by the government and improve their efficiency.

Secretary Social Welfare, Limawabang Jamir, IAS, in his short speech congratulated

the District, Social Welfare Office staff for being one of the best performing district in the State and commended the hard work of the Anganwadi workers and Helpers. He also encouraged the people for Aadhaar enrolment in order to benefit from government schemes as most schemes utilize Aadhar as an ID proof.

Deputy Commissioner Mon, Wennyei Konyak, NCS, said that it was a proud

moment for the district and encouraged the Officials and the Staff, to keep up the good work and strive to be the best.

Executive Engineer, Social Welfare, Er. Talisunup Jamir highlighted that the Total Project Cost in his technical report.

Director Social Welfare, Tosheli Zhimomi chaired the programme while, Rev. Yeangphong Konyak, District Chaplain pronounced the dedicatory prayer.

CM INAUGURATES NEW DC OFFICE COMPLEX IN SHAMATOR

Coinciding with Tsungkamnyo Mini Hornbill festival of Yimchungru tribe, Nagaland Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the new DC office Complex and five other associated offices of the Superintendent of Police, DPRO office, DYRO office, DPO (Planning) office and District Sericulture Office in Shamator on 16th January 2026.

Speaking at the inaugural program, the Chief Minister stated that Shamator, as one of Nagaland's newly created districts, was established to bring administration closer to the people and promote inclusive, balanced development. However, the lack of a fully functional Deputy Commissioner's office had hindered governance, coordination, and service delivery.

He emphasized that inaugurating the offices would fill these gaps and strengthen district administration. Calling the Deputy Commissioner the principal administrative and executive authority at the district level, he described the establishment of the office as a crucial step toward improved governance and public welfare.

The CM further urged the citizens to take collective responsibility in maintaining and making the best use of the facility so that it truly serves the purpose for which it has been created.

He also extended Tsungkamnyo wishes to the people and encouraged to let new office Complex usher in a new era of effective Administration and sustainable development for the Shamator District.

MLA, P. LONGEN INUAGURATES HELIPAD AT NOKLAK

MLA & Chairman District Planning & Development Board, Noklak, P. Longon, inaugurated the newly constructed Helipad with Rest Room, Approach Road, Toilet for both Male & Female and Fencing with Gate, Water Supply & Electrification under

ICONIC PROJECT 2024-25 at Noklak on 19th January 2026.

Longon was accompanied by DC Noklak, SP Noklak, senior officials and other public leaders of the district.

TEMSUCHUBA JAMIR INAUGURATES SMART CLASSROOM AT GPS, SHITILONG

A new era of digital learning was ushered in at Government Primary School (GPS),

Shitilong, Mokokchung on 21st January 2026, with the inauguration of a smart classroom. The project, a collaborative effort between the District Administration Mokokchung and the State Bank of India (SBI) under its “Empowering Education” Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, aims to enhance the quality of education available to students.

Temsuchuba Jamir, SDO(C), Mokokchung, who was the chief guest at the inauguration ceremony, officially unveiled the new facility. In his address, he commended the SBI for their significant social service and their role in uplifting the community through such initiatives. Expressing optimism for future endeavours, he highlighted the potential for increased collaboration between the district administration and the bank in the education sector and beyond.



SDO(C) Mokokchung, Temsuchuba Jamir speaking during the Inauguration of Smart Classroom at GPS Shitilong, Mokokchung on 21st January 2026.

Imtitoshi Imsong, Branch Manager of SBI, Alongmen branch, spoke about the bank's broader CSR initiatives which span various sectors including Education, Health, and Sanitation. He encouraged the students and teachers to maximize the benefits of the new smart classroom.

NHIDCL DONATES AMBULANCES TO MON DISTRICT

National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), MoRTH, Government of India provided 02 Nos. of Ambulances under their CSR activity to PHC Tizit and PHC Wakching.

Deputy Commissioner of Mon, Wennyei Konyak, expressed gratitude to NHIDCL for providing the ambulances and formally handed over the keys to the Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Mon. He urged responsible use of the vehicles to effectively serve the people.

The CMO thanked NHIDCL, stating that the ambulances would greatly strengthen the district's emergency response system, especially in remote areas. He highlighted that timely patient transportation is vital for saving lives and noted that the service would particularly benefit pregnant women, the elderly, accident victims, and others requiring urgent medical care.

The ambulances were flagged off by the Deputy Commissioner to their respective locations, marking a significant step towards improving emergency medical response and healthcare delivery in the district.

MINISTER JACOB ZHIMOMI JACOB INAUGURATES DCP OFFICE AT NIULAND

Minister for PHED & Co-operation, Jacob Zhimomi inaugurated the new office building complex of Deputy Commissioner of Police,

Niuland in the presence of DC Niuland, Sara S Jamir; Commissioner of Police, Aotula T. Imchen; DCP Niuland Manish Bhartiya, other

officials and public leaders on 26th Jan 2026..

Zhimomi while addressing the inaugural program thanked the Central Government for catering the specific needs of the state government and congratulated the Home Department, Engineering wings and Contractors for timely completion of the project.

Mentioning that he aspires to make Niuland, a model district, doesn't mean only physical infrastructure development, Zhimomi said citizens need to be good, friendly, honest and most importantly we need to develop

our family with collective responsibility as a way forward to make the district peaceful and prosperous.

As per the technical report from Er. Hutoshe Awomi, EE. PEP Chumoukedima, the construction of DCP Office was started in Sept 2023 and completed in June 2025, under the Government of India Part - 1 Special Assistance to the States for Capital Investment (SASCI) Phase 1 and 11.

The Office building includes a barracks and staff quarters with a total cost of 592.976 lakhs.

CM INAUGURATES FIRST DRONE SCHOOL AND DRONE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE AT KOHIMA

Chief Minister Nagaland Dr. Neiphiu Rio inaugurated Nagaland's first Drone School and Drone Centre of Excellence on 26th January 2026 at the Nagaland GIS and Remote Sensing Centre, Kohima as part of the 77th Republic Day celebrations.

Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio inaugurating the Drone School described it as a major step towards harnessing modern technology for governance, development, and public service delivery.

Commending the department for the initiative, Dr Rio said Nagaland has been closely observing global advancements in drone technology and networking, noting that while drones were earlier associated mainly with warfare, they are now being increasingly used for positive and developmental purposes.

Dr Rio said the Drone School would serve as a hub for innovation and capacity building, enabling the transfer of knowledge to districts and interior areas so that the benefits of technology reach the last mile. He added that

the initiative would strengthen Nagaland's preparedness for future challenges and help position the State as a leader in the effective use of drone technology.

Earlier the CM formally unveiled the Drone School and Drone Centre of Excellence commemorative plaque in the presence of Deputy Chief Ministers T. R. Zeliang and Y Patton, Chief Secretary, Sentiyanger Imchen and Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha, IAS.

The Drone School will offer DGCA-compliant Remote Pilot Certificate (RPC) courses along with short-term non-DGCA programmes in FPV flying, drone repair and maintenance, and drone data analysis and mapping.

The institution will be equipped with classrooms, laboratories, simulators, assembly workshops, and designated flying grounds at Tsiesema and Thizama. It will also function as a Centre of Excellence for UAV research, innovation, and technical support to government departments.





Advisor, Economics & Statistics, IT&C and Evaluation, Sethrongkyu with officials briefing the Media on Nagaland Registration of Births & Deaths (Amendment) Rules, 2024 at DES Conference Hall, Kohima on 21st January 2026.



Chief Secretary, Setiyanger Imchen, IAS with the newly appointed NPSC Chairman, A. Pitoho Choppy and members Kenilo Apon, Athel O.Lothes and S.Temswati Angh during the oath taking ceremony at Secretariat Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 23rd January 2026.



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, accompanied by Deputy Chief Ministers Yanthungo Patton and T. R. Zeliang inspects the State's first Drone School–Centre of Excellence at the Nagaland GIS and Remote Sensing Centre in Kohima on January 26, 2026.



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STATE ROUND-UP



Candidates participating in Physical test during the Nagaland Police recruitment drive at Police Reserve Ground, Zunheboto on 9th January 2026.



Joint Secretary MDoNER, Angshuman Dey inspecting the NEC-funded coffee value-addition project at Thiluxu village during his visit to the state from 17th to 18th January 2026.



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio releasing the KPC 25th Anniversary Souvenir (cover) at Capital Convention Center, Kohima on 20th January 2026.

REPUBLIC DAY



Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio inspecting the parade contingents during the Republic Day Celebration at Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 26th January 2026.



Advisor for School education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome inspecting the parade contingents during the Republic Day Celebration at Public Ground, Noklak on 26th January 2026.



Minister for Forest, Environment & Climate Change and Village guards, C.L. John taking the Rashtriya Salute from the Parade contingents during the Republic Day Celebration at DC's Office Complex, Peren on 26th January 2026.



Advisor for Land Resources, G. Ikuto Zhimomi delivering the Republic Day address during the Republic Day Celebration at Phek on 26th January 2026.



Deputy Speaker NLA, S.Toiho delivering the Republic Day address during the Republic Day Celebration at Shamator on 26th January 2026.



Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu taking the Rashtriya Salute during the Republic Day Celebration at RSA Ground, Tseminyu on 26th January 2026.



Advisor for Geology & Mining and DUDA, W. Chingang Konyak delivering the Republic Day address during the Republic Day Celebration at Parade Ground, Tuensang on 26th January 2026.



Minister for Tourism & higher Education, Temjen Imna Along inspecting the parade contingents during the Republic Day Celebration at Wokha on 26th January 2026.

REPUBLIC DAY



Minister for Roads & Bridges, G. Kaito Aye taking the Rashtriya Salute during the Republic Day Celebration at Zunheboto on 26th January 2026.



Advisor, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio inspecting the parade contingents during the Republic Day Celebration at Sammogooting Stadium, Chumoukedima on 26th January 2026.



Minister for Rural development and SIRD, Metsubo Jamir inspecting the parade contingents during the Republic Day Celebration at DDSC Stadium, Dimapur on 26th January 2026.



Advisor, Social welfare, Wapang Konyak taking the Rashtriya Salute during the Republic Day Celebration at Local ground, Kiphire on 26th January 2026.



Advisor for Minority Affairs & Sericulture, Imkongmar inspecting the parade contingents during the Republic Day Celebration at Public Ground, Longleng on 26th January 2026.



Advisor for Law & Justice and Land Revenue, T.N. Mannen inspecting the parade contingents during the Republic Day Celebration at Imkongmeren Sports Complex, Mokokchung on 26th January 2026.



Minister for Women Resource Development & Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse taking the Rashtriya Salute during the Republic Day Celebration at Meluri on 26th January 2026.



Minister Minister of Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak taking the Rashtriya Salute during the Republic Day Celebration at Local Ground, Mon Town on 26th January 2026.



Minister of PHED & Co-operation, Government of Nagaland, Jacob Zhimomi inspecting the parade contingents during the Republic Day Celebration at Niuland Public Ground on 26th January 2026.

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES



Deputy Chief Minister, Yanthungo Patton with DGP Rupin Sharma and officials during the inauguration of new SP Office and Police Barrack in Wokha on 5th January 2026.



Advisor for Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak, unveiling the monolith during the inauguration of office building of District Programme Officer (ICDS) and Child Development Project Officer at Social Welfare Office complex, Mon on 24th January 2026.



Minister of PHED & Co-operation, Jacob Zhimomi with officials during the inauguration of Deputy Commissioner of Police Office Complex at Niuland on 26th January 2026.