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NOTIFICATION**Dated Kohima, the 21st January, 2026.**

No.IPR/MEDIA/6-2/2016/43 :: In Pursuant to Agenda No. 13 of the Cabinet meeting dated 16.12.2025 vide letter No. CAB-I/14/2023 dated 18.12.2025, the Governor of Nagaland is pleased to notify the Nagaland News Media Accreditation (Revised) Rules, 2025 as enclosed with immediate effect.

Sd/-**ORENTHUNG LOTHIA, IAS**

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Nagaland.

ANNEXURE - A

NAGALAND NEWS MEDIA ACCREDITATION (REVISED) RULES, 2025

1. Short Title, extent and commencement

- (1) These Rules may be called the Nagaland News Media Accreditation Rules 2025.
- (2) They shall come into force with effect from the date of publication in the Nagaland Gazette.

2. Definitions

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-

- (a) **“Accreditation”** means recognition granted to correspondents/media persons to have access to - (i) news materials (ii) offices and officers of the government of Nagaland for gathering news (iii) documents, laws, rules, notifications, press releases, background papers etc., relating to the activities of the government of Nagaland (iv) public functions, press conferences, official events and other gatherings related to activities of the government (v) facilities in terms of travel, research, documentation etc., relating to news gathering and (vi) all other incidental facilities which helps news gathering.
- (b) **“Correspondent”** includes every employee of a news/media organization by that name or by any other designation who shall be a working journalist under the “Working Journalist Act”, but does not include a part-time employee for the purpose of these Rules.
- (c) **“Cameraperson”** includes ‘still’, ‘television’ and ‘movie’ cameraperson employed on full time basis by a media organization for taking photographs or video.
- (d) **“Committee”** means the Nagaland News Media Accreditation Committee constituted under these Rules formed by the government for considering and sanctioning of accreditation, and to recommend steps for facilities for news gathering by accredited journalist and news organizations.
- (e) **“Editor”** includes a working journalist by that name or by the name of Chief Editor, Editor-in-chief, Managing Editor, Executive Editor, Resident Editor, Content Head or by such name.
- (f) **“Government of Nagaland”** includes (i) offices and officers of the Government of Nagaland and (ii) all offices and officers of institutions within and outside Nagaland over which the Government of Nagaland has administrative control.
- (g) **“Media organization”** includes an individual or an organization which represents a newspapers, magazine, television channel, radio organization, news portals, wire and non-wire service news agencies, news feature agencies, electronic media agencies and

such other news organizations, whether it is a private enterprise or Government enterprise;

i. News Media shall include newspapers, wire service, and non wire service news agencies, news feature agencies, electronic media agencies, news portals containing news and comments on public views;

ii. "Newspapers" shall have the same definition as assigned to it in the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 and a daily newspaper shall be published on not less than five days in a week and a weekly or fortnightly newspaper shall have not less than 45 or 22 issues respectively in a year.

iii. Unique visitors' refers to the number of distinct individuals requesting pages from a website during a given period, regardless of how often they visit.

iv. 'News Aggregator' refers to an entity which, using software or web application, aggregates news content from various sources, such as news websites, blogs, podcasts, video blogs, user submitted links, etc. in one location.

v. 'Domain Registration' refers to the process of registering a domain name which identifies one or more IP addresses with a name that is easier to remember and used in URLs to identify particular Web pages, and the person or business that registers domain name is called the domain name registrant.

vi. "News Agency" includes a wire or non-wire organization which supplies news on a minute-to-minute or daily basis to a number of media organizations, both print and electronic.

vii. "News Feature Agency" includes an agency which amongst other things, supplies news and features based on current affairs to newspaper/media organizations on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

viii. "Radio organization" means any media organization which broadcast news bulletins and carries current affairs programmes, including All India Radio which operates under the Prasar Bharti Act.

ix. "Television Channel" includes Doordarshan and other news and current affairs channels permitted under the guidelines of the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

x. "Television and Radio News Agency" includes a media organization which primarily provides news clips and feeds to Television Channels and Radio organizations and

xi. "News portal" includes a news and current affairs website which provides continuous news coverage and current affairs features.

- (h) **Accreditation Card:** the Directorate of IPR, Nagaland shall issue a photo identity card to the media persons to whom accreditation is granted by the Committee, and wherever necessary the card should have authorization to enter all premises of the Central and State governments, without any requirement of obtaining visitor pass.

3. Composition of Press/Media Accreditation Committee

1. The State Government shall constitute within 15 days of the coming into force of these Rules, a Committee called the Nagaland State News Media Accreditation Committee, comprising of the following:
 - (a) 3 (three) members who are editors of press/ media organizations operating from the State or employees of news organisations nominated by the Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary, IPR not exceeding one member from each organization or media associations.
 - (b) 1 (one) working News Editor representing the Private Television Channel as nominated by the Association of Private Television Channels or the Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary, IPR in the absence of such an association.
 - (c) 1(one) member of the State Department of Information and Public Relations representing "The Warrior" and other magazines of the Government, as nominated by the said Department.
 - (d) One member each from the Press clubs of Kohima, Dimapur and Mokokchung. The member should be a working journalist who has been in the field for at least ten (10) years (the members should be selected/nominated by the Press Clubs in such a way the no media organization /agency has more than one (1) member in the SPAC.
 - (e) The Chief Secretary, Government of Nagaland as Chairman.
 - (f) The Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Information and Public Relations as Vice Chairman.
 - (g) The Director of the Information and Public Relations Department of the State government as Member – Secretary.

4. Tenure of the Committee

- (1) The members of the News Media Accreditation Committee, except the officers of the State Government, may resign from their membership at any time.
- (2) The agencies concerned from whom members are nominated to the Committee, shall nominate the members to vacancies caused by such resignation, at the earliest.
- (3) Every member, who is not a State Government Officer, shall hold office for a term of three years and on expiry of his tenure, the Government or the agency concerned shall nominate new members, at the earliest.

(4) No member, whose term has expired as above, shall be re-nominated immediately, but only after the interval of 3 (three) years.

(5) State Government officers shall hold their membership, including the office of member-secretary, on ex officio basis.

5. Offices of the Committee

(1) The Chief Secretary, Government of Nagaland shall be the Chairman and the Commissioner and Secretary/Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Department of Information and Public Relations, shall be the Vice Chairman of the Committee.

(2) The Director of the Information and Public Relations Department of the State Government shall be the Member-Secretary of the Committee.

6. Proceedings of the Committee

(1) The Committee shall have at least one sitting in six months.

(2) Simple majority will constitute quorum at any sitting.

(3) All decisions shall be taken unanimously failing which; issues will be resolved by vote, with one vote in favour of each member.

(4) The Chairman shall not have vote in the first instance but shall have a casting vote in case of a tie.

(5) The member-Secretary shall keep record of the proceedings and circulate the same to the Chairman and members within 10 days of the date of meetings.

(6) The member-Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings to the Chairman and other members 7 days prior to the date of sitting unless expediency requires shorter notice.

7. Functions of the Committee

The Committee shall perform the following functions:

(a) To decide the grant of accreditation to journalists;

(b) To decide the cancellation of accreditation; and

(c) To decide the basic facilities that can be extended by the State Government to the media for effective functioning and for further strengthening of media operations in the State.

8. Applications for accreditation

All applications for accreditation in respect of media organizations, which are institutions, shall be recommended and forwarded by the Chief of that institution. All such applications for accreditation shall be addressed to the Member-Secretary of the Committee.

9. Procedure for accreditation

(1) Applications received for accreditation shall be placed before the Accreditation Committee by the Member – Secretary.

- (2) At a meeting held for the purpose, the Committee shall consider the merit of each request on the basis of the following:
 - (a) The number of years of service in the field, a minimum of five (5) years in a news organization as a working journalist shall be requirement for accreditation.
 - (b) the possible gain to the media and the society, if accreditation is granted etc..
- (3) Every accredited person will be issued one Accreditation card valid for the year ending 31st March.
- (4) The following will be the maximum number of Accreditation cards that may be issued to a particular media organizations:
 - (a) Six (6) from one daily newspaper published in Nagaland.
 - (b) One (1) from news agencies, periodicals (weeklies/monthlies etc).
 - (c) One from regional/national newspapers/magazines published from outside the State.
 - (d) Six (6) from T.V Channels
 - (e) Two (2) from Digital News Portals which are registered to the Department of Information & Technology.
- (5) No fee or any other charge shall be collected for issue of an Accreditation card, which shall be issued in the name of the Committee and under the signature of the Member-Secretary, with the photograph of the journalist properly affixed with his signature thereon.
- (6) Annual renewal of accreditation shall be done by the Director, Information & Public Relations, Nagaland and Member Secretary of the Committee on a written request from the accredited media person certified and forwarded by the head of the concerned media organization.

10. Procedure for cancellation of accreditation:

- (1) If the editor informs the committee that the journalist has been reassigned outside the State or to a non journalistic assignment.
- (2) If the editor informs the committee that the journalist is no longer an employee of the organization.
- (3) If the editor informs the committee that the journalist that news organization has closed down or is no longer carrying 50 per cent content as news which is a requirement for an organization to be recognized as a news organization.
- (4) If a journalist has been censured at least twice by the Press Council of India for professional misconduct.
- (5) If a complaint is received from a public servant or from a private individual including the chief of any media organization that the holder of an accreditation card has indulged

in any criminal activity or committed an offence that is grossly unethical of a journalist, the same shall be placed before the Committee by the Member-Secretary for inquiry and report.

- (6) With the approval of the Committee, the Member-Secretary, by himself or with the aid of an Inquiry Committee constituted specially for that purpose, investigate into the complaint and a report thereof shall be submitted to the Committee within one month of the complaint.
- (7) If the complaint is of serious nature, the Committee may recommend suspension of the Accreditation Card, which means surrender of the card by the holder for a temporary period to the Member-Secretary.
- (8) If the Committee, on receipt of the inquiry report, finds that the holder of the card has breached ethical standards of a journalist, shall cancel the accreditation card issued to him.

Provided the Inquiry Committee shall not come to any conclusion against the journalist concerned unless due opportunity to defend himself has been provided to him.

11. Privileges attached to the accreditation card

The following are the privileges attached to the Press Accreditation Card:

- (a) the holder shall have free access to offices and officers of the Government of Nagaland and offices and officers over which the Government of Nagaland has administrative control, where permissible;
- (b) the holder shall have free access to public functions, ceremonies, conferences, seminars etc. to which public functionaries and Government officers are invited;
- (c) the holder is not required to pay entry fees to any exhibition, display hall etc, which is organized by the State Government;
- (d) the holder is also entitled to have access to offices and officers of the Central Government located within the territory of Nagaland with prior intimation to the offices and officers concerned.
- (e) the holder is not required to pay bus fare in any bus of the State Government Undertakings for travels within the State of Nagaland; and
- (f) the holder is entitled to free access to State Government organized special information cells, such as Election Information Cell, etc.
- (g) the holder will be allowed to access to VVIPs visits on issue of passes.

12. Amendment of these Rules

These Rules shall be amended, if by a majority of votes, amendments are adopted by the Accreditation Committee and approved by the Government of Nagaland.

13. Supersession of earlier Rules

All earlier rules, orders, notifications on the subject, shall stand superseded by these Rules.

14. Removal of doubts

All doubts relating to implementation of these rules shall be removed by the Government of Nagaland by issue of necessary orders and any dispute relating to such removal of doubts shall be resolved by majority by the Committee.

SCHEDULE 1

CODE OF ETHICS

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

(A) News Representatives

Sl. No.	Category	Conditions
1.	Working Journalists as defined in the Occupational, Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code 2020 engaged in news gathering/news bureau of a news organization	i. Minimum 5 years professional experience as full time working journalist/cameraman in news organization(s). ii. For accreditation on behalf of news media organization and persons working on honorarium/retainership/part-time basis will not be treated as working journalist for the purpose of accreditation. In case of contractual journalists, the contract should be valid for minimum period of 1 year from the date of application. iii. DOCUMENTS to be submitted: a) Copy of Aadhaar Card/PAN Card/Passport. b) Recommendation letter from the Editor/Editor-in-chief/Executive Editor/Resident Editor of the organization. c) Copy of the appointment letter of the present organization. d) Copy of Bank Passbook and Account No. e) Copy of appointment and relieving letter of previous organization. f) Clippings/photographs with byline/reports attested by the Editor of past six months g) Three (3) nos. of recent passport photos.
2.	Freelance working journalist not employed by any news media organization	i. Minimum 10 years professional experience as full time working journalist/ cameraman in news organisation(s). Documents to be submitted: a. Copy of Aadhaar Card/PAN Card/ Passport. b. Copy of appointment and relieving letter(s) of previous organization(s). c. 10 clippings/photographs with byline published in past six months in case of print media. Clippings from in-house journals will not be accepted. d. For electronic and digital/online media journalists, links of their journalistic work numbering at least 20 in the last six months. e. Three (3) nos. of recent passport photos.
3.	Technicians (Electronic media)	The technician must be working full time with the organization, duly recommended by the Editor/authorized signatory.

(B) Eligibility conditions for granting accreditation on behalf of organizations/Agencies:**1. Print Media**

Sl. No.	Category	Conditions
1.	Newspapers (Daily)	Circulation should not be less than 5,000 copies of 6 full size pages or 6 pages of tabloid size per publishing day.
2.	Newspaper (Weekly/Fortnightly)	Circulation should not be less than 5,000 copies per publishing day. The size of the newspaper should be 6 full size pages or 8 pages of tabloid size for weekly newspaper and 8 full size pages or 6 pages of tabloid size for fortnightly newspaper.
3.	Periodicals/Magazines (up to fortnightly only)	Circulation should not be less than 5,000 copies with a minimum of 40 pages per publishing day.

Additional condition: The publisher should have filed annual statement with RNI for the last three consecutive years.

Documents required: (i) RNI registration certificate (ii) Circulation certificate from RNI/ABC accompanied by letter from Chartered Accountant certifying the document (iii) Newspapers whose daily circulation is between 10,000 to 25,000 should submit circulation certificate certified by CAG/RNI empanelled chartered Accountant.

(C) News organizations (Electronic Media)

Sl. No.	Category	Conditions
1.	Satellite Channels (News and Current Affairs)	The Channel should be a News and Current Affairs Channel having valid permission of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting under the Uplinking and Downlinking Guidelines for private satellite TV channels. Documents to be submitted: 1. Copy of permission letter from Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for uplinking and downlinking as News and Current Affairs Channel. 2. Copy of renewal permission letter from Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for uplinking and downlinking as News and Current Affairs Channel. 3. Copy of permission of new Name/ logo from Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (if name/logo has been changed).
2.	Digital Media (including photo services)	Should have at least 100 subscribers (list to be attached). Valid permission of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting under the uplinking and downlinking guidelines (in case of electronic news agency)

(D) News Agencies

Documents required: (i) Registration certificate of News Agency (ii) Copy of the latest agreement with subscribers with terms and conditions.

(E) Digital news publisher

- i. The general terms of accreditation, as mentioned earlier in these guidelines, shall be applicable to journalists applying within this category as well.
- ii. News aggregators will not be considered for accreditation.
- iii. The news publisher has furnished requisite information to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting under Rule 18 of the Information Technology (intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code), Rules, 2021, and has not violated the rules.
- iv. The website must be at least one-year-old and must be continuously in operation under the same name (website address) for minimum of one year. The period shall be calculated backwards from the date on which the applicant applies for accreditation on behalf of that particular website. This shall be certified by their domain registration. The domain name of the site should also be registered for at least next two years from the date of application.
- v. The applicants must report their website's average monthly unique visitor count of last six months duly certified by the website's CAG-approved/empanelled auditors.
- vi. The journalists should have a minimum of five years experience of working in media organisations and should be appointed by the digital news publisher for full time news content creation.
- vii. It will be the responsibility of the website owner to comply with extant rules and regulations as laid down by the Government of India.
- viii. If the website stops functioning, the accreditation granted on its behalf shall be withdrawn. The same should be communicated to PIB within 7 days by the applicant as well as by the organisation owning the website.
- ix. In case the information submitted by the applicant is found to be false/ incorrect in any manner, the applicant can be suspended and/ or debarred from applying for accreditation for the next three years.

Note: Print publications and TV news channels on behalf of whom accreditation has been granted will accommodate/adjust the accreditation requirements of eligible working journalists of their corresponding digital news publications within their existing quota.

Application form for Press Accreditation to the Government of Nagaland

- 1. Name of the applicant (in block letter) _____
- 2. Father's name _____
- 3. Present address _____

- 4. Permanent address _____

- 5. Designation/ Assignment _____
- 6. Name of News Paper/Organisation _____
- 7. Duration of employment with current employer _____
- 8. Length of experience in the profession _____

(Sample of last six month's assignment/reports published to be enclosed *duly attested by the Editor*)

Date _____

Place _____

(Signature)

CERTIFICATION OF EDITOR/PUBLISHER

I _____ (name) Editor/Publisher
of _____ (name of news/ organisation) hereby certify
that the applicant works as a _____ for our
paper/organization and that the above given information are correct to the best of my knowledge, and I recommend and
forward his name for accreditation to the Government of Nagaland.

(Signature)

Name _____

Designation _____

N. B.

1. Any false information/claim will automatically result in the disqualification of the applicant.
 2. A maximum of six (6) press persons from a newspaper published in the State, and one (1) from agencies, periodicals and newspaper published outside the State are eligible for accreditation. Editors/Publishers should therefore select the persons in respect of their paper/organisation to whom accreditation should be given.
 3. Accreditation is initially for one year and renewable under the relevant sections of the 'Press Accreditation Rules'.
 4. Newspapers/organisations seeking accreditation of their press persons should submit a photocopy of:-
 1. 'No Dues Certificate' from the Press Council of India.
 2. Registration with the Registrar of Newspaper for India. Without these documents no accreditation will be possible for as per the rules and direction of the PCI.
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FOR OFFICE USE

Comments/Remarks:

Section Officer: