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Governor of Manipur & Nagaland, Ajay Kumar Bhalla with Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, dignitaries and recipients of the Governor's Award for Distinction in Art, Music and Literature 2025 at the award ceremony held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Lok Bhavan, Kohima on February 2nd 2026.



MoS for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GoI, Ram Nath Thakur, being felicitated during his visit to Orangkong village, Longleng on 18th February 2026.



MoS for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya during her visit to a Fair Price Shop at Padumpukhuri village, Dimapur, as part of her two-day official tour to the state from 20th to 21st February 2026.



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OFFICIAL ORDERS *and* NOTIFICATIONS

GOVERNMENT NOTIFIES NAGALAND NEWS MEDIA ACCREDITATION (REVISED) RULES, 2025

The Government has notified the Nagaland News Media Accreditation (Revised) Rules, 2025 vide Government Notification No. IPR/MEDIA/6-2/2016, pursuant to the approval of the Cabinet conveyed vide letter No. CAB-1/14/2023 dated 18.12.2025. The revised rules are more inclusive and aligned with the evolving media landscape.

The revised rules broaden the scope of accreditation to cover satellite channels, electronic media (news and current affairs), digital media platforms, freelancers and technicians associated with electronic media ensuring wider representation of journalists engaged in news dissemination and media services.

DoH&FW ISSUES ADVISORY NOTE

In the interest of public health safety and compliance of mandatory legal provision, the Drugs Control Administration, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima, Nagaland has issues the following advisory for information to all citizen:

- i. Collect cash memo/ credit memo for all medicine purchased as it is a legal documents for further investigation.
- ii. Purchase medicine only from pharmacies with valid Drugs License and thus verify its validity through third party verification in ONDLS portal.
- iii. Buy from Pharmacy where the medicines are dispensed by Registered Pharmacist who will be in uniform (white coat/ apron) with name tag and registration number.
- iv. Report through Toll free number; 1800 180 3024 for any Adverse Drugs Reaction or serious side effects.
- v. Report to District Drugs Control Administration unit under Chief Medical Officer Office for any side effect or any drugs having less effect or no effect so that necessary investigation can be initiated.
- vi. Always check for critical information: Brand & Generic Name (e.g., "Panadol" (Brand) /Paracetamol (Generic)); Manufacturer's Name & Address; Batch Number, Manufacturing Date, and Expiry Date. NEVER USE EXPIRED MEDICINES; Dosage Strength.; Store medicines as per the direction given in the cover, label etc. for better therapeutic action.
- vii. Prescription from Registered Medical Practitioner is a mandatory legal document for possession of drugs/medicines under Schedule -H and H1 of the Drugs and Cosmetic Rules so never purchase such medicines without prescription or consultation with Physician " Such medicines are dangerous for health if not used properly"

GOVERNOR ATTENDS “FUSION OF BANDS” GRAND FINALE AT BHAGAT STADIUM

Governor of Manipur and Nagaland, Ajay Kumar Bhalla, attended the grand finale of “Fusion of Bands – Season 3”, presented by the Indian Army, at Bhagat Stadium, Rangapahar Military Station (RMS), Dimapur on Friday, January 31st, 2026.

Lieutenant General, Abhijit S. Pendharkar, AVSM, YSM, General Officer Commanding (GOC), 3 Corps, welcomed the Governor and other dignitaries on behalf of the Spear Corps fraternity. Expressing gratitude to the Governor for gracing the occasion, he stated that such encouragement continues to inspire collective efforts towards unity, culture and harmony in Nagaland.

Describing Fusion of Bands as an Indian Army initiative, the GOC said the platform was created to nurture and showcase the immense musical talent of Nagaland’s youth while fostering collaboration within the state’s vibrant music community. He noted that the overwhelming response from participants and audiences over successive seasons reaffirmed the power of music in bringing people together.

He appreciated the dedicated efforts of officers, personnel and event managers involved in organizing the programme under Operation Satvam, congratulated all the finalist bands for their performances, and expressed confidence that the initiative would continue to grow in the coming years.

The finalist bands for Fusion of Bands – Season 3, were Desi Rewind (1st position), Jack in the Box (2nd position), NTTB (3rd position), After Party (4th position), The Muse (5th position), and Rock Revolt (6th position).

Individual awards were also presented during the event. Best Drummer was awarded to Lima Imsong of Desi Rewind, Best Guitarist to Temjen Lemtur of Desi Rewind, Best Vocalist to Manchai Phom of Jack in the Box, Best Bassist to Wapang Jamir of Desi Rewind, and Best Keyboardist to Moalong Jamir of Jack in the Box.

The event was attended by Jyoti Bhalla, First Lady of the State; Dr. S.C Jamir former Chief Minister of Nagaland, former Governor of Maharashtra, Governor of Gujarat & Governor of Goa and other officials.

NAGALAND CELEBRATES ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE AT GOVERNOR’S AWARDS 2025

The Governor of Nagaland and Manipur, Ajay Kumar Bhalla, presented the Governor’s Award for distinction in the Fields of Arts, Music and Literature 2025 at a formal ceremony held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Lok Bhavan, Kohima on 2nd February 2026.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor stated that the event recognizes not only individual excellence but also the enduring

power of creativity to inspire, uplift, and unite communities. He added that arts and literature in the State are deeply woven into everyday life and represent the living memory and soul of its people.

Highlighting the importance of creative disciplines in a rapidly changing world, the Governor noted that artists, musicians and writers serve both as custodians of heritage and pioneers of new thought. Through

their work, they help society progress while preserving its roots. Stressing the need for balanced progress, the Governor said that cultural growth must go hand in hand with economic and technological development. He called upon educational institutions, government departments and civil society organisations to continue promoting artistic talent and expanding platforms for creative expression.

Governor Bhalla further noted that the Government of Nagaland has been taking commendable steps to promote cultural creative expressions, which not only strengthen identity but also generate

livelihoods and enhance the State's presence at national and international levels.

The Governor's Award for Excellence in Arts, Music and Literature 2025 was conferred on: Mannyei Konyak from Mon – Arts; Guru Rarenbenba from Mokokchung – Arts; Colored Keys from Chümoukedima – Music; Moko Koza from Phek district – Music; Vishü Rita Krocha – Literature

The ceremony concluded with Governor Bhalla congratulating the awardees and expressing hope that their work will continue to enlighten minds, touch hearts and enrich Nagaland's cultural legacy.

SERIES OF PM VISHWAKARMA AWARENESS WORKSHOPS HELD ACROSS NAGALAND

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, in collaboration with MSME Development & Facilitation Office, Dimapur, and respective District Industries Centres (DICs), organised a series of awareness workshops under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme across Nagaland in February 2026. The programmes aimed to empower traditional artisans and craftspeople by promoting entrepreneurship, financial literacy, marketing skills, and digital integration, while creating opportunities for sustainable livelihoods.

WOKHA

The PM Vishwakarma, Banking, Marketing and Entrepreneurship Workshop was held at the DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on 3rd February 2026.

K. Myingthungo Kikon, GM DIC Wokha, emphasised the importance of citizen awareness on government schemes.

It featured four technical sessions: Inspector, DIC Wokha, Lirhonthung S.

Humtsoe presented MSME schemes; Skill Development Officer, Anuranjan Singh covered entrepreneurship, e-commerce, and marketing; LDM Wokha, C. Yanthan spoke on financial literacy and PM Vishwakarma support and SL-PMU representative, Lohe Lokajia Victoria explained onboarding and QR code generation for scheme beneficiaries. The interactive sessions highlighted local interest in skill development and entrepreneurship.

KIPHIRE

A one-day market awareness workshop was conducted at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire on 9th February 2026.

Intsangju Y Sangtam, GM DIC Dimapur, welcomed artisans to actively engage in technical sessions.

Nongshe, Functional Manager, briefed participants on central and state schemes, followed by interactive sessions on branding, product design, and marketing conducted by the State Programme Management Unit, PM Vishwakarma.

TUENSANG

On 11th February 2026, the DRDA Conference Hall, Tuensang hosted a workshop where Thungdi Chang, Inspector DIC Tuensang, briefed artisans on central and state credit schemes and encouraged

them to access support through DIC.

An interactive session was conducted by Auching Sonla, Area Coordinator, NSRLM, while Tovito, Field Officer from SBI Tuensang, explained the loan component under the scheme.



Officials and participants at the PM Vishwakarma workshop held at DRDA Conference Hall, Tuensang on 11th February 2026.

ZUNHEBOTO

The one-day workshop held at Heritage Hall, Zunheboto on 13th February 2026 witnessed participation from 120 artisans and stakeholders.

Er. N. Toky Chishi, GM DIC Zunheboto, highlighted the significance of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme in supporting traditional artisans. Kehaletu Khurumo, Functional Manager, explained the role of MSMEs in the national economy and outlined schemes under MSME and the Entrepreneurship Development Program, including the International Cooperation Scheme. Sessions on product design, branding, marketing strategies, and financial literacy were conducted by Founder of Musa Mix Zunheboto, Gloria Phulesh; Area Coordinator, NSRLM RD, Gabriel and Field Officer at SBI Main Branch, Ploketo Awomi.

CHOZUBA

A Marketing & Entrepreneurship

Orientation Workshop under PM Vishwakarma was held at Vamuzo Memorial Hall, Chozuba, Phek on 16th February 2026.

Sessions were conducted by Veswovo Phesao FM, DIC-Chozuba on MSME and State Government schemes, Victoria on entrepreneurship, branding and packaging, Project Assistant, RAMP, Phek, Avelu on Udyam registration and QR code integration and Branch Manager SBI, Chozuba, Ronald Lepcha on financial literacy and banking.

The workshop engaged 100 participants, included interactive discussions, and emphasized strengthening sustainable livelihoods for artisans.

MON

The Mon workshop was held at the DIC Conference Hall on 19th February 2026.

Resource persons including Chief Manager SBI Mon, Robert Zosangliana; Manager SCK (IDAN) Mon, Mopa Talem Konyak N; Inspector of Industry DIC Mon,

Mansa Walim; M. L. Daniel; SPLMU, Lohe Lokajia Victoria and Proprietor Ab's Link and Washmart Mon, Y. Abraham Konyak addressed participants on financial literacy, entrepreneurship, marketing strategies, MSME schemes and UDYAM registration, while artisans were briefed on loan eligibility and QR code generation under the scheme. A total of 101 artisans participated in the workshop.

JALUKIE

On 20th February 2026, DIC Peren organised a workshop at the Dobashi Customary Court, ADC Office, Jalukie.

Kughato Sema, GM DIC Peren, highlighted the objectives and benefits of the

scheme. Resource persons including EAC Jalukie, Sizin Renttah; Functional Manager DIC, Peren, Namziulung Pamai; DFS (Non-Farm Livelihoods), DMMU Peren, Amos Newme; Field Officer, SBI Jalukie, Lipoklemba Pongen and Financial Analyst, RAMP Scheme, Kezhono delivered sessions on entrepreneurship, financial schemes, marketing strategies, financial literacy and Udyam registration.

The programme concluded with an interactive Q&A session on the scheme conducted by Suneptula, Consultant, State Programme Management Unit, PM Vishwakarma.

SPECIAL DRIVE FOR DIGITISATION OF OLD BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES CONDUCTED ACROSS NAGALAND

A special drive for the online registration and digitisation of old manual Birth and Death certificates was conducted across several districts of Nagaland from 5th to 20th February 2026, in line with a directive issued by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Nagaland. The initiative aimed to transition manual records into the digital

system, ensuring easier access, verification, and strengthening the state's digital database of vital statistics.

The drive was carried out in Kohima, Zunheboto, Tuensang, Wokha, and Peren, with citizens urged to submit their old certificates for digitisation.

MoU SIGNED BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE AND IIFT

The Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Nagaland, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Kolkata on 5th February 2026 at the Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Kohima.

The MoU was signed between the Director of Industries and Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema, Government of Nagaland, and Dr. K. Rangarajan, Professor & Centre Head - Indian Institute of Foreign Trade,

Kolkata.

The collaboration aims to establish an Export Facilitation Cell (EFC) in Nagaland through a partnership model between the Department and IIFT where the EFC will function as a dedicated institutional mechanism to provide handholding support and counselling to existing and prospective exporters, facilitate market access, and strengthen the overall export readiness of entrepreneurs across the state. Under the MoU, the EFC will assist entrepreneurs

in areas such as identifying international markets, developing export plans, trade fair participation, customs and tariff procedures, certifications and standards and compliance with non-tariff barriers. The Cell will also support the State Government in policy formulation, strategic planning and implementation of trade promotion schemes.

IIFT will also provide expert consultancy through faculty and export specialists, develop a web-based information dissemination platform with a query-builder system and conduct research and knowledge-based studies on international

trade and business relevant to Nagaland. The Department of Industries and Commerce will act as the nodal agency and provide necessary infrastructure for the EFC, including office space, internet connectivity, and basic equipment, besides facilitating outreach, publicity and coordination with District Industries Centres and other stakeholders.

Speaking at the event, Director of Industries and Commerce stated that the partnership with IIFT Kolkata marks an important milestone in Nagaland's journey towards becoming a competitive exporting state and will open new opportunities for local entrepreneurs to access global markets.

CM'S DELEGATION RAISES IMPORTANT AND PERTINENT ISSUES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Nagaland Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio led a high-level delegation from Nagaland to New Delhi, accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton, members of the State Cabinet, and members of the Sub-Committee of the Political Affairs Committee (PAC). During the visit, the delegation met senior Central leaders including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, and Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. Members of Parliament Supongmeren Jamir and Phangnon Konyak also joined the meeting with the Home Minister as members of the PAC Sub-Committee.

During the meeting the team raised important and pertinent issues to the Government of India.

Indo-Naga Peace Process: On the lines of the 4-point resolutions adopted by the Consultative Meeting on Naga Political Issue held on 12th September, 2024, it was once again reiterated by the Chief Minister

that the Indo-Naga peace talks were declared as talks at the highest level and that it was necessary to restore the talks at the highest political level by appointment of an interlocutor of political or ministerial level to expedite the talks and work towards realisation of an early and honourable solution to the Indo-Naga political issue. The Union Home Minister was positive on the suggestion and indicated that a Minister of State for Home Affairs and officers from the Home Ministry will be appointed for the Naga talks.

Financial Pattern for Nagaland: The Chief Minister highlighted the State's financial situation during meetings with Central leaders, stating that Nagaland is a special political state created following the 16-Point Agreement. He noted that when Nagaland became the 16th state of the Indian Union in 1963, the Government of India had assured under the agreement that the State's administrative and developmental expenses

would be supported from the Consolidated Fund of India due to its unique political, geographic and economic circumstances. Rio said the withdrawal of this arrangement in 1989 placed Nagaland in a vulnerable fiscal position. He appealed for restoration of this financial support, to which Union Home Minister Amit Shah responded positively and assured that the request would be considered. The issue was also raised with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who assured the Centre's support.

Protected Area Permit Regime: The matter of lifting of the Protected Area Permit (PAP) regime in Nagaland and relaxations of the Free Movement Regime was once again raised. The Chief Minister asserted that "The State Cabinet had on 6th January 2025, and 27th March 2025 deliberated on the re-imposition of PAP and the State Government wrote to the MHA on 22nd January 2025 seeking revisiting the decision of the re-imposition of PAP regime in Nagaland and restoring the relaxation granted to Nagaland earlier. Again, the state Cabinet has on 16 December 2025, and 3rd February 2026 further deliberated on the matter and decided to pursue with the MHA, GoI for the complete relaxation of the PAP from the state of Nagaland.

The Chief Minister had also written letters to the Government of India on 18th July 2025, 10th September 2025, 17th November 2025 and 28th November 2025 to review the re-imposition of PAP in Nagaland. The Union Home Minister assured that this

matter would be positively looked into by the Home Ministry.

Free Movement Regime: The Chief Minister, in his representation, also stated that "Nagaland shares a 215 Kilometre international boundary with Myanmar across Naga communities residing on both sides of the border. These communities have for generations maintained deep rooted social, cultural and economic ties with regular cross-border movement for agriculture, traditional practices and familial responsibilities. The State cabinet deliberated on this matter on 6th January 2025 and accordingly the State Government has written to the MHA requesting to restore the old FMR. On 18th July, 2025, in his letter, Rio have again drawn the attention of the Centre to the changes made in the FMR which are causing hardships and distress to the border communities and has requested for re-examining the revised guidelines and for considering a more flexible and context-sensitive approach that safeguards national security while respecting the traditional rights and way of life of the people. The matter concerning FMR was again deliberated in the State Cabinet in its meeting on 3rd February 2026 and considering the genuine concerns of the people, and the unique demographic and cultural realities of the region, it has been decided to once again take up with the MHA to re-examine the revised FMR guidelines."

The Union Home Minister gave a patient hearing and assured a positive approach and examination of the matter.

NSEDM CONDUCTS FIRST ENTERPRISE READINESS SUPPORT WORKSHOP IN KOHIMA

The Nagaland Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Mission (NSEDM), IDAN successfully conducted a two-day Enterprise

Readiness Support Workshop for a small and focused group of micro entrepreneurs and aspiring entrepreneurs of Nagaland

on 6th and 7th February 2026 at the Circuit House, Aradurah, Kohima. This marks the first workshop under NSEDM exclusively designed to support entrepreneurs in the State.

Delivering the opening remarks, I. Changsang, Under Secretary & Project Manager (I/C), NSEDM, IDAN, emphasised that language and background should not be barriers to entrepreneurship and stressed the importance of moving beyond a salary-dependent mindset. He highlighted that entrepreneurship, supported by the right information, mentorship and guidance, is crucial for addressing unemployment and strengthening the State's economy.

The workshop covered key themes such as Entrepreneurship Readiness and

Mindset, Growth and Business Strategy, Digital Skills, Business Operations, Cost Analysis and Regulatory Awareness, Credit Linkages, and Basic Financial Literacy and Risk Management which was facilitated by expertise from the related field with real time experiences. Participants were also introduced to government-supported credit schemes and practical tools for business planning and financial management.

On the second day, participants were guided through a Plan of Action exercise, where they identified challenges within their respective business domains and mapped out practical solutions along with the support required to strengthen their enterprises. The workshop concluded with a certification ceremony.

MUSIC EDUCATION TRAINING FOR TEACHERS CONDUCTED IN KOHIMA

A three-day training programme for teachers on Music Education organized under Samagra Shiksha in collaboration with Yamaha Music India commenced at Morung Hall, Directorate of School Education, Kohima 9th February, 2026.

Razouseyi Vese, Director of School Education, highlighted that the initiative marks the first partnership with Japan. He recalled the historic friendship between the two sides since World War II, when local villagers welcomed Japanese troops as friends. He said this bond is now being strengthened through music education. Vese encouraged teachers to use this opportunity to guide students toward diverse career paths beyond government jobs, stressing that music can create new opportunities and brighter futures for children.

Ryoji Maruyama of Yamaha Music India said the company, established in 2008,



Razouseyi Vese, Director of School Education addressing the teachers during the three-day training programme on Music Education at Morung Hall, Directorate of School Education, Kohima 9th February 2026.

aims to improve people's well-being through music and expand quality music education across India. He highlighted that music can inspire, connect, and shape lives. Expressing happiness at seeing children in Kohima enjoy music, he said the project would help shape their future and encouraged teachers to actively engage with the system, as they play a key role in guiding students.

Risaka Tokoro from Yamaha Corporation presented an overview of the music education programme launched in 2015 to introduce music in public elementary schools. The programme currently active in several countries, including Egypt, Colombia, and Vietnam, she expressed hope that it

would help strengthen music education in Nagaland and enrich students' lives through music.

The inaugural programme was chaired by Joint Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Dr. Kevizakie Rio.

UNION MINISTER KRITI VARADHAN INTERACTS WITH FOREST DEPARTMENT IN KOHIMA

Union Minister of States for Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India, Kirti Varadhan Singh, had an interaction meeting with the officers of the Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of Nagaland at Forest Guest House, Kohima, Nagaland on 9th February, 2026.

Officers of the Department led by Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Nagaland appraised the Minister about various initiatives of the Department. Highlighting the need for increased afforestation programs to overcome forest degradation, Kikheto requested for increase allocations to the State under Nagar Van. He also requested the Centre Government to consider under Green India Mission (GIM) schemes of the MoEFCC, GoI. Appraising the Minister regarding initiatives of the state Govt. to promote Agarwood plantation in the State, the Principal Secretary conveyed that the draft Agarwood Policy for Nagaland is under submission to the Cabinet for consideration. Sema also requested for allocation of funds from the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority

(CAMPA) under Centre fund.

During the interaction, the Minister encouraged the Department officials to adopt renewed approach for conservation of natural resources with technological interventions. Nudging the officials for taking up comprehensive conservation measures to addressing issues like forest fires, landslides and water scarcity through soil and moisture conservation activities, he called upon the Department to sustainably manage abundant natural resources in State for economic viability and ecological sustainability. Advising for adoption of improved plantation techniques viz. improved clones of Teak and inoculation of Agarwood, the Union Minister of States called upon the officials of the State to interact with research institutions like IFGTB, Coimbatore and RFRI, Jorhat to bring in relevant technological advancement to the tree cultivation in Nagaland.

Highlighting the need for adopting improved forest management techniques for better economic returns from the teak and agarwood plantations, he called for promotion of production forestry to boost the economy of farmers in the State.

PANEL TO REVIEW THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDING OFFICERS HOLD ITS MAIDEN MEETING

A committee of presiding officers, constituted on 29th January 2020 by the Lok

Sabha Speaker and the Chairman of the All India Presiding Officers Conference, convened

its first meeting on 9th – 10th February 2026 at Vidhan Bhavan Mumbai, Maharashtra.

The four-member committee is chaired by Rahul Narwekar, Speaker Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, and includes Sharingain Longkumer, Speaker Nagaland Legislative Assembly, as one of its members.

During the two-day meeting, comprehensive review of the constitutional and procedural framework governing disqualification of members on grounds of defection considering various legal aspects and also detailed discussions were held on what instructions should be given to the Presiding Officers across the country regarding the Tenth list. Although no concrete decision has been

passed, the committee will present some recommendations in its next meeting scheduled to be held at Bhubaneswar.

The meeting concluded with a reaffirmation of the committee's commitment to fortify democratic institutions and ensure that the powers exercised under the Tenth Schedule remain aligned with constitutional principles and the expectations of the people.

Additionally, the Lok Sabha Speaker has nominated Speaker Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer as a member of a separate committee tasked with drafting a Uniform Model of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business for legislative bodies.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2026 OBSERVED ACROSS THE STATE

Nagaland observed Safer Internet Day 2026 on February 10 at multiple district-level venues under the theme "Smart Tech, Safe Choices: Exploring the Safe and Responsible Use of AI." The programme is being organized in line with the initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India to educate users on safe online practices, cyber hygiene, major cyber threats, and mitigation strategies, while promoting responsible use of internet and AI technologies.

ZUNHEBOTO

Zunheboto district observed Safer Internet Day 2026 on February 10 at DC's Conference Hall,

Addressing the event, ADC Zunheboto, Tiameren Chang highlighted the importance of internet safety and responsible digital practices during the event. He cautioned against blind reliance on AI, emphasizing that human judgment and responsibility remain crucial. He urged participants to use

technology ethically and mindfully to ensure it benefits society.

A presentation on Safer Internet Day was delivered by DIO, NIC, Zunheboto, Himanshu Ranjan, who highlighted the key aspects of online safety and the evolving role of artificial intelligence.

DIMAPUR

The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur organized a district-level awareness programme and workshop on 10th February 2026 at DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur.

ADIO (NIC) Dimapur, Kamal Chetri, said the programme promoted safe and responsible use of AI, highlighting its role in daily life and cautioning against misuse, including AI-generated fake videos and voice calls.

EAC (Dev) Dimapur, Imlijungla Lemtur, stressed leveraging AI responsibly to improve efficiency while maintaining human judgment and critical thinking.

A PowerPoint session by ADIO

Chumoukedima, Vicky Kumar Sharma, and DIA T. Thongtsali Sangtam focused on cyber threats like phishing and safe technology practices. Participants were introduced to the Sanchar Saathi portal and mechanisms to report cybercrime via helpline 1930 or the online portal.

The programme concluded with a pledge promoting digital vigilance and proactive protection against cyber threats.

KOHIMA

The National Informatics Centre (NIC), Kohima organised a district-level Awareness Campaign at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Kohima.

In her address, EAC Kohima, Imtiyenla K, highlighted the internet's benefits for communication, education, and entrepreneurship, while cautioning against risks like cyberbullying, misinformation, and online fraud.

NIC Network Field Engineer Sozenlo Tep briefed participants on cyber threats such as phishing, scams, malware, deepfakes, and AI misuse, and advised on cyber hygiene

practices including strong passwords, two-factor authentication, and safe app use.

The session also emphasized AI's positive role in healthcare, education, and governance, while warning against misuse and encouraging fact-checking of AI content. Participants were informed about reporting cybercrimes via the National Cyber Crime Helpline 1930, the online portal, or local police stations.

PHEK

An awareness workshop programme was conducted at DC's Conference Hall, Phek on 10th February 2026 to mark the occasion focusing on promoting cyber hygiene, raise awareness about key cyber threats, effective mitigation techniques, and responsible use of Internet and IA among citizens which was highlighted through PowerPoint presentation by Dhermendra K. Bhargv, DIO (NIC), Phek.

Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Rhosietho Nguori, Administrative Officers and officials from various department participated in the program.



DC Phek, Rhosietho Nguori with officials and participants during an awareness programme on Safer Internet Day observed at DC's Conference Hall, Phek on 10th February 2026.

JOINT MEETING OF CPA INDIA REGION ZONE III HELD

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zone III convened its Joint Meeting of its Executive Committee and Executive Council of the North East Regional Institute of Parliamentary Studies, Training and Research (NERIPSTR) on 11th February, 2026 at Tamulpur, Bodoland, Assam.

Sharingain Longkumer, Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, presided over the meeting as its Chairman and President. The session brought together the Hon'ble Presiding Officers of the eight North Eastern States, accompanied by senior officials from their respective States.

A major highlight of the meeting was

the discussion on finalisation of dates for the upcoming 23rd Annual CPA Conference, proposed to take place in Agartala, Tripura. After thorough deliberation, the committee tentatively agreed for 21st -27th April, 2026 as the conference dates, contingent on approval from the Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha. Reports were presented by the Secretary of CPA India Region Zone-III, and the Director of NERIPSTR on present fund positions and audit reports.

Additional discussions touched upon fiscal measures to strengthen the organisations' operational capabilities. The meeting concluded with exchange of pleasantries among the attendees.

13th NAGALAND VETERAN INTER-DISTRICT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT CULMINATES

Mokokchung district won the 13th edition of Nagaland Veteran Football tournament defeating Kohima district 1-0 in the final match. The four days tournament began on 10th February at Old Showuba village, local ground Niuland District, culminated on 13th February 2026 with MLA, Kuzholuzo Nienu gracing the closing ceremony of the tournament.

The inter district tournament was hosted by Nagaland Veteran Football Association (NVFA) with the theme « Kick in football,

Kick out ism». A total of ten teams from ten districts participated in the tournament.

Earlier, Wokha district defeated Zunheboto district and emerge as third and fourth position respectively.

Anthony Ngullie, President of (NVFA) while delivering the closing remark thank all the players for displaying sportsmanship throughout the tournament and acknowledge the organisers for a successful tournament. The president also handover the tournament trophy and medals to the players.

DIMAPUR HOSTS PM-NAPS OUTREACH WORKSHOP; MOU SIGNED TO ORGANISE APPRENTICESHIP MELAS

A one-day awareness and outreach workshop on the Prime Minister National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (PM-NAPS) was successfully conducted on 11th February 2026 at Hotel Europa Inn,

Dimapur by the Regional Directorate of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (RDSDE), Assam, under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India in collaboration with

the Construction Skill Development Council of India (CSDCI).

More than 100 participants attended the program, including trainees and instructors from Government ITI Dimapur, officials from the Directorate of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (DoESDE), NSDC, MSME Tool Room, and representatives from various government departments and private industry establishments.

Resource persons from MSDE ecosystem and sector skill bodies delivered technical and awareness sessions on PM-NAPS, covering key features such as employer incentives, stipend support, online registration processes, contract generation, compliance requirements, and benefits of engaging apprentices.

A key highlight of the workshop was the announcement of a special intervention for the North Eastern Region, under which

apprentices from the region undergoing apprenticeship training—within or outside the North East—will receive ₹3,000 as partial stipend support through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) under PM-NAPS.

The workshop featured a distinguished panel of resource persons who shared practical insights into the evolving landscape of industrial training.

During the event, Kamaiah Engineering Services Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Directorate of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of Nagaland to facilitate and implement the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM) across the state. As per the plan, four PMNAMs will be organized every month in different districts to connect local youth with apprenticeship and employment opportunities.

FPV DRONE TRAINING CULMINATES AT KOHIMA

The first batch of trainees at the Drone School – Drone Centre of Excellence, Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre (NGISRSC), Planning and Transformation Department, Government of Nagaland, successfully completed the 14-Day FPV Drone Training Programme on 13th February 2026. The programme had commenced on 27 January 2026. Certificates were formally presented by Tamsunaro Aier, IAS, Development Commissioner, who graced the valedictory programme as the Special Guest.

Addressing the gathering, the Development Commissioner appreciated the support of the Nagaland Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Mission (NSEDMD) and highlighted the growing relevance of skill-based education, she

stated that academic qualifications alone are often insufficient to secure sustainable employment and described drone technology as an important 21st-Century Skill. Referring to the Government of India's Union Budget emphasis on strengthening manufacturing and assembly of equipment and machine components, she urged the trainees to explore opportunities in indigenous manufacturing in line with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. She also motivated the trainees to enroll in the DGCA Remote Pilot Certificate (RPC) training at the Drone Centre in the next phase to enhance their professional prospects.

The first batch of 50 trainees received free training across multiple specialisations, along with placement assistance and industry linkages.

The graduating trainees expressed positive feedback on the course structure, practical exposure and overall learning experience, and conveyed keen interest in enrolling for advanced programmes in the future.

Later, Development Commissioner also announced the introduction of two additional specialised non-DGCA courses at

the Drone School, tailored to State-specific requirements, namely Drone Cinematography and Drone GIS Mapping & Survey.

The second batch of ten trainees commenced the Drone Repair & Maintenance training immediately thereafter, with classes starting the same day, reflecting the growing interest and demand for structured drone skill training in the State.

IDAN CONDUCTS CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING PROGRAMME ON ITR, GST, EDP–TOT, DPR & MIS

The Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) successfully conducted a five-day Certificate based Capacity Building Training Programme for Swavalamban Connect Kendras (SCK) manpower from 9th to 13th February 2026.

The programme was attended by SCK officials from all 16 districts of Nagaland, along with representatives from the Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative (CMMFI) Cell under the Finance Department and the Accounts Cell of IDAN. The training covered key thematic areas including Income Tax Return (ITR), Goods & Services Tax (GST), Entrepreneurship Development Programme – Training of Trainers (EDP–ToT), Detailed Project Report (DPR) preparation, and Management Information System (MIS).

Under Secretary, IDAN I. Changsang, NCS, in his welcome address, highlighted the relevance of the Swavalamban Connect Kendras (SCK) as a strategic initiative aimed at strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Nagaland. He emphasized that SCKs serve as grassroots-level facilitation centres, providing aspiring and budding entrepreneurs with access to guidance, capacity building, credit linkages, and handholding support. He further underscored that through structured mentoring, convergence with

banks and departments, and continuous skill enhancement, SCKs are playing a pivotal role in transforming job seekers into job creators.

Abeinuo Jasmine Ashao, NCS Under Secretary, Finance Department, gave an inaugural address where she emphasized the importance of financial literacy, regulatory compliance, and institutional strengthening in promoting sustainable entrepreneurship in the State.

The sessions on ITR and GST were conducted by Harish Agarwal, a seasoned Chartered Accountant from Agarwal & Associates. The sessions focused on enhancing participants' understanding of tax compliance, filing procedures, statutory requirements, and the practical challenges faced by entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Additionally, a session on ITR and GST in the Nagaland context was delivered by Vizoto Alfred Rolnu, Inspector, Income Tax Department, Dimapur providing localized insights and practical guidance.

The EDP–ToT module, conducted by the Entrepreneur School of Business (ESB), equipped participants with the necessary pedagogical and mentoring skills to effectively conduct Entrepreneurship Development Programmes across districts.

The DPR component provided hands-

on training on preparing bankable project reports, including financial projections, viability analysis, and credit linkage documentation. The sessions were conducted by the AMCC branch, Kohima State Bank of India (SBI). This practical exposure will significantly improve the quality of project proposals submitted to financial institutions, thereby enhancing access to credit for local entrepreneurs.

The MIS training emphasized systematic data management, reporting, and performance tracking. A robust MIS framework will enable better monitoring of enterprise creation, outreach activities, and overall impact assessment under the SCK initiative.

The valedictory programme was graced

by Imtinenla, NCS Additional Secretary, Finance Department, who lauded the initiative and underscored the need for continuous capacity building to strengthen grassroots institutions and promote economic development across Nagaland.

The five-day programme marks another significant step towards strengthening institutional capacity and empowering SCK teams to effectively drive entrepreneurship, promote financial literacy, and contribute meaningfully to economic development across the State. It further reaffirmed IDAN's commitment to enhancing institutional capabilities and strengthening SCKs as effective one-stop centers for enterprise promotion, financial literacy, and job creation in Nagaland.

TRAINING ON GENDER SENSITIVE BUDGETING & OUTCOME BUDGETING HELD

A two-day training on Gender sensitive budgeting & outcome budgeting was held at ATI, Kohima on 16th February 2026 with Joint Secretary (Rtd) Government of India, Rajesh Saxena was the main resources person. The training was organized in collaboration with planning & Transformation department.

Development Commissioner, Government of Nagaland, Temsunaro Aier, IAS in her opening remarks on Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) mentioned that the officers present in the training reflects the importance that the Government of Nagaland attaches to building a more inclusive, effective and capable system of planning and budgeting.

She said that gender equality and women's empowerment are central to sustainable and inclusive development. While policies and commitments are important, they can only make a real

difference when they are supported by proper planning and adequate financial resources and in that context, the budget remains the Government's most powerful policy instrument she said. She emphasized that Gender Responsive Budgeting helps to make the spending more efficient, equitable, and impactful.

Aier stated that, in Nagaland, the process of gender budgeting was initiated in 2009-10, and Gender Budgeting Cells have been constituted to institutionalise this effort and to support departments in tracking and improving their interventions. The objective of the training is to build awareness and practical skills among officers to integrate gender concerns into planning, budgeting and monitoring she added.

She stated that in Gender Responsive Budgeting every department, whether in social or economic sectors has a role to play,

because every policy and programme has a gender impact in one way or another. She also encouraged everyone to participate actively in this programme and to engage with the

discussions, and to reflect on how the tools and ideas shared here can be applied in their own departmental work.

HOME DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES MODERN SANITATION TRAINING FOR NAGALAND CIVIL SECRETARIAT STAFF

A nine-day intensive Capacity Building Training programme for nearly 720 Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS), including supervisors and sardars of the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, commenced on 16th February 2026 at Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima. The programme was organised by the Secretariat Administration Branch 'B' of the Home Department in collaboration with its training partner, Living For Environment (LiFE).

The initiative aimed to enhance the professional standards and operational efficiency of the Secretariat's essential support staff. During the training, participants were trained on modern sanitation and waste management practices,

with a focus on effective waste segregation and environmentally responsible disposal methods in accordance with prevailing regulations. Emphasis was laid on improving professional conduct, including office etiquette, workplace discipline, and service standards, to promote a more efficient administrative environment.

Following the classroom sessions, practical training will begin in March. During this phase, the LiFE team will assess participants' understanding, monitor the implementation of newly introduced practices and identify areas requiring further improvement.

CHIEF SECRETARY CHAIRS AHODS & HODS MEETING

A first meeting of the Administrative Head of Departments (AHODs) and Head of Departments (HoDs) for the year 2026 was convened under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Sentiyanter Imchen, IAS at Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Conference Hall, Kohima on 18th February, 2026.

During the meeting CS expressed concern that several Administrative Heads of Departments (AHODs) and Heads of Departments (HODs) have been leaving station without formally availing leave of absence. Taking serious note of the matter, CS reminded all officers that proper procedure must be followed.

He emphasized that AHODs and HoDs



Chief Secretary, Sentiyanter Imchen, IAS, addressing the AHOD and HoD meeting at Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Conference Hall, Kohima on 18th February 2026.

should prioritize participation in workshops that are directly relevant and beneficial to their respective departments. Officers

were cautioned against attending every meeting or workshop indiscriminately, as it affects administrative efficiency and routine functioning.

The Chief Secretary highlighted the importance of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the vision of *Viksit Bharat*, and stated that every department must chalk out clear strategies on how to achieve the SDG targets and contribute towards the *Viksit Bharat* mission, with concrete proposals and action plans.

The Chief Secretary reminded officers to actively pursued or implemented the goals outlined by all the departments in the Vision 2030 document. He also informed that his office will be writing to each department on the matter and directed all departments to be prepared.

During the meeting, Home Commissioner Abhijit Sinha, IAS also stressed on the importance of attendance by Administrative Heads of Departments (AHOds) and Heads of Departments (HOds) during Assembly and budget sessions,

as when questions pertaining to specific departments are tabled in the House, it becomes crucial to provide accurate, timely, and comprehensive responses.

Home Commissioner also reminded all departments to prepare Governor and budget speeches with clarity, precision, and innovation. He emphasized that budget presentations should be concise and forward-looking, incorporating fresh initiatives and innovative proposals rather than repeating matters or achievements that have already been highlighted in previous years.

Finance Commissioner Kesonyu Yhome, IAS briefed AHOds and HOds on the status of budget preparations and urged strict adherence to timelines. He directed departments to clearly segregate submissions and ensure that budget inputs focus on new initiatives rather than repetitive achievements. Yhome also urged all AHOds and HOds to ensure that their respective Accounts Sections are kept properly informed and updated so that reconciliation of accounts is carried out in a timely manner.

TURNING BEESWAX INTO GOLD: NBHM EQUIPS SHGS AND VDVKS WITH VALUE ADDITION SKILLS

A two-day Training on Value Addition of Honey and its By-Products held on February 18th and 19th at the Multi Utility Centre, Chümoukedima. The programme was organized by the Nagaland Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) for trainers from Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Village Development and Value Chain Committees (VDVKs).

At the inaugural session Sentiwapang Aier, Secretary to the Chief Minister and Team Leader of NBHM in his address encouraged the trainees to grow collectively and make the most of the first-of-its-kind

training on honey value addition conducted in the state. He emphasized that the initiative aims to empower especially women through product development, financial literacy, resource management, and personality development, thereby strengthening collective entrepreneurship and financial independence.

The two-day programme featured intensive hands-on sessions. On the first day, trainees were trained in making various beeswax products such as balms, food wraps, candles, and wax blocks. The second day covered food processing techniques, hygiene

and equipment used in food processing, honey wine preparation, value-added honey-based food products, value chain development, entrepreneurship, packaging, labelling, and marketing strategies.

The resource persons included the technical team from NBHM and Lovi Achumi, Proprietor of Tsuipu Food Products. The valedictory session was graced

by O.P. Mounklang, DGM, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), who lauded the initiative and encouraged trainees to translate their newly acquired skills into sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Altogether 25 trainees representing 17 districts participated in the training programme.

MoS NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA VISITS NAGALAND

Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India, Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya, visited Nagaland from February 20th-21st, 2026, during which she conducted field inspections, reviewed food distribution schemes, and interacted with local communities in Dimapur, Chümoukedima, Kohima and nearby villages.

On her arrival in Dimapur on February 20, the Minister was received by Advisor for Food & Civil Supplies and Legal Metrology, T. Sukhalu, and was accorded a guard of honour at the Police Complex, Chümoukedima. During the visit, she inspected a Fair Price Shop at Padumpukhiri village and interacted with members of Self-Help Groups. She also visited the Health & Wellness Centre and Anganwadi Centre at Aoyimti village and inspected a Jal Jeevan Mission project site.

Interacting with villagers, Bambhaniya highlighted that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, free rations are being provided to over 80 crore beneficiaries across the country under one of the world's largest food programmes. She also spoke about the 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme, which allows migrant workers to access their entitled rations anywhere in the country. Sharing an initiative from her constituency in Gujarat, she mentioned the installation of a 'Grain

ATM' that enables beneficiaries to withdraw ration items round the clock, expressing hope that similar facilities could be introduced in Nagaland to make food distribution more convenient.

On February 21, the Minister visited Government Middle School, Kuda village, where she emphasised the importance of education in nation-building. She said the government is prioritising clean drinking water, sanitation facilities and better infrastructure in schools, while the National Education Policy promotes holistic, skill-based learning and instruction in the mother tongue to help children become self-reliant. During the visit, Chairman of the School Management Board, Duoneinuo Kire, highlighted the school's role in providing foundational education to the village and submitted a representation seeking enhancement of wages for mid-day meal cooks.

Later the same day, Bambhaniya visited Khonoma village in Kohima district, where she paid homage at the Archaeological Survey of India memorial dedicated to G.H. Damant and others associated with the historic Khonoma Battle of 1879. She also visited local stalls selling indigenous food items operating under a trust-based system and appreciated the village's honesty-based practice along with its adoption of digital payment facilities.

At Khonoma Fort (Semoma), the Minister interacted with village leaders who informed that ration supplies under government schemes are reaching the village regularly. The village authorities also raised

the need to upgrade the Government High School to include Higher Secondary classes, to which Bambhaniya assured that the matter would be looked into.

CENTRAL NODAL OFFICER FOR PM SHRI SCHOOLS NAGALAND VISITS THE STATE

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defense, Government of India and Central Nodal Officer for PM SHRI Schools in Nagaland, Dinesh Kumar, IAS, visited the state on 20th & 21st February 2026 to assess the status of PM SHRI Schools in Nagaland. During his visit, he inspected PM SHRI GHSS Chumoukedima, PM SHRI GHS Naharbari, PM SHRI GHS Thahekhu, and PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Project Sewak, Dimapur, in the company of the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) of Dimapur, the District Education Officer (DEO) of Dimapur, and officials from Samagra Shiksha.

During the State visit, Dinesh interacted with students and teachers of PM SHRI Schools and shared the vision of Prime Minister in line with New Education Policy 2020 to develop model schools in the country. He encouraged the students to work hard to succeed in life and contribute towards nation building. During his interactions, he also acknowledged the need for strengthening school infrastructure such as adequate classrooms, proper lab rooms with necessary facilities, school auditoriums, adequate number of toilets and assured the students and teachers that he would flag the matters in his report to the Government of India for support.

As part of visit, a Coordination meeting with District Administration Dimapur was convened on 20th February 2026 at Deputy Commissioner's Office Dimapur, which

was attended by the DEO, Principal DIET Dimapur, SDEOs, EBRC Officials, Principals/Headmasters of PM SHRI Schools and officials from Samagra Shiksha Nagaland.

During the review meeting, the DEO Dimapur presented status report of PM SHRI Schools in the implementation 6 (Six) Pillars under PM SHRI Scheme. During the discussion, Kumar expressed concern over the decline of students' enrolment and poor transition rate especially from class 9 to 10 in some PM SHRI Schools. Noticing the very low pass percentage at GHS Burma Camp Dimapur, state officials were tasked with making a special visit to PM SHRI Burma Camp to carry out a diagnostic study to determine the reasons for the poor performance and to prepare an action plan for improving the school's performance. During the meeting, the status of all PM Shri schools was also reviewed and Education Department officers were asked to prepare school wise action points for the requirements in these schools to transform them into center of excellence that provide quality education to the children as per the objectives of PM Shri schools.

The visit concluded with visit at PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Project Sewak Dimapur. The Joint Secretary also apprised State Chief Secretary Sentiyanter Imchen, IAS at Kohima on 21st February 2026 about the outcome of two days state visit of PM SHRI Schools.

FIVE-DAY OFFICERS' TRAINING ON PUBLIC POLICY & PROCESS RE-ENGINEERING COMMENCES AT IIM SHILLONG

A Joint Inaugural Ceremony for a five-day Management training program on "Public Policy & Process Re-engineering" for officers of the Government of Nagaland, and Leadership Development Program for the Village Councils of Rural Development & Administration Department, Government of Mizoram was held at Auditorium of Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Shillong on 23rd February 2026.

The training program for the Officers of Nagaland is being organized by the P&AR Department in collaboration with Administrative Training Institute (ATI) Government of Nagaland. The Primary objective of the training is to strengthen the role of the Government Officers to achieve Citizen Centric Governance and improve service delivery and efficiency in the Government system.

The inaugural session was graced by Planning Adviser, North Eastern Council (NEC), Som Kamei as the Chief Guest. In his address, Kamei underscored the catalytic role of the NEC in promoting planned, coordinated, and sustainable development in the region. Emphasising the evolving nature of public administration, he highlighted the need for outcome-oriented governance, data-driven and evidence-based decision-making, and citizen-centric service delivery as essential pillars for building public trust in government systems.

ARC, Nagaland House, Shillong, Kupeusing Meru and State Programme Manager, RGSA, Department of Local Administration, Rural Development & Administration, Government of Mizoram, John Lalnunsanga graced the program

as Guests of Honour. Both dignitaries appreciated the initiative of IIM Shillong in designing contextually relevant training programmes that strengthen administrative efficiency, participatory governance, and grassroots development.

In her inaugural address, Director (I/c), IIM Shillong, Prof. Nalini Prava Tripathy highlighted the importance of continuous capacity building and a deeper understanding of policy, governance, and leadership for enhancing the effectiveness of public institutions and ensuring that development initiatives translate into tangible benefits for citizens.

Earlier, Sanjeev Ningombam set the tone for the programme by outlining the objectives and thematic focus of the two MDPs. He emphasised that the initiatives are designed to strengthen competencies in grassroot planning, public policy design and implementation, process re-engineering, digital governance, and data-driven decision-making, with a clear focus on outcome-oriented administration, transparency, accountability, and citizen-centric governance.

The session covered topics on Leadership in Public Administration and Governance ; Project Management in the Public Sector; Concept and Challenges, and Project Lifecycle Management in Government Programs; Indian Economy in Global Context; Change Management and Public Policy; Role of Auditing in Public Sector Governance; Fiscal Policy; Monetary Policy; Implementation of Public Policy at Grassroots Level; External and Real Sector; Data Driven Decision Making;

Sustainable Rural development and incorporating SDG in village level Planning and Development; Community and Public Policy and Understanding DPR Structure & its requirement.

The 5-day training programmes brought together senior officials, and field-

level functionaries from Nagaland and Mizoram and provided a unique platform for cross-learning, experience sharing, and collaborative engagement aimed at strengthening governance systems across the North Eastern Region.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PACES LAUNCHED

The Department of Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of Nagaland, simultaneously launched the State-funded Skill Development Programme titled "Providing Access to Core Employability Skills (PACES)" at Kezocha EAC Hq, Pfutsero Town, Phek; Bhandhari Hq, Wokha; Chuchuyimlang EAC Hq, Mokochung; Tseminyu Town and Akuluto ADC Hq, Zunheboto on 23rd February 2026.

The programme aims to enhance job readiness and livelihood opportunities for rural youth and women by equipping them with practical, demand-driven skills that

can lead to self-employment and sustainable income generation.

Under the programme, a total of 16 locations across the State will be covered, and 400 youth and women will be trained in four identified trades – Blacksmith, Basic Steel Fabrication, Basic Dessert Making and Basic Makeup Artist with 100 trainees in each trade. A key feature of the programme is the provision of essential toolkits to all trainees upon completion of training to enable them to immediately engage in gainful livelihood activities.

INTER- STATE YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME HELD AT DIMAPUR

The Inter-State Youth Exchange Programme under My Bharat – Dimapur, organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, was held on February 24th, 2026 at Youth Hostel, Dimapur.

SDO Dimapur Wiridin, NCS welcomed youth delegation from West Bengal, expressing hope that the visit would promote cultural exchange and mutual learning between Nagaland and West Bengal. He stressed that unity in diversity requires understanding and interaction, noting that racial discrimination often stems from a lack of cultural awareness. He encouraged the

youth to become messengers of unity, build friendships across regions, and promote mutual respect to strengthen national integration.

District Commandant Home Guards, Civil Defence and State Disaster Response Force, M. Yingnyei Konyak, in his address highlighted on the disaster Response management in Nagaland. He informed the youth that disasters cannot be avoided but one can prepare to mitigate the consequences of the disaster by planning and exercises beforehand. He also noted that so far 700 volunteers are trained on disaster management in Nagaland.

The event featured a short address by My Bharat volunteer, Kizelie; special song by My Bharat volunteers, followed by National Anthem presented by participants from West Bengal, showcasing the spirit of interstate unity and cultural diversity.

The programme began with the presidential address by District Youth Officer,

My Bharat- Peren, Korada Manikanta, where he spoke about the objectives of the programme, highlighting the importance of youth engagement and cultural exchange in strengthening national integration. The formal proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks by Accounts & program Assistant, Nirendra Mushaharay.

40 HOURS MEDIATION TRAINING PROGRAMME CONCLUDES

The 40 Hours Mediation training programme organized by Nagaland State Legal Services Authority under the aegis of Mediation & Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC), Supreme Court of India which began on 21st culminated at Hotel Japfü, Kohima on 25th February 2026. The event was organised under **Mediation for the Nation 2.0**, recently launched by the National Legal Services Authority in association with the Mediation & Conciliation Project Committee of the Supreme Court of India. The initiative is a 90-day nationwide special mediation drive aimed at settling pending cases in Taluk, District and High.

NLSA, Member Secretary, Neiko Akami, NJS in his closing note, commended the Senior Trainers under MCPC, Supreme Court of India, namely Reema Bhandari and Rita Das Mozumdar, for rendering highly experienced mediation through structured mediation programs and practical techniques.

Stating that the current training has made an attempt and opportunity to train at least 2 counsels for mediation from each District of Nagaland, he expressed optimism that cases referred to mediation by a court

of law or eligible to be undertaken through mediation can be duly carried out.

During the 40 hours intensive training, the Senior Trainers dwelled on the ground rules of mediation, conflict management and resolution, types and processes of Alternate Dispute Resolution, role of lawyers, communication roles, techniques such as negotiating, bargaining, understanding, management, stages of impasse and mediators reflection, professional ethics, ethical principles for judicial mediators, Advocate mediators among other topics.

As per the Mediation Act, 2023, the Court or Tribunal may, at any stage of proceedings, refer the parties to undertake mediation.

Mediation training has been given to advocates who usually have at least 10 years of standing at the Bar and to become a certified Mediator, the candidates must complete a 40-hour Intensive Mediation Training Programme accredited by the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC), Supreme Court of India.

26 mediators spread across 11 districts received completion certificates.

MOU SIGNED TO STRENGTHEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP ECOSYSTEM AND CSR CONVERGENCE IN NAGALAND

The Nagaland Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Mission (NSEDM), under the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), received a delegation at FC Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 25th February, 2026 comprising representatives from Krishi Direct Trade (KS Development Partners), led by its CEO, Bryan Lee, along with CSR Heads and representatives from leading corporates including Mphasis and Titan Company.

A high-level meeting was held with Kesonyu Yhome, Finance Commissioner, Government of Nagaland, during which detailed deliberations were undertaken on entrepreneurship development, knowledge partnerships, and CSR networking in the State.

In his address, the Finance Commissioner provided a contextual overview of Nagaland's developmental trajectory, outlining historical, constitutional, and economic factors that have shaped the State's

industrial and revenue landscape.

The discussion highlighted that the Northeast receives a relatively low proportion of national CSR flows, despite significant developmental needs. The meeting underscored that CSR must go beyond financial contributions and focus on knowledge transfer, institutional strengthening, ecosystem building, and measurable developmental outcomes.

Following the deliberations and contextualisation by the Finance Commissioner, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was formally signed between NSEDM and Krishi Direct Trade (KS Development Partners) in the presence of the Finance Commissioner.

The MoU establishes a two-year Knowledge Partnership focused on strengthening the entrepreneurship ecosystem, developing structured short- and long-term strategic frameworks, and facilitating CSR convergence aligned with the State's development priorities.

Officials from IDAN also briefed the delegation on the State's structured CSR facilitation framework, developed following the 2022 CSR Conclave.

The Knowledge Partners shared their vision to support ecosystem capacity building, entrepreneurship acceleration, and impact-driven CSR programme design, with structured short- and long-term planning approaches aligned to Nagaland's priorities.

The delegation also met the Chairman, IDAN, to explore collaborative interventions in skill development, entrepreneurship promotion, and enterprise support.



Finance Commissioner, Kesonyu Yhome with Krishi Direct Trade (KS Development Partners) CEO, Bryan Lee and other officials during the signing of MoU to strengthen entrepreneurship ecosystem and CSR convergence in Nagaland at FC Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 25th February 2026.

ADVISOR MHATHUNG YANTHAN INAUGURATES 'GRAINS OF HERITAGE' FESTIVAL, CALLS FOR CONSERVATION OF INDIGENOUS RICE

The North East Festival of Rice – Grains of Heritage was celebrated on 26th of February 2026 at the Exposition Hall, Agri Expo, Chumoukedima.

Addressing the gathering, Advisor for Agriculture, Nagaland, Mhathung Yanthan lauded INTACH Nagaland for conceptualising the festival. Highlighting the cultural significance of rice, the Advisor said that rice is not merely an agricultural commodity but life, identity, and heritage for the people of the Northeast. "From cradle to grave, rice accompanies us. It sanctifies our festivals, anchors our harvests, and shapes our oral traditions," he remarked.

He underscored that the Northeast is globally recognised as a hotspot of agrobiodiversity, with Nagaland alone reportedly having over 200 identified indigenous rice landraces adapted to specific microclimates and terrains over centuries. He cautioned, however, that many traditional varieties are at risk of degeneration and called upon scientists, researchers, and stakeholders to deliberate intensively on their conservation and scientific advancement.

He emphasised the need to develop climate-resilient and short-duration rice varieties that ensure higher productivity while preserving traditional germplasm. "While we hold on to our heritage, we must also provide practical solutions to farmers,"

he stated.

The Advisor informed that the Agriculture Policy 2026 for Nagaland has been approved by the Cabinet and will soon be implemented, expressing hope that insights from the festival will help guide its execution. He concluded by urging collective efforts to conserve seed heritage, support farmers, empower youth, and sustain rice-based livelihoods, while expressing hope that the festival will become a regular platform celebrating the region's agricultural and cultural richness.

Sentila T. Yanger, Padmashree and State Convenor of INTACH Nagaland Chapter delivered the welcome address, which was followed by a symbolic sowing of rice seeds, symbolizing renewal, prosperity and respect for the agrarian traditions of the Northeast.

The programme also featured special guest remarks by Dr. Sandeep Ghatak, Director, ICAR, Umiam; Dr. A.K. Mohanty, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Umiam, Sanuzo Nuinei, Director, Department of Agriculture, Nagaland and Dr. Prashanna Gogoi, Director, NEZCC, Ministry of Culture & Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee. The speakers emphasized sustainable agricultural practices, research support for farmers, and the need to promote traditional grains in the face of modern challenges.

NAGALAND PUSHES FOR FOCUSED, INTENSIVE CONSERVATION AT FBMP REVIEW WORKSHOP

A two-day workshop annual Review-cum-Planning Workshop of the Forest and

Biodiversity Management in the Himalaya (Nagaland) Project (FBMP), co-financed by

the Federal Republic of Germany through KfW, commenced on February 26, 2026 at the Conference Hall, Forest Office Complex, Kohima. The workshop was held to review progress and charting the roadmap for the next phase of implementation.

Addressing the gathering, Vedpal Singh, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Nagaland, emphasised the need to institutionalise all interventions under the project to ensure sustainability beyond individuals. He also cautioned against spreading resources too thinly and suggested intensive interventions in selected locations to create demonstrative and replicable models. Highlighting the importance of visible and relatable issues, he called for strengthening components such as human-wildlife conflict mitigation to enhance public engagement and institutional support.

Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, Principal Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Chairman, Nagaland State Biodiversity Board, in his address, stated that the state being rich in biodiversity, the project presents a significant opportunity for the state. Emphasising that conservation must become a people's movement, he called for involvement of schools, churches and community institutions in spreading awareness and protecting biodiversity for future generations.

Referring to shifting cultivation (Jhum), he said that while traditional practices are respected, there is a need to adapt and adopt more sustainable methods wherever possible. He expressed confidence that with coordinated efforts from the government, communities and institutions, the objectives of the project could be achieved in a meaningful and lasting manner.

Presenting the project status, the Project Director informed that FBMP is part of the Government of Germany's Financial Cooperation with India, signed in 2016, focusing on sustainable and effective management of forests and biodiversity in Nagaland. The project currently covers six districts—Kohima, Mokokchung, Peren, Tuensang, Wokha and Shamator—across seven landscapes, 13 CCAs and 64 villages.

Under conservation planning, 64 village micro plans and 75 Entry Point Activities have been taken up. Three Landscape Management Plans and four CCA-cum-Landscape Management Plans have been prepared, while nine CCA Management Plans have been approved. A total of 35 People's Biodiversity Registers have been prepared.

In the area of sustainable biodiversity-based livelihoods, 185 activities have been completed, benefitting over 9,000 people directly and around 12,000 indirectly. A tie-up with Dabur India was finalised in December 2023.

Thirteen action plans for conservation measures have been developed based on CCA Management Plans, Capacity-building activities include 64 livelihood trainings, exposure visits for all project villages, over 100 youths trained in GPS/GIS applications, and trainings for officials and project management units.

The workshop was also informed about the Human-Elephant Conflict Mitigation Plan prepared by the Wildlife Institute of India, with focus areas in Wokha and Mokokchung districts. A Human-Elephant Conflict Control Room has been established in Wokha.

Sharing the perspective of the Project Management Consultant, the Chief Technical Advisor stated that the project has made

significant progress, particularly since 2023 with the Financial Participatory Approach noted as an innovative model promoting community contribution and financial transparency. With 22 months remaining and about 50% of funds yet to be utilised, the upcoming phase will focus on accelerated implementation—prioritising conservation measures in 2026 and operationalising the

Conservation Fund in 2027.

Earlier, in the inaugural session Sidramappa Chalkapure, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests and Project Director, FBMP, delivered the welcome address and stated that the workshop would review progress and align planning and budgeting with tangible outcomes.

TRAINING ON 'ETHICS AND VALUES IN PUBLIC GOVERNANCE' FOR SENIOR LEVEL NCS & NSS OFFICERS HELD AT KOHIMA



Director General ATI & Addl. Chief Secretary (Agriculture) and APC, V. Shashank Shekhar IAS, addressing senior officers during the two-day training on 'Ethics & Values in Public Governance' at ATI, Kohima on 26th February 2026.

A two-day training programme on 'Ethics and Values in Public Governance' for senior level government officers commence on 26th February, 2026 at ATI, Kohima. The training was attended by 25 NCS & NSS Officers in the rank of Joint Secretary & Additional Secretary of the Government of Nagaland. The training is conducted in collaboration with and the Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms, Government of Nagaland and Institute of Secretariat Training and Management (ISTM), New Delhi.

The training module covered topics on Framework of Ethical Governance, Care for and integration with self, others and

environment and Ethical Dilema.

During the inaugural programme, V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS, Director General, ATI, Additional Chief Secretary (Agriculture) and Agricultural Production Commissioner in his special address exhorted the Officer Trainees to set an example of integrity as they hold more responsibilities in the state government. They were also reminded of the obligations as those occupying responsible government positions to find a solution to the various problems faced by the society and to ensure that the government machinery functions efficiently for the welfare of the common people. He also noted that any deviation from the Government code of

ethics can lead to the undesirable situation of government funds not reaching the most deserving and vulnerable section of society,

which is an offence not only in the legal sense but also in terms of moral and social values.

TWO-DAY DISASTER MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS UNDERWAY IN DIMAPUR

A two-day Disaster Management Training for First Responders commenced on February 26 at Hotel Saramati, Dimapur, organised by Directorate of Information and Public Relations. The programme aims to strengthen emergency preparedness, response skills, and coordination during disasters.

The training brought together journalists and media personnel from print, electronic, and digital platforms on Day 1, while Day 2 was attended by in-service officials and staff of the Information & Public Relations (IPR) Department.

On first session was led by Keren Rose, Assistant Manager, Media & Public Relations, NSDMA, Government of Nagaland on the topic, "Role of Media in Disaster Management."

Rose emphasized that responsible journalism can save lives and described the media as a key partner in disaster governance. Highlighting the importance of ethical reporting, she outlined key do's and don'ts for journalists covering disasters.

She also covered ethical guidelines for journalists, including truthfulness and integrity, respect for privacy and dignity, humanitarian and empathetic reporting, and awareness of compassion fatigue. Participants were encouraged to maintain compassion and respect for affected communities, focus on resilience and recovery in addition to destruction, and avoid intrusive questioning or graphic imagery that exploits suffering.

Rose on the role of media during disasters stressed the need for delivering timely and factual updates, advising the public on safety measures, evacuation routes, and shelter locations, and relaying welfare messages regarding missing persons, relief distribution, and support services.

She also spoke on the National Disaster Management Act, 2005, and explained the structure of disaster management from national to the district level. Participants were briefed on how understanding this framework enables journalists to report more accurately and coordinate effectively during crises.

Practical preparedness measures were also discussed, including earthquake safety do's such as securing heavy objects on lower shelves, keeping emergency kits ready with essential supplies, clearing exit pathways, and identifying safe meeting points for families after a disaster.

The second session, was conducted by Kenny Khing, Fire Prevention & Audit Officer (FPAO), Fire & Emergency Services, Government of Nagaland. He spoke on "Basic Fire Safety & Relevant Section of the Nagaland Fire & Emergency Service Act, 2021." He stressed the importance of coordinated response during fire and disaster situations.

Referring to Sections 36 and 37, the resource person stated that any individual who willfully obstructs firefighting or rescue operations may face imprisonment up to

three months, a fine up to ₹10,000, or both. Giving false fire reports or hoax calls is also punishable under the Act.

Explaining the basic concept of fire, he elaborated on the Fire Triangle and Fire Tetrahedron. Participants were briefed on fire extinction methods, including cooling to eliminate heat, starvation to remove fuel and smothering or blanketing to exclude oxygen. The session also covered LPG and electrical fire hazards.

Emphasizing the role of media as first responders, Khing urged journalists to disseminate verified and accurate information, provide precise location details and avoid unverified reporting that may create panic or misinformation. They stressed that responsible reporting can support emergency services and ensure public safety.

Earlier in his welcome address, Seiwatho S. Nyusou Deputy Director, IPR mentioned that this was the first Disaster Management Training organised by DIPR. He stated that

such programmes are essential from time to time to enhance preparedness, improve coordination and strengthen response mechanisms during emergencies.

An interactive question-and-answer session followed, where participants shared experiences and raised queries on crisis reporting.

The session concluded with a hands-on demonstration on fire safety procedures, including the proper use of fire extinguishers and basic emergency response techniques, providing participants with practical exposure and real-time learning experience.

The training programme was designed to equip first responders and communication personnel with the necessary knowledge, legal awareness, and practical skills to respond effectively and responsibly during emergencies and disasters.

Representatives from Fire & Emergency Services, Zhasalie Dy. SP, Er. Ruovivor JE Electrical, Er. Albert also attended the training.

DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION SIGNS MoU WITH IMD

The Department of Higher Education, GoN, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Ministry of Earth Sciences, GoI, on 26th February 2026, at the Directorate of Higher Education, Kohima.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Temjen Imna Along, Minister for Higher Education and Tourism; Sarita Yadav (IAS) Secretary, Higher & Technical Education; V. Lovitoly Sema (NCS), Ex-Officio Director HE; IMD representatives and Department officers.

Under the "Mission Mausam Scheme" initiative of the Government of India, the

collaboration provides for the installation of one X-Band Polarimetric Doppler Weather Radar (DWR) at Dimapur Government College, Oriental Colony, Dimapur. The project aims to strengthen weather forecasting capabilities in the state, particularly in the areas of urban meteorology, disaster preparedness, and agricultural advisories, thereby enhancing public safety and safeguarding lives and property.

The institutional cooperation between IMD and the Department will focus on promoting academic engagement, research collaboration, and capacity building in meteorological and atmospheric sciences. The

partnership is expected to create opportunities for faculty and students of higher educational institutions across Nagaland to engage in

research, training, and knowledge exchange in emerging areas of weather and climate science.

STATE-LEVEL LAUNCH OF HPV VACCINATION PROGRAMME AT KOHIMA

The virtual launch of the National Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Programme against cervical cancer was held at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) on 28th February 2026.

The national launch was led virtually by the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi, marking a significant step towards the prevention of cervical cancer in the country. In Nagaland, the state-level launch was carried out virtually by the Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio.

During the launching programme, Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Anoop Khinchi, IAS, emphasized the importance of HPV vaccination in protecting young girls from cervical cancer. He stated that about 90.79% of cervical cancer cases are caused by persistent infection of the

genital tract by high-risk types of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV). He added that although the disease affects women in their prime age, it is 100% preventable through vaccination.

He highlighted that the campaign aims to vaccinate all eligible girls aged 14 years across the country with a single dose of the Gardasil-4 vaccine at all government health facilities. The vaccination drive will be conducted over a three-month period, during which the HPV vaccine will be made available every day at routine immunization sessions free of cost.

The event concluded with the handing over of certificates to beneficiaries, marking the formal rollout of the vaccination drive in the state.

FIRST-EVER NAGALAND SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AWARD CEREMONY HELD AT KOHIMA

On the occasion of State Level Celebration of National Science Day held at the Capital Convention Centre, Kohima, on February 28, 2026, under the theme "Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat.", the first-ever Nagaland Science & Technology Award was also conferred to individuals under the Nagaland Science Mission.

Principal Secretary, I. Himato Zhimomi, Department of Science & Technology, in his keynote address, highlighted that the awards marked the first-ever recognition by the state government of pioneers in science and

technology, and noted that such initiatives would play a crucial role in catalysing the country towards Viksit Bharat in the coming days.

He observed that the world today is witnessing intense competition around science and technology. He emphasized that science and technology must form the fundamental basis of the society. Citing China as an example, he stated that the country has advanced ahead by investing heavily in science and technology.

As part of the celebration, awards

were conferred under the Nagaland Science Mission. The first-ever **Girl Child Award 2025** was presented to Sashimongla I. Longkumer of Government High School, Longjang, Mokokchung, for securing 98% in Science and Mathematics in the ESLE 2025 under the Government Schools category. The award carries a certificate and ₹20,000 cash prize.

Under the **Research Grants for Indigenous Nagas of Nagaland 2025**, four R&D projects were approved for implementation (2025-2027), with each recipient receiving ₹5 lakh. The awardees are:

Dr. Visesto Mor (NIST, Kohima) for establishing Nagaland's first *Galleria mellonella* facility for pathogenicity and drug discovery studies.

Dr. Samadangla Ao (Kohima Science College, Jotsoma) for research on optimizing the jhum agro-ecosystem.

Dr. Limamanen Phom (Sao Chang College, Tuensang) for a study on ichthyofaunal diversity and ecology of selected rivers in Noklak district.

Thsope Medo (Nagaland Science &

Technology Council, Kohima) for a pilot study on tree Diversity Mapping and Landscape Assessment of the Japfu Range.

The **Outstanding Achievement in Science & Technology 2025** award, carrying ₹1 lakh, was jointly conferred for the first time on Dr. (Prof. Rtd.) Sapu Changkija for his contributions to ethnobotany and sustainable farming systems, and Dr. Vinotsole Khamo (Dr. Tina) for advancing clinical research and medical science facilities in Nagaland.

The **Young Scientist Award 2025** was presented to Dr. Imlisongla Aier, a Ph.D. graduate from IIT Delhi, for her work in clean energy, indoor air quality, and environmental health. The award carries a citation and ₹1 lakh.

The programme featured welcome address by Zeneikhonuo Vimero, Joint Secretary and Ex-Officio Director, Department of Science & Technology; short speeches by the awardee; a science drama by students of PM Shri Government High School, Thahekhu, and concluded with a vote of thanks by Kekuneil Ltu.

NAGALAND POLICE 1ST INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVAL 2026 CONCLUDES AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

The Nagaland Police 1st Inter-School Sports Festival 2026, culminated on 28th February, 2026 with a closing ceremony held at Football Stadium Chumoukedima.

The programme was graced by Director General of Police, Nagaland, Rupin Sharma, IPS, as the Guest of Honour, and Advisor to the Chief Minister, Abu Metha, as the Special Guest and other dignitaries.

Advisor to the Chief Minister and Chairman IDAN, Abu Metha, in his address congratulated the DGP, and the Nagaland

Police for successfully organising the first-ever Nagaland Police Inter-School Sports Festival.

Conveying the best wishes of the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Metha noted that it was significant that such a sports festival was being organised for the first time and described it as a meaningful beginning for the future.

Highlighting the potential of Naga youth, Metha said the state has abundant raw talent and that given the right opportunities, young



Advisor to CM and Chairman IDAN and DGP Nagaland, Rupin Sharma, IPS handing over the trophy to the overall champion of Nagaland Police 1st Inter School Sports Festival 2026 at Chumoukedima Football stadium on 28th February 2026.

people can achieve excellence at the highest levels. He cited the examples of Dr. Talimeren Ao, Chekrovolu Swuro, and Hokato Hotozhe Sema and said their achievements proved that dedication and hard work can overcome limitations.

Addressing students, particularly those from police families studying in regimental schools, Metha urged them to draw inspiration from these examples and work hard in their chosen fields. He also acknowledged the sacrifices and commitment of the Naga police force in ensuring the safety of society, often going beyond the call of duty, and called for greater respect and understanding from the public

DGP, Nagaland, Rupin Sharma, IPS said that these events provide valuable learning experiences for students through

sports and interaction. He highlighted measures that are being taken to improve police schools, including the recruitment of qualified teachers and principals to strengthen academic standards. He also reiterated the commitment of the Nagaland Police towards the welfare and development of police schools and encouraged continued cooperation from all stakeholders.

Nagaland Police Central School, 1st NAP Battalion, emerged as the Overall Champion, while Regimental School, 4th NAP Battalion, Thizama, secured the Runner-up position.

The sports festival featured competitions in Rhymes, Tunnel Ball, 100-metre sprint, relay race, futsal, long jump, high jump, penalty shoot-out, and volleyball. A total of 16 police schools participated in the event.



ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED AT TSEMINYU

The office of the Chief Veterinary Officer, Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Tseminyu successfully conducted a free anti-rabies vaccination campaign at Rengma Students' Union (RSU) office premises at Tseminyu on 2nd February, 2026 with the objective of preventing rabies and safeguarding public health.

The campaign was organised under ASCAD 2024-25, implemented during 2025-2026. During the campaign, a total of 145 dogs were vaccinated free of cost. The free anti-rabies vaccination campaign was conducted by Dr. Gwathonlo Tsela, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon Tseminyu and his team.

SAMPOORNATA ABHIYAN 2.0 LAUNCHED FOR AKUHAITO ASPIRATIONAL BLOCK

The Akuhaito Aspirational Block officially launched Sampoornta Abhiyan 2.0 at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Zunheboto, on 2nd February 2026.

Dr. Samuel Akho Konyak, EAC Atoizu and Nodal Officer of Akuhaito Aspirational Block, reviewed the block's two-year journey, highlighting its 8th national rank while urging departments to work together to achieve 100% saturation of schemes.

Deputy Commissioner Dharam Raj,

IAS, in his keynote address expressed concern over the block's slow progress and called for stronger coordination among key departments, assuring full administrative support. Presentations were made by the Social Welfare Department, the Chief Veterinary Officer, and the AEO.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Tsoinchu Sangtam, EAC Zunheboto, while the DC directed that all fieldwork be completed by March 31.

ONE-DAY ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR DOBASHIS OF KOHIMA DISTRICT HELD

A one-day orientation programme for the Dobashis (DBs) of Kohima District was held on February 3, 2026 at the DC's Conference Hall, Kohima, to strengthen their understanding of their roles in administration, customary justice and governance.

Addressing the inaugural session, B. Henok Buchem, NCS, Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, highlighted the historical significance of the Dobashi institution in Naga society, noting their key role in the early Naga political movement and the Naga Club memorandum to the Simon Commission in

1918. He urged Dobashis to adapt to changing times while upholding fairness, neutrality, discipline, and integrity in delivering justice.

Speaking on behalf of the Dobashis, Notho, DB-I, stated that the Dobashis are presently functioning in a period of transition and uncertainty due to changing social and administrative contexts, and expressed hope that the orientation would provide clarity and guidance. He reaffirmed the commitment of Dobashis to uphold Naga customary law, preserve Naga culture and identity, and contribute towards maintaining law and order.

James Renbi Kikon, SDO (C) Sadar, delivered a session on the origin of the Dobashi institution, tracing its evolution during the British period

Ketoulhoutuo U. Rame, Senior Legal Assistant, DC Office Kohima, spoke on various provisions of the Village Council Act, 1978 and the Bengal Frontier Regulation Act, 1873.

Imtiyenla K., EAC Kohima, delivered a session on the present role of Dobashis in district administration. She highlighted that Dobashis, as government-appointed functionaries, assist administrative officers in daily operations, village-level coordination, dispute mediation, inspections, surveys, law and order duties, and in supporting police

and magistrates.

Dr. Riku, EAC (Sadar), spoke on the Rules for the Administration of Justice and Police in Nagaland, emphasising the role of Dobashis in customary judiciary, DB Courts, recording of statements, and ensuring that legal proceedings are properly understood by all parties.

The programme highlighted the challenges faced by the Dobashis in balancing tradition with modern governance and reaffirmed their continued importance as custodians of local customs, traditions and dialects, and as vital links between customary practices and the modern administrative system.

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN TSEMINYU

The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting of Krishi Vigyan Kendra KVK, Tseminyu under Kohima Nagaland was held on 6th February 2026 at KVK Conference Hall, Tseminyu with DC Tseminyu, Japheth Woch as the special guest.

Speaking at the event, the DC emphasized the importance of convergence of Agri. &

Allied Departments for carrying forward the proven technologies for horizontal expansion, climate resilient varieties, ITKs, Agri-entrepreneurship under Horticulture particularly for women led FPOs & SHGs in the District. He also applauded KVK Tseminyu & Kohima for doing a tremendous job in uplifting the livelihood of the farming



Members of Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of KVK, Tseminyu after a meeting held at Tseminyu on 6th February 2026.

community in both the districts.

Dr. Ruokuvilie Mezhatu, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Kohima, presented the highlights of the SAC Achievement Reports 2025 and the proposed Annual Action Plan 2026. He explained that KVKs serve as key agricultural technology hubs that assess, demonstrate, and promote location-specific innovations to improve productivity. He also emphasized their role in conducting on-farm testing, frontline demonstrations, and capacity building programmes for farmers, rural youth, and extension workers.

Dr. Paihem Michui, ACTO (Veterinary & Animal Husbandry), Dr. Martina Shitri, ACTO (Genetics & Plant Breeding),

Imtinuksung, SMS Soil & Conservation, Eliseni Tsopoe, SMS (Entomology) and Dr. Shisarenla Aier, SMS (Horticulture) also spoke at the meeting.

During the interactive session, officials underscored the crucial role of KVK in addressing farmers' challenges through scientific intervention and stressed the importance of interdepartmental collaboration to foster a holistic agricultural development in the District.

On the occasion, a Video film on Advancing Agriculture through Innovation by KVK, Kohima was released by the Special Guest.

PHED SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTS JAL ARPAN DIWAS IN SHAMATOR

The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Tuensang has successfully organised Jal Arpan Diwas at Chessore Village on 6th February and Sangphur Village on 7th February, under Shamator District, as part of the ongoing implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

A comprehensive training session on water quality testing was conducted using Field Testing Kits (FTKs), enabling villagers to understand the importance of regular water quality monitoring at the household and community levels. In addition, practical demonstrations on operation and maintenance (O&M) of the rural drinking water supply system were carried out, focusing on sustainability, source protection, and uninterrupted clean water supply.

In the presence of the Village Sarpanch and Council Members, a Jal Jeevan Mission declaration and pledge was undertaken by the community, reaffirming their commitment to safeguarding water quality, conducting periodic testing, and collectively maintaining the drinking water system for the health and well-being of all residents.

Meanwhile, the Jal Arpan Diwas Programme was also held at Sangphur Village on 7th February, under Shamator District, as part of the Jal Jeevan Mission's community-centric approach to providing safe and sustainable drinking water.

The programme was organised under the supervision of Er. Lanu, Junior Engineer, with active support from the JJM-ISA, Tuensang Division, and Alongphi Welfare Society.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

Longleng District Planning & Development Board meeting was held on 7th

February 2026, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Longleng, W. Manpai

Phom NCS, at DPDB hall, Longleng.

At a meeting, the chairman informed that the Frontier Nagaland Territory Authority (FNTA) agreement, signed on February 5, 2026, between the Government of India and the state government under the leadership of the Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation (ENPO), is awaiting implementation. Officials were urged to remain prepared for assignments, stressing that proper execution is crucial for the success of the agreement aimed at benefiting the people of Eastern Nagaland.

Heads of Departments and Officers-in-Charge were directed to work diligently as an interim body is expected to be formed within a year. The chairman also informed that the Union Minister of State for Agriculture and

Farmers Welfare will visit the district this month, directing departments, particularly Agri and allied sectors, to be prepared with PowerPoint presentations on their activities.

Principal of Bautung Government Higher Secondary School and Medical Superintendent of District Hospital, Longleng presented their report to the board. They highlighted the activities and status of the ongoing construction of Bautung Government Higher Secondary School, and District Hospital Longleng. The department of Horticulture also presented the department's projects and activities implemented in the district during the meeting. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from the chairman.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

District Planning & Development Board, Tuensang held its monthly meeting on 7th February 2026 at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB, Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa.

After reviewing the last meeting minutes, the house discussed and recommended Agape Women Society for registration.

The DC thanked all the Departments for their active Participation and successful completion of Republic Day in the District. She also requested the HoO's in the district

to be present in the station to serve the needs of the public. She also requested the departments to submit the incumbency list of their Staff which was already dispatched to the departments. The DC further requested the Members to contribute a suitable amount towards the nutritional support of TB Patients in the district under Nikshay Mitra.

The PowerPoint Presentation on departmental activities was presented by Chief Medical Office Tuensang. The meeting culminated with a vote of gratitude from the chair.

INTERNATIONAL LITERARY GALA HELD AT WANGKHAO GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, MON

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Wangkhao Government College, Mon & Writers International Network, Canada organised an International Literary Gala with the theme Celebrating Literature Across Borders at Wangkhao Government College,

Mon on 7th February 2026.

International Network (WIN), Vancouver, Canada, in his address said that poetry, beauty, dreams and aspirations exist in every individual. Emphasising that each person is unique, he noted that individuals

both influence and are influenced by their environment. He encouraged the gathering to remain true to their identity rather than conforming to others' expectations, and urged them to preserve their traditions, literature, poetry and environment. He added that being different should be seen as a source of pride, not inferiority.

Bhargava also briefly introduced the Writers International Network and presented the Writers International Network (WIN) Canada Literary Awards 2026 to the following: Mhonlumo Kikon, Poet, Author & Public Policy Analyst Distinguished Poet & Writer Award; Vishu Rita Krocha, Poet, Author, Journalist & Publisher, Distinguished poet & Writer Award; Kemya Yanlam, Writer, Artist, Social Activist & Art Therapist Emerging Writer & Artist Award and Dr. Tialila Kikon, Poet Author & Educator, Distinguished Poet & Global Poetry Ambassador Award.

Vishu Rita Krocha, a Naga literary renaissance advocate and publisher, shared that her upbringing and environment inspired her to become a writer. She noted that the state has yet to fully realise the potential of Naga literature, as writing is often a solitary pursuit that many communities do not fully appreciate. However, she acknowledged the dedication of individual literary enthusiasts

who continue to sustain the growing literary scene. Krocha also highlighted that researchers are increasingly tracing Naga history and roots, emphasizing the vital role of literature in documenting and preserving cultural traditions, folklore, myths and legends, and in sharing Naga stories with the world.

Dr. Tialila Kikon, Principal of Wangkhao Government College, Mon, in her keynote address said literature serves as a vital bridge connecting the world by promoting cross-cultural understanding, empathy and shared human experiences. She noted that through literature, people can explore diverse perspectives and global issues beyond geographical boundaries, uniting societies through universal themes of humanity, struggle, hope and aspiration.

A Book Talk on the book, His Majesty's Head-hunters: The Siege of Kohima that Shaped World History, authored by Mmhonlumo Kikon, Poet, Author & Public Policy Analyst was held in conversation with W. Wangjin, Assistant Professor, Department of History

Kemya Yanlam, Writer, Community-builder & Art Therapy Practitioner gave a PowerPoint Presentation on Beyond Words: The Art of Visual Storytelling.

DISTRICT LEVEL AWARENESS PROGRAMME HELD IN LONGLENG

A District Level Awareness programme was successfully conducted on 9th February 2026, at VDB & VCC hall, Longleng, organised by Eagle Crest Training Academy & Consultancy in collaboration with the District Administration and the Phom Students' Conference.

The programme aimed at creating

awareness on skill-based programmes, guided formal employment, and sustainable livelihood opportunities for the youth of Longleng District.

In his introductory note EAC Longleng, Er. Vinoh Swu stressed upon the importance of youth being certified by recognised and proper institutions, and encouraged them



Officials and participants at the District-Level Awareness Programme on skill-based initiatives, held at VDB & VCC Hall, Longleng, on 9th February 2026.

to explore available opportunities across multiple sectors rather than focusing solely on government employment. He highlighted that skill certification and continuous upskilling are key to long-term career growth, progress, and development.

ECTAAC CEO, Temjenkala Aier lauded the efforts of the Government in investing in the future of the youth through such dynamic skill development programmes. She encouraged young people to actively utilise the opportunities being made available, stating that in the present day and age, no youth above the age of 18 should remain unemployed. She further highlighted that there are numerous government-supported training programmes accessible to youth, enabling them to become employable and build meaningful, purposeful, and

sustainable careers.

A key highlight of the seminar was the introduction of specialised training courses in Geriatric Care, Child Care, and Home Care Assistance under the Nagaland Skills & Entrepreneurship Development Mission. The one-month residential programme offers free training, hostel facilities and job placement support to enhance youth employability. A Skill Loan facility through State Bank of India was also introduced under the "Get Trained, Get a Job, Pay Later" scheme to support candidates facing financial constraints.

The technical and awareness sessions were conducted by the resource persons from ECTAAC - Allin Awomi, Operations Head & HR, and Chumbeni, Business Development Executive.

AWARENESS PROGRAMMES ON MINORITY WELFARE SCHEMES CONDUCTED IN PEREN AND ZUNHEBOTO

The Directorate of Minority Affairs, Government of Nagaland, organised awareness and sensitisation programmes on Minority Welfare Schemes in Peren

and Zunheboto in February 2026, aiming to inform stakeholders about government initiatives and opportunities for minority communities in the State.

In **Zunheboto**, the awareness programme was organised at the Multipurpose Hall on 9th February. Joint Director Andrew C. Imti emphasised the department's creation in 2023, consolidating minority schemes previously implemented across multiple departments. He highlighted the key focus areas, including educational empowerment through scholarships, PM VIKAS initiatives for skill development and heritage promotion, micro-credit schemes under NMDFC, and infrastructure development under PMJVK.

Programme Assistant Khriezotulie explained micro-finance schemes for minority artisans and women, LDA Lily Tungoe detailed fully funded scholarships under the National Scholarship Portal, and Junior Section Officer Viloto Zhimomi presented on the five PM VIKAS initiatives for skill development and heritage promotion.

The programme featured PowerPoint presentations and concluded with a vote of thanks, following a welcome address by ADC Tiameren Chang, Zunheboto.

In **Peren**, the programme was held at the DC's Conference Hall on 12th February. Director of Minority Affairs, Rohit Singh, IAS, delivering the keynote address, highlighted that the department, established in 2023, has been conducting district-wise outreach programmes to create awareness on Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and other welfare initiatives.

PowerPoint presentations were made on various schemes, with LDA Lily Tungoe explaining Minority Scholarship Schemes, Joint Director Andrew C. Imti discussing the Micro-Credit Scheme under NMDFC and PM VIKAS, and Project Officer Shalo Khing outlining PMJVK objectives and components.

MELURI DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly DPDB meeting of Meluri was held under the chairmanship of Advisor, New & Renewable Energy and NSDMA and Chairman, DPDB Meluri, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe on 10th February 2026 at the DBs Court, Meluri.

During the meeting, the Chairman reviewed the agendas discussed in the previous DPDB meeting and deliberated regarding opposition to the adoption of the National Highway Act, 1956, where the Board resolved to forward the matter to the Government for necessary action.

The District Fishery Officer presented the department's activities, projects and schemes in the district through a PowerPoint presentation. The Chairman stressed the need for sincere implementation of these schemes to ensure benefits reach the

intended beneficiaries. He also noted that Meluri district has strong potential for fishery development, with suitable sites for fish ponds that could help meet local demand and reduce dependence on imports from other states.

Officials from the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), in collaboration with the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) also made a PowerPoint presentation. They have been stationed in the district for a 15-day assessment and familiarisation programme. The presentation highlighted safety awareness initiatives and mock drills being conducted in selected locations with special focus on the Incident Response System (IRS).

The Chairman also highlighted the

urgent need for upgradation of CHC Meluri and strengthening of other departments. Stressing the importance of sanitation, he urged all officers to extend responsible cooperation with the Government.

SUB-DIVISIONAL COORDINATION MEETING HELD AT CHIEPHOBOZOU

A Coordination Meeting of the Chiephobozou Sub-divisional was held on 10th February 2026 at Customary Court Hall, Chiephobozou Town, Kohima.

Chairing the meeting, ADC Chiephobozou, Alemyapang Longchar, held an interaction with the members and deliberated on several important matters, including village adoption initiatives and preparations for Census enumeration. The ADC seek inputs and cooperation from the members to ensure effective implementation of programmes in the Sub division.

The departmental activities were highlighted by Pelebei u Kense, JSPCO, department of Soil and Water Conservation.

NOKLAK DPDB MEETING HELD

The Noklak District Planning & Development Board meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Noklak on 11th February 2026, under the Chairmanship of MLA & Chairman DPDB Noklak, P. Longon.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members and expressed New Year greetings to the members present. He also introduced Shievozo Nienu additional charge of SDEO Noklak to the board.

The house discussed and deliberated for urgent posting of a Medical Officer at

PHC Pangsha village. Accordingly, the board forwarded the matter to the concern authority for urgent posting of a Medical Officer at PHC Pangsha at the earliest.

U-13 ASMITA FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2025-26 (EAST ZONE) CONCLUDES AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

The Closing Ceremony of the U-13 ASMITA Football League 2025-26 (Major League – East Zone) was held on 10th February 2026 at the Chümoukedima Football Stadium, successfully completing the grassroots football tournament under the ASMITA and Khelo India initiatives.

The ceremony was graced by Anthony Ngullie, IAS Secretary of Youth Resources & Sports Government of Nagaland attended the event as the Special Guest. Speaking at the event, Anthony highlighted the importance of initiatives like ASMITA under Khelo India in empowering young athletes, especially girls, through structured competitive platforms. He encouraged the participants to pursue sports with discipline, dedication and confidence, and reaffirmed the State Government's commitment towards strengthening grassroots sports development.

The event also featured Kick-off Match No. 10 and concluded with a Prize Distribution Ceremony, where the two qualified teams from Major League – East Zone, Assam and Mizoram.

The league held from 5th to 10th February, was hosted by Nagaland Football Association (NFA) and marks the State first participation in the tournament.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON JUVENILE CASES AND POSCO ACT HELD AT ZUHESHE

Under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative, the district administration and the District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW), Niuland in collaboration with the Home Department organized a crucial awareness programme on Juvenile Cases and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POSCO) Act at Government High School (GHS), Zuheshe on 11th February 2026.

Kelengunuo Solo, EAC Niuland, also delivered a brief speech highlighting the significance of such initiatives

In her keynote address, Tsukhumla UBSI from Women Police Station, Dimapur shed a light on the significance of the POSCO Act and the handling of juvenile cases.

This was followed by an interactive session where students actively participated, sharing their thoughts and queries on the topic.

The programme aimed to raise awareness among students and community members about the laws protecting children and the consequences of violating them.

TRADE EXPO 2026 HELD AT AVAKHUNG

The Department of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Nagaland, has successfully organized a Trade Expo- 2026 on 12th February 2026 at Avakhung, Meluri District, with active participation from local entrepreneurs, traders, farmers and artisans from the border areas.

The Expo witnessed enthusiastic participation from the citizens of the

Phokhungri Area, representatives from District Administration, Assam Rifles, PAPO officials and its surrounding villages from Meluri District fostering community engagement and boosting market linkages at the local level.

Addressing the gathering, P. Tokugha Sema, Director of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Nagaland, stated that the Trade Expo 2026 marks a new beginning for strengthening grassroots trade and economic cooperation in the border areas, enhancing livelihood opportunities and promoting self-reliance. Various stalls displayed a diverse range of products, highlighting the rich cultural heritage and economic potential of the region.

A special awareness session was conducted for traders, entrepreneurs, farmers and artisans on various government schemes including CMMFI, PMEGP, PMFME and UNNATI-2024. Resource persons from the Industries & Commerce Department briefed participants on the benefits, eligibility criteria and application procedures. The session also covered export procedures and documentation for aspiring entrepreneurs.

The Director of Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema along with Col. Iqbaljeet Singh Dhillon. C.O,39 Assam Rifles, Phek inaugurated a Trade Expo- 2026. This expo stands as a significant step towards empowering local traders and creating avenues for sustainable economic growth in the region.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB APPROVES SCHOOL UPGRADATION AND KEY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting

for Mokokchung District was held at DC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 13th February 2026 under the chairmanship of MLA, Nuklutoshi Longkumer.

The proceedings began on a solemn note, with Chairman Longkumer leading the house in expressing deep condolences to Deputy Commissioner Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS, following the untimely demise of his mother.

Following a review of the previous meeting's minutes, the board deliberated on several critical local issues:

Infrastructure: The board approved the proposal to construct a retaining wall at New Market, Arkong Ward, and decided to forward the matter to the State Level Planning Department for further consultation.

Road Connectivity: In anticipation of the upcoming Dr. T. Ao Trophy, the house addressed the urgent need for road repairs from Sewak Gate to the Rempukong Astro turf

ground. It was decided that the matter would be taken up with the DC of Tuensang and National Highways authorities to ensure an early solution.

Education: A significant milestone was reached for the Luyong area as the board approved the upgradation of Mary Mead Government Middle School to a Government High School. The proposal will be forwarded to The meeting featured a PowerPoint presentation by Shisalen Riju, a coaching centre initiative supported by the DPDB. Additionally, the Water Resources Department provided an overview of their ongoing departmental activities and projects within the district.

The meeting concluded with a focused discussion on wildlife and environmental conservation. Members urged the public and various departments to take proactive, positive steps toward preserving the district's rich biodiversity and protecting local wildlife.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting for Phek District was held on 13th February 2026 at DC's Conference Hall, Phek. The meeting was chaired by ADC Phek, Thehakhrienuo Nisa, also present were Advisor for CAWD & Taxes and Chairman, DPDB Phek Kudecho Khamo and Dr. Neisatuo Mero, MLA of Pfutsero A/C.

The house discussed the issue of teacher's shortage at Government Middle School, Metsale Village, which currently has three teachers for 86 students. Advisor CAWD & Taxes and DPDB Phek Chairman, Kudecho Khamo, assured that the issue would be taken up with the concerned Education department at the earliest.

The board also discussed the adoption

of the National Highway Act, 1956, for the construction of National Highways in the state. However, the house resolved that the Act is not acceptable in Nagaland, citing the special status granted under Article 371A of the Constitution.

Locally innovated low-cost dryer was presented by the inventor Swuyievezo Dzudo. The innovation which was deeply appreciated by the house, for which the Chairman suggested extending assistance through government schemes in the coming days.

Department of PHED, Land Record & Survey, and Education Department highlighted ongoing activities and progressive works at the meeting through power point presentation.

SDPDB BHANDARI SETS TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF FOOTHILL ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN BHANDARI SUB-DIVISION

Reiterating his demand for quality work along the entire stretch of the Foothill Road Construction, including 5 Steel Bridges in Bhandari sub-division, MLA and Chairman SDPDB Bhandari, Achumbemo Kikon said that work should be expedited to meet the set dateline of March 31, 2026. He said this during the SDPDB meeting held at the conference hall of the Summer House-Cum-Guest House at Bhandari on 13th February, 2026.

He further urged the Construction companies, the Contractors, Government departments, organizations, public of Yanmhon village area, Champang village area and Bhandari as well as individuals to contribute positively towards making the Foothill Road functional on time as collective shareholders.

Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Er. Kuhovi Sema, highlighted on Construction of the 5 bridges and said that the ongoing work is found to be satisfactory and are expected to complete on scheduled time.

T. Amos Kikon, President, Lotha Lower Range Public Organisation (LLRPO) spoke on the PMGSY Sungkha Road project which connects 6 villages, namely; Roni old, Mongphio, Lishuyo, Sungkha, Lio Wokha and Haiyan to the rest of the sub division. While lauding the local MLA and Chairman SDPDB Bhandari, Achumbemo Kikon for bringing in various developmental work to the 40 Bhandari, Assembly Constituency, he

also viewed that developmental work should only be allotted to people who are genuinely committed to progress of the people.

The house also deliberated and resolved for adoption of *Jatropha curcas* plantation project under Bhandari.

Weighing on the importance of the project as a viable, long-term agricultural solution, MLA and Chairman SDPDB, Bhandari, Achumbemo Kikon said that implementation will create sustainable livelihood opportunities for farmers and transform the economic landscape of the region.

Pemma Dorji, MD of TERRATROTH INNOVATIONS, highlighted *Jatropha curcas* as an alternative cash crop used for biofuel and industrial products, noting its environmental benefits such as preventing soil erosion and reducing human-elephant conflict. He said the company plans to implement the project on 5,000 hectares in the first phase and assured strategic support for local communities. The house resolved to sensitize village councils, landowners and farmers on the project and encourage land allocation and labour participation for its cultivation.

The meeting also addressed a memorandum submitted by 6 villages requesting that electricity supply be managed by Wokha district to ensure improved connectivity and maintenance.

JOINT KISAN GOSTHI PROGRAMME HELD AT PFUTSERO

A Joint Kisan Gosthi programme under ATMA for three blocks - Chizami, Pfutsero and Kikruma was held at Horticulture

Research Farm (HRM), Pfutsero, Phek on 14th February 2026 with an objective of strengthening farmer scientist interaction,



MLA, Dr. Neisatuo Mero with officials and participants during Kisan Gosthi programme held at Horticulture Research Farm, Pfutsero, Phek on 14th February 2026.

promoting scientific Agriculture practices and creating awareness on value addition resources. The programme was graced by MLA, Dr. Neisatuo Mero as the guest of honour.

Dr. Neisatuo Mero in his address encouraged farmers to adopt scientific method to make effective use of Government programmes for agricultural development. He emphasized the importance of Innovation, conservation of local resources and collaborative efforts between farmers and technical agencies for long-term sustainability and income enhancement.

The technical session was conducted by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Sr. Scientist and Head ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Phek and

David, NG the Spices Board of India, spoke on the prospect of spice cultivation in the region and emphasized quality improvement, organised production and market linkages as important components for increasing farmer's income.

Kelhouzakie Chalie, SDHO Pfutsero highlighted the ongoing horticultural schemes, crop diversification strategies and development initiatives aimed at improving productivity and sustainability in horticultural sector. While Zalekhu Lohe inspector at SDHO, Pfutsero spoke on pest, diseases and its biological control.

The programme was successfully concluded with participant of farmers from three blocks under Phek district.

AWARD CEREMONY HIGHLIGHTS COMMUNITY ROLE IN TRAFFIC REGULATION

The Kohima District Road Safety Committee (KDRSC) organised the 2nd edition of the Kohima District Road Safety Award-2026 in commemoration of National Road Safety Month at DPDB Hall on 16th February 2026.

Traffic congestion and improper parking cannot be addressed by authorities alone and require collective responsibility from the public, stated MLA & Chairman DPDB

Kohima, Kevipodi Sophie, in his award presentation speech. He appreciated the organisations for assisting the administration in ensuring smoother traffic flow and expressed hope that the spirit of cooperation would continue for the betterment of the district.

Deputy Commissioner B. Henok Buchem said five awardees were chosen for their support during landslides, acknowledging



MLA & DPDB Chairman Kohima, Kevipodi Sophie with DC Kohima B. Henok Buchem, officials, and awardees at the Kohima District Road Safety Award ceremony held at DPDB Hall, Kohima, on 16th February 2026.

the efforts of village councils and youth organisations in easing public movement. He highlighted ongoing traffic regulation challenges and called for cooperation from authorities and citizens. The DC urged adherence to traffic rules, warning against random parking and obstructions, emphasizing that “Kohima belongs to each one of us.”

The awardees included Upper

Jail Colony Panchayat, Jotsoma Youth Organisation, Kezoma Village Council, Naga Bazaar Youth Organisation and personnel of the Integrated Command & Control Centre (ICCC). The award, instituted to recognise individuals, groups, organisations and departments contributing towards road safety, carries a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 and a citation.

KOHIMA DPDB MEETS, DESO KOHIMA HIGHLIGHTS STRENGTHENING OF CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEM

The Kohima District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at the DPDB Hall, Kohima, with Deputy Commissioner Kohima, B Henok Buchem chairing the meeting in the presence of MLA & DPDB Chairman, Kevipodi Sophie on February 16th, 2026.

During the meeting, the Kohima District Road Safety Award 2026 was also presented. The Board reviewed the agenda of the previous DPDB meeting, wherein clarification was provided regarding the upgradation of Government Middle School (GMS), Phezoucha to Government High School (GHS).

Several agenda items were deliberated upon, and the Angami Public Organization

would be submitting a written presentation on the National Highway Act, 1956.

The District Economics and Statistics Officer (DESO), Kohima, Theyieneinuo Belho, while giving a PowerPoint presentation, highlighted the evolution and functions of the Department of Economics and Statistics.

Belho stated that the department functions at the state, district, and local levels, and is involved in the estimation of Gross State and District Domestic Product, vital statistics through the Civil Registration System (CRS), price statistics for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Wholesale Price Index (WPI), development indicators, and various surveys funded by

the Government of India. She added that data collected from line departments such as Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary, and Water Resources are compiled and published for public use and planning purposes, noting that data collection is gradually transitioning from paper-based methods to digital platforms.

Elaborating on the CRS, Belho informed that the department has been the nodal agency for the registration of births and deaths in the state since 2000. She stressed that all births and deaths must be reported within 21 days, with delayed registrations

requiring additional authorization, and registrations beyond one year necessitating approval from the Deputy Commissioner. She underlined the legal and administrative importance of birth and death certificates for identity, inheritance, insurance, and planning in the health and population sectors.

Belho also demonstrated the online application process for birth certificates, informing that citizens can now apply digitally either through registrars or directly from their homes.

DISTRICT LEVEL WORKSHOP ON GROUNDWATER DATA AND AQUIFER MAPPING HELD IN KOHIMA

A District Level Workshop on “Dissemination of Ground Water Data, Aquifer Mapping and Groundwater Management Plans of CGWB” was organised by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), North Eastern Region, Guwahati, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, on 17th February 2026.

Addressing as the Special Guest, Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, B. Henok Buchem Deputy Commissioner Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, said the workshop aims to disseminate findings of the National Aquifer Mapping (NAQUIM) studies, create awareness on groundwater management and quality issues, highlight successful case studies and share information on schemes under the Ministry of Jal Shakti applicable to the district. He highlighted the importance of groundwater management for sustainable development and urged departments to utilise scientific data for effective planning.

Regional Director, CGWB (NER),

Tapan Chakraborty, said the Board has been conducting groundwater exploration in the North East, including Dimapur district. He noted that under the NAQUIM 2.0 programme, greater focus is now being given to hill areas where communities depend on springs and streams. He stressed the need for monitoring water levels and quality and urged stakeholders to use CGWB data for effective planning.

Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Nagaland, Er. Thepfusalie Guozi, attending as Guest of Honour, cautioned that many natural sources are drying up or becoming polluted. He stressed the need for sustainable management of groundwater, which constitutes nearly 30 percent of freshwater resources.

During the technical session, Anenuo Pienyu, Scientist-C, CGWB, State Unit Office, Shillong, presented the findings of aquifer mapping and spring shed management studies in Kohima district. The activities and mandates of CGWB were also highlighted

by Dr. S S Singh, Scientist- D, CGWB, NER, Guwahati.

The workshop included demonstration of data access through web portals and GIS

tools such as cgwbdata.gov.in, IN-GRESS and IndiaWRIS, followed by discussion, feedback and question-answer sessions to understand local-level data requirements.

WORKSHOP ON TRADITIONAL CRAFTS AND WEAVING HELD AT KIPHIRE VILLAGE



Officials with participants during the one-day workshop on traditional crafts and weaving under the Living Morung Project at Kiphire Village on 17th February 2025.

The Office of the District Cultural Officer, Kiphire, under the department of Art & Culture, organized a one-day workshop under the Living Morung Project at Kiphire village on 17th February 2026 along with the villagers of Langkok and Longthonger village. The workshop was held emphasizing on traditional crafts and weaving, with Tsidongchem, Chairman Kiphire Village as the Special Guest.

The District Cultural Officer Kiphire, Moses Newmai in his speech sought the importance of embracing one's culture and identity irrespective of age, social status,

divide or the advancement influenced by the western culture.

Head GB of Kiphire village, Tsalimong narrated the history of the village's migration and also stated the significance of a morung, and the importance of handicrafts and weaving in today's generation. The programme was chaired by Rebeca, LDA, while the welcome address was delivered by Vilila Pojar, ARO Kiphire.

Thsaopi Sangtam (Crafts) and Zuzila Sangtam (weaving) were the resource persons for the workshop.

MON DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Mon District Planning & Development Board was held on 18th February 2026 at DC's Conference Hall, Mon. The Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB Mon, Wennyei Konyak, NCS presided over the proceeding.

After reviewing last meeting minutes, the DC introduced the proposed agendas for creation of Primary School at New Tobu Village, which was discussed in the last November 2025 DPDB meeting. Based on the report presented by DEO Mon, Thinoneisie

Lhousa, the board recommended the proposal for the creation of GPS at New Tobu Village.

A proposal for creation of Anganwadi Centre at Mohung Changai under CDPO Aboi was also discussed and forwarded to the concern department for approval.

The proposals for registration of Lohlong Football Club of Zangkham Village under Tizit, Shifting of Oting Village Administrative block from Mon Sadar to Tizit Sub-Division and Change of nomenclature of Yannu Village to Yannu Village under Tizit Sub-division were discussed and forwarded to the respective higher authority for approval.

Er. Thanyalo Kath, Sub-Divisional Officer (E), gave a PowerPoint Presentation

on Smart Metering of Electricity, and elaborated on the advantages of Smart Metering.

The DC encouraged the Agri. & Allied Departments to actively participate in the Aspirational Agriculture District. He informed that the Ministry is keen to know the grass root level activities, and called upon them to focus more on the activities taking place in the grass root level. He informed that with the advancement of technology all the reporting is done through online, and asked them to upload all their works through online system. He also encouraged the members to focus on development of the district and discharge their duties with dedication and efficiency.

UNION MoS RAM NATH THAKUR VISITS LONGLENG, REVIEWS AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ram Nath Thakur, began a two-day visit to Longleng district on February 18th, 2026 where he interacted with officials, farmers and civil society representatives and reviewed ongoing agricultural and development initiatives.

At a programme held at the DPDB Hall, Longleng on 18th February 2026 Deputy Commissioner W. Manpai Phom welcomed the Minister and presented an overview of the district through a PowerPoint presentation.

Addressing the gathering, Thakur said the government under Narendra Modi remains committed to the development of the Northeast and the welfare of farmers. He urged Agriculture and allied departments to provide detailed data on cultivated areas and farmers in the state, and also enquired about the functioning of soil testing laboratories in Nagaland. Stressing effective implementation of Central schemes, he called on officials to

ensure that benefits reach the grassroots and encouraged farmers to take advantage of available government programmes.

MLA A. Pongshi Phom appreciated the Minister's visit and highlighted the importance of agriculture in Nagaland, where nearly 70 percent of the population depends on farming. He noted that traditional jhum cultivation continues due to the hilly terrain and requested the Centre to support construction of agri-link roads to improve access to farms and markets. He also acknowledged Central initiatives such as Act East Policy, PM-DevINE, North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) and Schemes of North Eastern Council (SoNEC) for contributing to development in the region.

President of the Phom People's Council, Y.B. Angam Phom, welcomed the Minister and said the visit was significant for farmers and rural communities. He also referred to

the signing of the Frontier Nagaland Territory Authority agreement and appealed to the Centre to consider establishing a regional agricultural university and research centre in Longleng to support scientific research and modernize traditional farming practices.

During the visit, the Minister interacted with farmers and self-help groups at Orangkong village and witnessed cultural performances and traditional handicrafts.

On 19th February, Thakur visited the ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Longleng, where he reviewed ongoing agricultural development programmes. He emphasised the need to modernise jhum cultivation through location-specific technologies and promote climate-resilient farming systems while preserving indigenous knowledge.

The Minister also reviewed demonstrations of improved crop varieties, water harvesting structures and rainwater storage systems to address moisture stress

in hill agriculture. He encouraged initiatives on value addition, processing and post-harvest management to enhance farmers' income, while highlighting the importance of conserving local germplasm and protecting farmers' rights.

Later, Thakur inspected ongoing development projects in Longleng town, including the North East Centre for Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR) project at Bautung Government Higher Secondary School and the District Hospital Longleng. Expressing concern over the slow progress of work at the hospital, he directed authorities to improve the pace of implementation.

The Minister was accompanied by MLA A. Pongshi Phom, DC W. Manpai Phom, senior government officials and representatives of civil society organisations during the visit.

KAISA RIO INAGURATES DDLC 'COLOURS OF SPRING' FLOWER SHOW AT DIMAPUR

The Dimapur District Ladies Club (DDLC) in collaboration with the Department of Horticulture and the Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) organised "Colours of Spring" flower show at the Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland premises, Forest Colony, Dimapur on February 19th, 2026.

Kaisa Rio, Lady wife of the Chief Minister of Nagaland and Chief Patron of DDLC, attending as the Guest of Honour, lauded the Department of Horticulture and IDAN for their strong support and collaboration. She noted that the "Colours of Spring" theme was fitting, symbolizing renewal, hope, and fresh beginnings.

Rio emphasised that the exhibition was

not only about aesthetic appreciation but also about promoting floriculture, nurturing creativity and providing a platform for flower growers and plant enthusiasts to showcase their talent, innovation and hard work. She highlighted that such events help growers connect with buyers and support sustainable livelihoods. Pointing out the economic potential of floriculture in Nagaland, she stated that, with proper guidance, training, and market access, it could become a profitable venture, especially benefiting women and youth.

Commissioner & Secretary, Horticulture Department and member of DDLC, Akumla Chuba, IAS, highlighted that the programme went beyond visual appeal and sought to

celebrate the diversity of life. She informed that seminars on floriculture, dragon fruit cultivation and mushroom farming were organised to equip participants with practical knowledge and encourage them to explore these sectors as viable avenues for employment and livelihood. She noted horticulture's economic potential, with floriculture emerging as a key area attracting new entrepreneurs.

Advisor to the Chief Minister and Chairman of the Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), Abu Metha, addressing the gathering, remarked that women in the state are excelling in multiple fields and, in many areas, outperforming men.

Highlighting government initiatives, Metha informed that under the Chief Minister's Microfinance Scheme, women entrepreneurs are eligible to apply for financial assistance, including soft loans and grants. He further mentioned that the government is exploring plans to establish a dedicated flower market in Nagaland to provide better infrastructure and opportunities for growers.

The programme featured daily seminars for participants, covering floriculture on February 19, dragon fruit cultivation on February 20, and mushroom cultivation on February 21, each led by expert resource persons.

ADMINISTRATION TARGETS 3,000 SKILLED WORKERS IN SHAMATOR



EAC Shamator, Mekato J. Aye, with officials and participants at the valedictory programme of a Skill Training programme held in Shamator on 19th February 2026.

EAC Shamator, Mekato J. Aye, addressed the valedictory programme of participants who completed skill training in masonry, plumbing, tiling and electrical trades, congratulating the 200 trainees and the partnering agencies AISTEC and Rñumoru Society for successful completion of a month-long programme on 19th February

2026.

In his address, Aye emphasised that the trainees must now build strong professional networks among themselves, understand the basic circulation of money within the local economy, and contribute to strengthening the district economy. He reminded participants that the training aims to develop them as

certified skilled workers, emphasizing the importance of combining practical skills with thoughtful planning for future success.

The EAC also urged the trainees to motivate youths and parents in their respective villages to enroll in skill training

programmes, stating that the District Administration Shamator aims to create a pool of 3,000 skilled labourers.

Basic toolkits were also distributed to the trainees at the programme.

AWARENESS PROGRAM ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES CONSERVATION HELD AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

A three-day Plant Genetic Resources (PGR) Conservation Awareness Program cum Training on Organic Farming was held at Agri Expo, Chumoukedima, from 19th- 21st February 2026. The programme was being organised by the ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), New Delhi, in collaboration with SAS, Nagaland University, Medziphema Campus and the Department of Agriculture, Government of Nagaland.

At the inaugural program, chaired by Prof. Akali Sema and graced by Sidramappa M. Chalkapure, IFS, brought together scientists, scholars, community leaders, and farmers to exchange knowledge and promote sustainable practices. Chalkapure highlighted Nagaland's ecological significance as part of the Indo-Himalayan Biodiversity Hotspot, and the importance of preserving endemic plants and animals. He stressed documenting

traditional tribal knowledge, integrating it with modern science, and involving communities in protecting forests, water sources, and biodiversity. In conclusion, he urged collective action by scientists, communities, and policymakers to safeguard Nagaland's rich biodiversity.

Dr. Sushil Pandey, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi, briefed the participants on the objectives of the programme and highlighted its key components, noting that India hosts the world's second-largest gene bank at NBPGR. He emphasized the government's commitment to biodiversity conservation and announced plans to establish a second gene bank in Himachal Pradesh.

The program saw participation from farmers, scientists, students and officials from various departments.

SOYBEAN FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 'FROM FIELD TO FEAST' LEGACY AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

A two-day Soybean Festival under the theme "From Field to Feast: Celebrating Our Soybean Legacy" commenced at Angh Hall, Agri Expo, Chumoukedima, on 20th February 2026, drawing farmers, entrepreneurs, scientists and stakeholders from across the state. The festival is being organized by ICAR-AICRP on Soybean under the TSP and NEH components, School of Agricultural Sciences (SAS), Nagaland University,

Medziphema Campus.

Gracing the occasion, Dr. G.P. Singh, Director, ICAR-NBPGR, and Sanuzo Nienu, Director of Agriculture, Government of Nagaland, highlighted the growing importance of soybean as a "miracle crop" for economic empowerment and nutritional security.

Addressing the gathering, Sanuzo Nienu, Director of Agriculture, Government

of Nagaland, described soybean (*Glycine max*) as one of the most valuable leguminous crops globally, rich in protein and oil, and a vital contributor to food security. He noted its environmental benefits, including natural nitrogen fixation, and its industrial uses in bio-diesel, cosmetics, and plastics, encouraging farmers to adopt soybean cultivation as a sustainable and profitable option.

Delivering the keynote address, Prof. L. Tongpang Longkumer from the Department of Agronomy, SAS, Nagaland University, emphasized the importance of scientific advancements and the adoption of improved soybean varieties suited to Nagaland's unique agro-climatic conditions. He underlined that soybean cultivation can significantly

enhance soil health, boost farmers' income and promote nutritional security across the state.

The technical session was delivered by Dr. Bendangsenla Imsong, SMS/CTO (Plant Breeding & Genetics), KVK, Jharnapani and Dr. Pezangulie Chakruno, Jr. Scientist (Plant Pathology), AICRP on Soybean, SAS, NU. It featured expert talks on variety selection for rainfed conditions and the soybean scenario in Nagaland, equipping farmers and stakeholders with updated knowledge and best practices.

An exhibition stall showcasing soybean varieties, technologies and value-added products was also inaugurated as part of the festival.

WOKHA DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SIGNS MoU WITH NECTAR SHILLONG TO BOOST AGRI-ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

A consultative meeting and signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the District Administration Wokha and Northeast Centre for Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR), Shillong, was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha on 20th February 2026.

Deputy Commissioner, Vineet Kumar IAS, in his welcome address, highlighted the potential of agriculture-based entrepreneurship given the favorable agro-climatic conditions in Wokha. Citing the success of the first Banana Festival, he stressed that technological integration would transform the farming ecosystem and entrepreneurship landscape in Wokha.

Director General, NECTAR Shillong, Dr. Arun Kumar Sarma, in his special address, acknowledged the efforts of the District

Administration and outlined NECTAR's objectives of disseminating technology for societal transformation, supporting livelihoods through technology integration, and upskilling.

The MoU was formally signed between Deputy Commissioner Vineet Kumar and Director General Dr. Arun Kumar Sarma.

Research Associate, Dr. Sunita Upadhyaya, presented an overview of the Community Seed Bank, followed by its virtual inauguration at Baghty Village. She explained that the Community Seed Bank is designed to preserve, exchange, and promote indigenous and improved seed varieties, ensuring farmers' access to quality seeds while safeguarding biodiversity.

The programme also witnessed the distribution of PGS-India Scope Certificates to master trainers under the PM-DevINE

project, awarded to organic growers from Yimparasa, Baghty, Pangtong, and Serika villages.

The meeting concluded with detailed discussions on finalizing short-term and long-term action plans and exploring prospects for collaboration in Wokha.

Entrepreneurs from the district, including representatives from the Small Tea Growers Association, Yuthi Delight, and Biodynamics Wokha, participated in the discussion raising issues and seeking assistance to strengthen farming and entrepreneurship in the district.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) for February 2026 was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall in Zunheboto on 24th February under the chairpersonship of Vice Chairman DPDB and Deputy Commissioner, Dharam Raj.

During the meeting, the Board reviewed the previous meetings agenda which included approving the registration of the New Era Education Society and forwarded it to the Government for further consideration. The Board also discussed the registration of the Sumi Anthropology Research Union and proposal to change the name and relocate Eden Garden School, Aluhuto.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner issued several administrative directives to departments, emphasizing the need to obtain prior approval before initiating any work and to follow proper procedures. He emphasized that district administration authority must be respected and cautioned

against using unauthorized channels. The DPDB passed a resolution endorsing these directives to enhance administrative accountability.

The meeting later took up issues raised by the Sumi Youth Organization (SYO). President of the organization, Hikavi H. Kinimi read out a representation submitted during the 2nd Edition of the Hornbill Festival Extension 2025 for the construction of a Sumi Naga Museum in Zunheboto. The Deputy Commissioner informed the house that the proposal would be forwarded to the Tribal Affairs Department for necessary action.

Government College Zunheboto and Power Department, Zunheboto gave a presentation in the meeting. The meeting concluded with a reaffirmation of the district administration's commitment to transparency, procedural discipline, and improved public service delivery in Zunheboto.

WOKHA DPDB MEETING FOCUSES ON WATER CRISIS, HOSPITAL UPGRADATION, AND DIGITAL GOVERNANCE EXPANSION

The monthly meeting of the District Planning and Development Board (DPDB), Wokha was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Wokha on 24th February 2026, chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB,

Vineet Kumar, IAS, with MLA and Chairman of the Bhandari Sub-division Planning and Development Board, Achumbemo Kikon, present along with officers and Heads of Departments from across the district.

The house deliberated on the drying up of



MLA Achumbemo Kikon with DC Wokha, Vineet Kumar and other officials releasing the Pamphlets on Drug Abuse in the Workplace during the monthly DPDB meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on 24th February 2026.

Etsutchukha, the only perennial water source in the heart of Wokha town. Officials from the PHED Department, Forest Department, and Wokha Town Council presented their assessments, identifying borewell drilling around the pond as a major cause of depletion. MLA Achumbemo Kikon took serious note of the matter and suggested immediate revival measures, including plantation drives in Mount Tiyi. He also requested the Nagaland Ground Water Board to provide assistance and interventions for the revival of the water source, while calling for stricter regulation of unregulated groundwater extraction in the town area.

The meeting also passed a resolution for the construction of a new district hospital, with plans to upgrade it to an urban hospital and include a nursing college. Medical Superintendent Wokha, Dr. N. Mhonchan Kithan highlighted that facilities at the district hospital remain inadequate, in addition to overcrowding during peak season, absence of staff quarters and encroachment.

MLA Achumbemo also raised concerns about geotagging and mapping, which showed several Lotha villages under Assam, stressing its seriousness and potential impact on census operations. He further noted ongoing efforts to minimize human-elephant conflicts, with both issues adopted as resolutions during the meeting.

Another highlight was the launch of the AI-powered Citizens SEWA Chatbot, a multi-channel digital interface serving as a single gateway to district government services

District Programme Officer, District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit Wokha, Lichumo Odyuo and officials from the Economics and Statistics Department delivered a departmental presentation highlighting key data and initiatives.

CHITSO SUMAI CELEBRATED IN NOKLAK



Advisor for Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan addressing Chitso Sumai festival celebration at Khaushiu Public Ground, Pathso, Noklak on 24th February 2026.

Pathso Noknyu celebrated Chitso Sumai at Khaushiu Public Ground, Pathso, Noklak on 24th February 2026, with MLA & Advisor, Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan as special guest and MLA, Benei M Lamthiu as the festival host.

Chitso Sumai is a significant agricultural festival of the Khamniungan tribe, that marks the transition into a new farming season. It is observed as a dual purpose celebration, offering heartfelt thanksgiving for the previous year's bounty and a spiritual invocation for blessings upon the upcoming

labour.

In his address, MLA & Advisor, Mhathung Yanthan stated that the festival holds deep significance as it is a time to thank God for the bountiful harvest and to invoke his blessings for the upcoming season of labour and cultivation. Highlighting that the Government of Nagaland is prioritising the welfare of farmers, Yanthan called upon both the farmers and the youth to seize the available opportunities and transform farming into a sustainable and profitable enterprise rather than merely a means of survival.

Speaking at the program, the festival host, MLA, Benei M Lamthiu stated that the Khamniungan people are blessed with fertile soil and a hardworking community. However, he noted that with the growing

challenges posed by climate change, traditional farming practices are no longer as effective as they once were. He emphasized the need to adopt modern and sustainable agricultural methods to cope with these changes.

Benei further urged the concern line department to actively guide and support the farmers of the area by providing proper training, technical assistance, and necessary resources to help them transition to improved farming practices.

Following the formal program, MLA & Advisor, Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan inaugurated exhibition stalls set up by various village organisations. The celebration continued with cultural display by Pathso Nokeng cultural troupe and Pathso cultural troupe.

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING-Cum-DEMONSTRATION HELD AT KHONSA BLOCK

ATMA Kiphire, Khongsa block has successfully conducted capacity building Training-cum-demonstration on agri and allied sector with the utilization of newly introduced geo-tagging feature through the Krishi Mapper App.

The initiative is part of a broader mission to digitize and collect data on farmland where crop demonstrations are carried out for farmers in Nagaland. The training focused on "Natural Farming", while the demonstration highlighted vegetable cultivation practices.

The programme was chaired by BTM Mhonreni Odyuo and ATM Takutoshi Jamir,

with former BTT Convenor Yamuki serving as the resource person.

During the session, the resource person stressed the importance of preserving indigenous seeds, improving traditional farming methods, reducing chemical usage, and promoting the application of bio-fertilizers and organic pest control measures.

Additionally, Farm School, Food Security Group (FSG), and Seed Money (SM) initiatives were launched during the programme. The training covered Salomi Village, Khongsa HQ, and Penkim Village from February 24 to 26, 2025.

SEKRENYI CELEBRATION AT SOVIMA CALLS FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, UNITY AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

The celebration of Sekrenyi-cum-Mini Hornbill 2026 was held at Sovima

Village Council Ground on 25th of February 2026, organized by the Sovima Angami

Organization and Sponsored by the Tourism Department of Nagaland. The event was graced by Temjen Imna Along, Minister for Tourism & Higher Education, as the Chief Guest and Zhaleo Rio, Advisor for Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, as the Guest of Honour, accompanied by Salhoutuonuo Kruse, Minister for Women Resource Development & Horticulture, Nagaland and Abu Metha, Advisor to CM and Chairman of IDAN, Nagaland.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Imna Along extended his greetings to the Angami community and lauded the organizers for hosting an inclusive celebration that brought together leaders from various Naga tribes. He underscored the importance of unity among indigenous communities, stating that such platforms strengthen bonds and reinforce a shared Naga identity.

On cultural preservation, Imna Along stressed that indigenous tribes must safeguard their heritage, traditions and way of life while remaining firmly rooted in Christian faith. "Faith and culture are not enemies. We can preserve what is right in our tradition while standing firm in our belief," he said.

Highlighting the revival of cultural pride in the state, he credited initiatives under Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio,

particularly the promotion of the Hornbill Festival and mini-festivals across districts, for strengthening indigenous identity and encouraging cultural resurgence.

Describing Sekrenyi as a festival of purification, Along said its message remains deeply relevant today. He called upon Naga communities to purify themselves from suspicion, propaganda and division, and instead built stronger bridges of trust.

Thejao Vihienuo, the President of the Angami Public Organisation (APO), in his address, reflected on the historical and spiritual roots of Sekrenyi. He emphasized that the deeper essence of Sekrenyi, the call to purify one's soul and renew one's spirit, remains profoundly meaningful. "If God, in His greatness, had instilled in the hearts of our ancestors the need for purification and dedications, then we, in our present faith, have even greater reason to observe this festival in a renewed spirit," he said.

The President maintains that Sekrenyi continues to carry spiritual and cultural significance. The festival is now seen as an occasion to dedicate oneself afresh, renew one's bond with the Creator and Lord and Savior, and seek blessings for the people and the land. "It is with this purpose and vision that we are gathered here today," he stated.

WORKSHOP ON ANIMAL WELFARE AWARENESS HELD AT PHEK

Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services conducted District Level Workshop on Animal welfare Awareness under the theme. "A Call to Care", held at CVO office Phek on 26th February, 2026.

In her keynote address, CVO Phek, Dr. E. Mhonlumi Lotha said that program was

organised to spread awareness for animal care and that we are responsible for their wellbeing and protection.

Resource person, Sekhotso Rokha, Retainer Lawyer, Phek District Legal Services Authority while speaking on Sensitization on Animal Welfare, highlighted the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960 for Animals'

Welfare, and appealed to the citizens and pet owners to provide suitable environment and proper care to these animals.

Short speeches were also delivered by EAC Phek hq. Imnasenla Walling, NCS and SDPO Phek, Khuzah Jurry, NPS where

the EAC outlined the functions of District Level Committee for Protection of Animals headed by Deputy Commissioner and the SDPO informed with regard to International Organisation/PETA, Animal welfare Court of India at the program.

NIULAND DPDB MEETING HELD

Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman of the District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) Niuland, Sara S Jamir, constituted the District Level Committee for Year of Plantation during the DPDB meeting that was held on 26th Feb 2026 at DC Conference Hall Niuland.

The committee will be headed by Nuhuta Tunyi, SDO (C) Kuhuboto and District Agriculture Officer Thepusa Nakhro, as member secretary and all the officers from Agri. and Allied Department including PHE & PWD as members.

It may be mentioned that during the last DPDB meeting the Year 2026 was declared as the year of Plantation.

Jenifer, Vice president, Androit Society Kuhuboto, gave a detail report of the Society's activities, following which the

Board members deliberated and approved the Renewal of Androit Society Kuhuboto

Er. Karipong Walling, EE & Er. Lhokashe Swu, SDO both from the Water Resource Department (WRD) gave the insightful power point presentation on the departmental activities and ongoing works in the district. DC while acknowledging the eye-opening presentation from the (WRD) also requested the concerned officers to sensitise the public on various schemes and projects through seminars and workshops.

In regards to water logging problem in Niuland Town, the DC urged the Niuland Town Council Chairman, V Samuel Holo and ADC Niuland, S Athsangla to coordinate with Water Resource Dept. for better and effective management of water logging problems in Niuland Town.

DPDB MEETING DISCUSS ON URBAN HEAT STRESS, MONSOON PREPAREDNESS AND VARIOUS AGENDA

The monthly meeting of the District Planning & Development Board (DP&DB) Dimapur was held on February 26th 2026 at the DC's Conference Hall, Dimapur, under the chairmanship of Advisor, Labour, Employment & Skill Development, Excise, Moatoshi Longkumer.

The Chairman in his welcome address, stated that the district has maintained good teamwork and cooperation among departments, which has contributed to its steady progress. Urging the new members to

uphold the same spirit, he called upon them to work with sincerity and enthusiasm, and to function as a cohesive team for the overall development and betterment of Dimapur district.

Among the primary items of the agenda was the registration of societies, including Shiv Laxmi Mandir Committee and Brighter Tomorrow Society; In the health sector, it took up the requirement of focus lamps and radiant warmers for the District Hospital Dimapur, as proposed by the Chief Medical

Officer (CMO), Dimapur, where the board agreed to recommend the respective agendas. Also, on Monsoon preparedness and the drainage system in Dimapur, the house deliberated on the need to ensure that all drainage channels are cleared ahead of the approaching rainy season to prevent waterlogging and potential flooding in vulnerable areas. After detailed discussion, the house directed the Management Committee, in coordination with the Dimapur Municipal Council (DMC), to take immediate steps for the removal of obstacles and blockages in critical locations wherever necessary. The chairman emphasized that timely intervention and coordinated efforts would be crucial to mitigate risks and safeguard public property during the monsoon period.

The Board also deliberated on the recognition of Urban Heat Stress as a state-specific disaster and discuss climate-responsive urban resilience initiatives in Dimapur, as proposed by Earth Alliance Nagaland, wherein related to this, a PowerPoint presentation was presented by the Dimapur Municipal Council. Among the key proposals is the formal recognition of Urban Heat Stress as district- or state-specific disaster under the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA).

The activation of the State Disaster

Mitigation Fund (SDMF – Mitigation Allocation) was also proposed to implement a priority Heat Action Plan (HAP) under a comprehensive Climate Action Plan for Dimapur. It also emphasized the need to mainstream heat-responsive Development Control Regulations (DCRs) within the Dimapur Master Plan to embed climate resilience into future urban growth.

Another major recommendation includes the formal endorsement of the “Greening Dimapur Project” as a district-level climate resilience framework to guide multi-scalar convergence and investment. Strengthening municipal and district coordination mechanisms to protect vulnerable populations—particularly informal workers and heat-exposed communities—was also underscored. The Officials further called for positioning heat mitigation as a preventive public health and infrastructure investment, which would enable access to external climate adaptation and resilience financing.

A temperature projections showed that in the next 20 years, average summer temperatures could rise by 1.5% to 4%, depending on global emission trends. The findings underline the urgent need for proactive planning and coordinated policy action to mitigate heat stress and build long-term climate resilience in Dimapur.

DISTRICT-LEVEL VIKSIT BHARAT YOUTH PARLIAMENT – 2026 HELD AT LONGLENG

The NSS Wing of Yingli Govt. College, Longleng successfully conducted the District-Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament - 2026 on the theme “50 YEARS OF EMERGENCY: LESSONS FOR INDIAN DEMOCRACY” on 27th February 2026, at Yingli College

Longleng.

The event saw participation of 8 students from across Longleng District, who took part in an elocution competition. The winners are:- Hentong (1st Rank), Rozichem (2nd Rank), and Chuthai L. Phom (3rd Rank).

The event was graced by Imkongnukla Ao, EAC Longleng HQ. Other dignitaries present included Hitesh Kumar, District Youth Officer and Imlichuba Phom, NYV Longleng. Dr. T. Temsu Imti, Principal of Yingli College, delivered the welcome

address, while Associate Professor Dr. Mahabir Jha, gave the keynote address.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. B. Henshet Phom, Vice-Principal of the College. Over 205 students and NSS Volunteers attended the program.

MEMBER SECRETARY NSLSA NEIKO AKAMI VISITS MON DISTRICT JAIL

Member Secretary of the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority, Neiko Akami along with the Mon District Legal Services Authority (Mon DLSA), accompanied by District and Sessions Judge, Mon, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Mon, Panel Lawyer, DLSA, Assistant LADC and Jail PLV paid an official visit to Mon District Jail on 27th February 2026.

During the visit, the Member Secretary interacted with inmates during his visit, informing them about free legal services available through the Legal Aid Defence Counsel (LADC) system and the quarterly Lok Adalat for amicable settlement of cases.

He highlighted the Victim Compensation Scheme, noting that Mon DLSA awarded ₹6 lakh to three families in 2025, and appreciated the Under Trial Review Committee for facilitating the release of three undertrial inmates. He encouraged inmates to use their time for self-reflection and later inspected the jail premises, recommending installation of a European toilet in the female ward to improve sanitation facilities.

This visit reaffirmed the commitment of the Legal Services Authorities to ensure access to justice, legal awareness, and welfare measures for inmates and victims alike.



GHS TUENSANG VILLAGE INAUGURATED

MLA, Intichoba Chang inaugurated the Government High School, Tuensang Village on 4th February 2026.

In his inaugural speech, Chang acknowledged and appreciated the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio; Advisor, School Education; Commissioner & Secretary, School Education; District Administration, Tuensang; DEO Tuensang; SMC and Tuensang Village Council for their role and support in upgradation of the school from Middle School to High School.

He said after 57 years of establishment, the Government has finally responded to the urgent calls and sincere Prayers of the people for upgradation of the school. Chang urged

the Village Council to have ownership of the school, and also to act as Guardian for the students and teachers coming from other villages. He also encouraged the teachers to be a beacon of hope for the students and to teach and guide the students to bring laurel to the School, survive and compete with other Government School of the district.

Short speeches from Shelly Katiry, ADC Tuensang; C. Pongsu, President of CWS; Rose Ngullie, DEO Tuensang and B. Kaimang President of TVCU.

Message and dedicatory Prayer by Rev. T. Mongba, Pastor of TSBL and a vote of thanks by Yakchingsonla, Teacher Incharge of GHS Tuensang Village.

CM RIO FLAGS OFF ALS AMBULANCES AS IDAN-TOYOTA CSR INITIATIVE; STRENGTHENS EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE IN NAGALAND

In a significant boost to emergency healthcare services in Nagaland, the IDAN-Toyota CSR Initiative Asset Handing over Ceremony was held on 12th February 2026 at Zone Niathu by The Park, Chumoukedima. The programme marked the formal handing over of assets and the flagging off of Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances.

During the programme, Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio as a special guest in his address, lauded Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) and Toyota for their collaborative effort and emphasized that the deployment of ALS ambulances would greatly enhance emergency response and save lives across the state. The Chief Minister noted that over the past three years, the Toyota CSR partners have consistently contributed across various sectors including youth development, sports, and emergency support.

The Chief Minister stated that the partnership with Japan has expanded beyond cultural exchange to education, IT, and development sectors. He emphasized that CSR initiatives play a vital role in reaching underserved communities and expressed hope that the assets handed over would be utilized effectively and serve as benchmarks for future development. Drawing inspiration from Japan's education system, the Chief Minister said collective responsibility among teachers, students, and communities offers valuable lessons for human development.

Deputy Chief Minister in charge of Home & Border Affairs, Y. Patton, expressed appreciation to Toyota Kirloskar Motor Private Limited for its meaningful collaboration with the Government of Nagaland under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio through IDAN. He informed that the project covers

six districts—Kohima, Dimapur, Niuland, Chumoukedima, Tseminyu and Zunheboto. Under the healthcare component, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances were provided to four healthcare centres along with critical medical and non-medical equipment across 11 institutions. The education component supported two government schools as pilot projects with furniture, sports equipment and kitchen items to enhance learning environments.

While acknowledging the progress achieved, the Deputy Chief Minister noted that many remote areas still require support and assured that efforts would continue to expand such initiatives to ensure no region is left behind.

A presentation and speech were delivered by Vikram Gulati, Executive Vice President & Country Head – Corporate Affairs & Governance, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, who outlined Toyota's commitment to community welfare through its CSR initiatives.

The event began with opening remarks by Chairman, IDAN and Advisor to the Chief Minister, Abu Metha. The ceremony concluded with the formal asset handing over and flagging off of ALS ambulances, symbolizing a major step forward in improving Nagaland's healthcare infrastructure through corporate social responsibility and government partnership.

JSW WOMEN-CENTRIC BPO INAUGURATED AT IBHIC, DIMAPUR

The JSW Women-Centric Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) was inaugurated on 18th February 2026 at the Integrated Business Hub & Innovation Centre (IBHIC), Forest Colony, Dimapur. The initiative is a collaborative effort between the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) and the JSW Foundation under the JSW Shakti initiative. The centre, described as the first-of-its-kind women-centric BPO facility in Northeast India, has an initial seating capacity of 150 and will provide IT-enabled employment opportunities for women aged 18 years and above.

Chief Minister of Nagaland Dr. Neiphiu Rio graced the programme as hile Chief Operating Officer of JSW Shakti Foundation, Rahul Dev attended as the Honoured Guest.

Delivering the inaugural address, the Special Guest, Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio said the inauguration marks more than the opening of a facility - it represents a

new chapter in Nagaland's journey towards inclusive and technology-driven growth. He said the partnership reflects a shared vision of empowering women, strengthening skills, and creating meaningful employment opportunities within the State.

Rio remarked that the establishment of a women-centric BPO in Dimapur demonstrates that Nagaland is ready to host modern service-sector enterprises. He expressed confidence that the success of this centre would attract more investments in IT-enabled services and other knowledge-based industries to the State. He expressed hope that the centre would help reduce outward migration by enabling young women to pursue professional careers within their home State, thereby strengthening families and contributing to the local economy.

In his opening remarks, Abu Metha, Chairman of IDAN and Advisor to the Chief Minister, describe the facility as a milestone

initiative, he informed that the BPO will initially employ around 125 people, with plans to expand up to 500 employees in the coming months.

He further stated that the initiative seeks to generate employment within the State so that young people, especially women, need not migrate to distant cities under challenging conditions. Bringing them back to work at home would strengthen families and boost the local economy, he added.

Chief Operating Officer of JSW Shakti Foundation, Rahul Dev and the Honoured Guest of the event Rahul Dev, in his address, stated that the JSW Foundation, established in 1989 as the social development arm of the JSW Group, works across 11 states and

15 districts, impacting over one million lives. He informed that JSW Shakti centres are operational in several states including Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, and West Bengal, and the Dimapur centre marks the first such facility in the Northeast. Speaking on the Women-Centric BPO initiative, he said the project aims to empower women by providing IT-enabled employment opportunities and enabling them to contribute meaningfully to economic growth.

The programme concluded with the ceremonial presentation of engagement letters to selected candidates and ribbon-cutting of the BPO.

ORENTHUNG LOTHIA IAS INAUGURATES IPR OFFICE BUILDINGS IN TSEMINYU AND PEREN

TSEMINYU

The inauguration programme of the newly constructed IPR Office Building at Tseminyu was held on 23rd February, 2026. The building was formally inaugurated by Orenthung Lotha, IAS Commissioner & Secretary, Information & Public Relations and Cooperation, Government of Nagaland, who graced the occasion as the Special Guest.

Addressing the gathering, the Special Guest described Tseminyu as one of the unique and vibrant districts fortunate to receive such infrastructure and encouraged the people to make optimal use of the facility. He expressed gratitude to former Advisor IPR Late Imkong L Imchen, and Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio for the building project. He emphasized the department's role in delivering accurate and verified information to the public and media, noting that in the social media era, rapid

information spread makes it crucial for the government to communicate responsibly across all platforms.

The Commissioner & Secretary also informed that the government is planning to establish the Nagaland Integrated Information System, under which Tseminyu will function as one of the information hubs. The system will collect data from various departments under the leadership of the Deputy Commissioner and the district administration, ensuring accessibility of accurate information to the public.

Japhet Woch, NCS Deputy Commissioner, Tseminyu, expressed appreciation to all stakeholders for the timely completion of the project. Urging all departments and staff to think and act as a full-fledged district, the Deputy Commissioner called for proactive functioning, generation of accurate data, and

meaningful engagement to ensure effective governance.

Earlier in the programme, Assistant Director, IPR, Meghasha Tep presented the District Profile of the Tseminyu IPR Office. Pastor of Tseminyu Town Baptist Church, Yhunthonglo Khing, offered the dedicatory prayer. Director Dzüvinuo Theünuo, senior officers from the Department of Information & Public Relations, ADC Tseminyu Mhomo Tungoe, IPR staff from Tseminyu and the Directorate, contractors of the building, and other guests were present during the programme.

PEREN

The newly constructed Office Building of the District Public Relations Officer (DPRO), Peren was inaugurated on 24th February 2026 by the Commissioner & Secretary, Information & Public Relations and Co-operation, Orenthung Lotha IAS as the Special Guest.

In his inaugural address, Lotha noted the challenges of operating in a remote area but expressed optimism that Peren could develop into a vibrant township. He lauded Peren District's vision to become the

greenest district in Nagaland, stating that the goal is achievable and aligns with sustainable development objectives. Speaking on employment, he said that unemployment among educated youth remains a pressing concern in the State. He stressed the need to equip young people with market-driven skills and emphasized that the Department of Information and Public Relations has an important role in disseminating information on government policies, programmes, and emerging job opportunities.

Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Hiazu Meru, in his address, expressed appreciation to the Department of Information and Public Relations for undertaking the construction and stated that having a dedicated office space would enhance efficiency and improve overall output. Expressing happiness at being part of the inauguration programme, he acknowledged the role of the DPRO and staff in ensuring that district activities and achievements are reflected in local dailies. The Deputy Commissioner also emphasized the need to leverage technology, particularly through digitization of office records, to improve efficiency and transparency in



Commissioner & Secretary Orenthung Lotha IAS; Director IPR, Dzüvinuo Theünuo; DC Tseminyu, Japhet Woch and senior officers during the inauguration of IPR Office Building at Tseminyu on 23rd February 2026.

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The programme included a dedicatory prayer by Pastor Nlumbui , District Profile

presentation by DPRO, Peren, Ketarutmakbo Zeliang, and was chaired by Joint Director, IPR, Asangla Imsong.

FOUNDATION STONE LAID FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TRADITIONAL HOMESTAY, ANGAMI KITHO AND MINI MUSEUM AT KOHIMA VILLAGE

The foundation stone for the “Development of Traditional Homestay & Inauguration of Angami Kitho and Mini Museum” at D. Khel, Kohima Village, was laid on February 24, 2026, coinciding with the Sekrenyi Feast celebration.

The programme began with the foundation stone unveiling by G. Kaito Aye, Minister, NPWD (R&B), Government of Nagaland, who highlighted the importance of unity, cultural preservation, and peace. The Minister termed the homestay initiative a welcome step, stating that it would not only improve economic prospects but also strengthen hospitality and cultural exchange. He encouraged villagers to extend warmth and accommodation to visitors and to take advantage of Kohima being the State capital.

Highlighting the importance of preserving language, identity and cultural heritage, he said festivals should be occasions to promote forgiveness, reconciliation and peace. Without peace, he remarked, celebration cannot truly exist.

Presenting the project overview, Kevi Khezhe, Proprietor, stated that the objective of the initiative is to create a space where art meets tradition. He informed that the project

envisions the development of a high-quality public recreational park with universal accessibility and eco-friendly, affordable accommodation through aesthetic cabins set within the natural landscape. The initiative will promote eco-tourism and responsible travel by providing visitors with hands-on experiences in farming activities, including paddy cultivation, and traditional Naga-style cooking using organic produce from within the project site.

Briefly speaking on the occasion, Pele Khezhe, President, Northern Angami Public Organization, highlighted the significance of Sekrenyi as the most sacred and important festival of the Angamis. He said the inauguration of the cultural heritage house during the celebration symbolises pride, identity and commitment to preserving traditions.

Earlier, the invocation was pronounced by Menuolhoulie Sekhose, Assistant Pastor, Baptist Mission Church, Kohima, and traditional blessings by Medo Keretsii, Head GB, Kohima Village. A folk presentation was also performed by the Cultural Promotion Society, Kohima.





Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio and Toyota Kirloskar Motor's Vikram Gulati along with dignitaries during the formal handing over of assets and and flag-off of Advanced Life Support ambulances at Zone Niathu by the Park, Chümoukedima on 12th February 2026.



Director, Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema along with Col. Iqbaljeet Singh Dhillon, C.O,39 Assam Rifles, Phek Inaugurating Trade Expo- 2026 held at Avakhung, Meluri 12th February 2026.



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio presenting engagement letters to an employee during the inauguration of JSW Women-Centric Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) Centre at the IBHIC, Forest Colony, Dimapur on 18th February 2026.



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STATE ROUND-UP



Director of Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema, alongside Dr. K. Rangrajan of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata, signing the MoU to establish the Export Facilitation Cell (EFC) in the state at the Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Kohima on 5th February 2026.



Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer, with fellow presiding officers during the committee meeting to review the power of presiding officers under 10th Scheduled of the Constitution at Vidhan Bhavan, Mumbai on 9th February 2026.



Planning Advisor, NEC, Som Kamei and Director IIM Shillong, Prof. Nalini Prava Tripathy with officers from Nagaland during the Joint Inaugural Ceremony for a five-day Management training program at IIM Shillong on 23rd February 2026.

STATE ROUND-UP



Personnel from Fire and Emergency services demonstrating practical emergency response techniques to journalists and media participants during the two-day disaster management training organised by DIPR at Hotel Saramati, Dimapur on 27th February 2026.



A nurse administering the HPV vaccine in the presence of Commissioner & Secretary, H&FW, Anoop Khinchi IAS and other officials during the launch of the National HPV Vaccination Programme at Naga Hospital Authority, Kohima on 28th February 2026.



Principal Secretary I. Himato Zhimomi with officials and awardees of the Nagaland Science & Technology Awards during the National Science Day celebration at Capital Convention Hall, Kohima on 28th February 2026.

DISTRICT ROUND-UP



An official administering anti-rabies vaccine during the free vaccination drive organized by the Chief Veterinary Officer's office at Tseminyu on 2nd February 2026.



Director of Agriculture, Sanuzo Nieru inaugurating the Soybean product stalls during the Soybean Festival at Angh Hall, Agri. Expo, Chumoukedima on 20th February 2026.



Member Secretary, NSLSA, Neiko Akami along with other officials during their visit to Mon District Jail on 27th February 2026.

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES



MLA & Chairman DPDB Noklak, P.Longon with other officials during the inauguration of SP Office, Noklak on 10th February 2026.



Commissioner and Secretary Orenthung Lotha, IAS inaugurating the newly constructed DPRO Office Building in the presence of Director IPR, Dziuvimuo Theinuo; DC Peren, Hiazu Meru and senior officers at Peren on 24th February 2026.



Minister for NPWD (R&B), G. Kaito Aya with dignitaries and at the foundation stone laying ceremony for the Development of Traditional Homestay, Angami Kitho and Mini Museum at D.Khel, Kohima Village on 24th February 2026.