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Union Minister of DoNER, GoI, Jyotiraditya Scindia with Chief Minister, Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio and other dignitaries during the e-launch of 'Cluster-based Coffee Value Chain Development in Nagaland' project at Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi on 18th May 2026.

Speaker, NLA, Sharingain Longkumer with Dy CM, Y. Patton and other dignitaries during the swearing in ceremony of Daochier I. Imchen to the 14th NLA held at NLA, Kohima on 7th May 2026.

Er. Sabou Yashu, Director, IT&C receiving an award on behalf of the department, during the National Consultative Workshop on "Strengthening Cybersecurity Framework for State Data" at New Delhi on 11th May 2026.

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CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER INFORMS ON SPECIAL INTENSIVE REVISION- PHASE III

The Election Commission of India has directed the conduct of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in 16 States and 3 Union Territories (UTs), including the State of Nagaland. The schedule of SIR Phase-Ill has been fixed keeping in view the common field machinery with the ongoing house listing of Census.

It stated that SIR is a participative exercise involving all stakeholders including electors, political parties and election officials. Therefore, all political parties are requested to appoint Booth Level Agent (BLAs) for each Polling Booth, in order to ensure full participation of political parties so that SIR is conducted with complete transparency and full participation of political parties.

The qualifying date of SIR for the state of Nagaland is 01.10.2026.

The schedule of SIR in Nagaland is as follows:-

SN	Activity	Time period
1	Preparation, Training & Printing	05.08.2026 to 14.08.2026
2	House-to-House visits by BLOs	16.08.2026 to 14.09.2026
3	Rationalization of Polling Stations	By 14.09.2026
4	Publication of Draft Electoral Roll	20.09.2026
5	Period for filing Claims & Objections	20.09.2026 to 20.10.2026
6	Notice Phase/Disposal of Claims & Objections	20.09.2026 to 18.11.2026
7	Publication of Final Electoral Roll	22.11.2026

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS CERTIFICATION TO BE ONLINE SYSTEM FROM JUNE 1

The Economics and statistics department Nagaland has informed that in view of the transition to a 100% registration of Births and Deaths in the State, it is informed to the general public that all registrations of Births and Deaths shall be carried out through the online system with effect from 1st June 2026.

In this regard, the following clarifications are issued: All Birth and Death Certificates issued manually prior to 1st June 2026 shall remain valid for all official purposes. No citizen shall be required to obtain fresh certificates solely on account of digitization.

The digitization of manually issued Birth and Death Certificates shall be an ongoing process throughout the State.

Delayed Registration of Birth and Death through an online system shall continue as per notified procedures issued earlier.

Citizens are advised to ensure that all future registrations of Births and Deaths are carried out only through the die designated online registration system.

All District Registrars, Registrars, and Registration Units shall facilitate a smooth transition to the online system and extend necessary assistance to the public during the transition period.

Citizens may approach the concerned District Registrars or Registration Units for any assistance or clarification.

HOME DEPARTMENT DIRECTS STEP-BY-STEP USER GUIDE FOR SELF- ENUMERATION FOR PHASE-I OF CENSUS 2027

In exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 8 (ii)b&(vii) of the Census Rules, 1990, made under the provisions of the Census Act, 1948 (37 of 1948) and in conformity with the Government's commitment to a Digital India initiative, the Government of Nagaland has issued the following directives regarding the step-by-step User Guide for Self-Enumeration for Phase-I of Census 2027 to be held from 16th June to 30th June, 2026. All officials of the various departments and the public in general are strongly encouraged to undertake Self- Enumeration accurately during this notified 15-day period.

Introduction:

Self-Enumeration (SE) is a process in Census in which residents fill and submit their household data online. The SE portal will remain open for 15 days prior to the start of House-to-House House listing Operations (HLO) by the Enumerator as per specific period notified by State (16th - 30th June, 2026). Opening date and active period will be displayed in the portal. The process may take approximately 15-20 minutes and after successful submission, a unique Self Enumeration ID (SE ID) will be generated.

Step I: Access and Initial Login

- Portal: Access the portal at https://se.census.gov.in.
- Initial Selection: Select your State (Nagaland) from the dropdown and enter the Captcha to proceed.
  - Device Tip: Using a laptop or desktop is recommended for better visibility when marking your house on the digital map.

Step 2: Household Registration

- Head of Household: Enter the name of the Head of Household. A tooltip is provided beside this field to help you understand who should be considered the Head of the Household.
  - Important: This name cannot be changed once registered.
- Mobile Registration: Enter mobile number of any member of the household. Only one mobile number should be used per household, and the same cannot be used for any other household.
- Email (Optional): You may also provide an Email Id to receive your Self-Enumeration ID (SE ID) through email.

Step 3: Language Selection and OTP Verification

- Language Preference: Select your preferred language.
  - Important: Selected language cannot be changed afterwards.
- OTP Verification: Enter the One-Time Password (OTP) sent to your registered mobile number to verify and continue.
  - Tip: Ensure your phone has proper network connectivity to receive the OTP.

Step 4: Providing Location Details of Your Residence

- Location Entry: Select your District and enter your PIN (Optional) and then enter name of your Village/Town, Locality, nearby landmark. Click "Search".

Step 5: Locating your Residence on Map

- Interactive Mapping: A map will appear with a red marker. Drag this marker exactly on the residence to identify the exact location of the residential building. Click "Save & Next". A confirmation message

will appear for validating the location information.

- Purpose: This will help in assigning the SE data to specific Houselisting Block (HLB) for confirmation by Enumerator during house-to-house visit.

Step 6: Completing the Questionnaire

- Data Entry: Fill in the Houselisting and Housing Census questionnaire.
- Guidance Tools: Use the Notes (below questions), "Tooltips" and the "FAQs" for help with specific questions.
- Uniformity: The questionnaire is identical to the one used by enumerators. Certain details such as Building Number, Census House Number, Use of Census House, and Household Number are recorded separately by the Enumerator during her/his field visit.
- Navigation: The system requires you to complete the current screen before moving forward, though you can go back to edit previous entries at any time.

Step 7: Review of entered data

- Preview: Use the Preview screen to check all entered data section-wise. Editing the data is possible at this Stage.
- Save as Draft: You can save the information as a draft to finalise and submit before the last date.

Step 8: Final Submission

- Locking Data: Click "Final Submit" once you are satisfied. No further changes or edits can be made after this action, except by the Enumerator.
- Submission Deadline: The last date of submission will be displayed as a marquee in all pages. If not finally submitted before the State/UTs closing date, the Self Enumeration will not be considered complete.
- Generation of ID: Upon successful submission, a unique 11-digit SE ID (prefixed with "H") is generated and displayed. The SE ID is also sent via SMS and Email (if provided). It is recommended to take a screenshot and note it down.
- Retrieving SE ID: Provision to retrieve SE ID at a later date from portal through registered mobile number is available.

Step 9: Field Validation

- Enumerator Visit: When a Census Enumerator visits your home, share your SE ID with her/him.
- **ID Matching:**
  - If the SE ID matches with any of the SE IDs present on the Enumerator's mobile, your SE data is confirmed, accepted and submitted. In case SE ID do not match, the Enumerator will collect your household data afresh.

The aforementioned step-by-step User Guide for Self-Enumeration is enclosed along with Flow Chart for better accuracy.

MON WINS STATE LEVEL YOUTH PARLIAMENTARY QUIZ COMPETITION 2026

Principal Secretary, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources and Parliamentary Affairs, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS addressing during the State Level Parliamentary Quiz Competition at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Kohima on 1st May 2026.

The State Level Youth Parliamentary Quiz Competition was held at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Kohima on May 1, 2026, witnessing participation of students from different districts.

Speaking as the special guest, Principal Secretary, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources and Parliamentary Affairs, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, said that the initiative aims to create a platform that goes beyond traditional academics and helps students understand the functioning of the Legislative Assembly and Parliament.

Sema remarked that democracy thrives on active participation and is not a "spectator sport." Urging students to look beyond winning, he said the quiz should be seen as an opportunity to understand the reasoning behind laws and develop logical thinking and consensus-building skills.

Mon district emerged as the winner of State Level Youth Parliamentary Quiz Competition 2026 while Kohima district and Tuensang district were placed 2nd and 3rd respectively.

NPST WORKSHOP FOR THE STATE HELD AT KOHIMA

A workshop on the development of assessment items based on the indicators of the National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) under PARAKH was conducted at SCERT, Kohima on 1st and 2nd May, 2026, organised by SCERT, Nagaland, the programme saw participation from the DoSE, 8 DIETs and SCERT.

The workshop was thoughtfully designed, and the active participation of the participants in the workshop provided valuable inputs not only at the national level, particularly to NCERT, but also for strengthening the State's education system,

especially for the teachers of Nagaland.

The assessment items developed over the two days were based on careful thought and contextual understanding, which reflects the realities of our classrooms.

The Workshop was organised with an aim, to understand the vision of NEP 2020 with respect to teachers and their assessment, to comprehend the structure, standards, and performance indicators of the NPST Guiding Document, 2023, to design high-quality, valid, reliable and bias-free assessment items aligned with NPST indicators and to develop practical skills in item creation as part of Continuous Professional Development (CPD).

DAOCHIER I. IMCHEN WINS KORIDANG BYE-ELECTION, TAKES OATH AS MEMBER OF 14th NAGALAND ASSEMBLY

Daochier I. Imchen of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) emerged victorious in the 28 Koridang (ST) Assembly constituency bye – election in Mokokchung district, securing a decisive margin of 3,123 votes.

According to the official Return of Election, Imchen garnered a total of 7,317 votes, defeating his closest rival, independent candidate Toshikaba, who polled 4,194 votes. Other candidates in the fray included Imliwapang, who secured 3,633 votes, and I. Abenjang who secured 3,219 votes. Imchatoba Imchen and T. Chalukumba Ao trailed with 147 and 144 votes respectively.

The bye-election was necessitated following the demise of sitting BJP MLA Imkong L. Imchen in November last year. Polling was peacefully conducted on 9th April 2026, and witnessed a strong voter turnout of over 82.21%. The election proceeded peacefully, and Imchen was officially issued his Certificate of Election by Returning Officer Nockpai Konyak SDO(C) at the Mokokchung DC office on 4th May 2026.

Following his victory, Daochier I. Imchen was sworn in as a member of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly on 7th May 2026 at the Speaker's Chamber, NLA, Kohima.

The oath of office of Doachier I. Imchen was administered by the Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister of Nagaland, Yanthungo Patton, Minister, Parliamentary Affairs, K. G. Kenye, Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources A. Pangjung Jamir and MLA, Achumbemo Kikon and Nuklutoshi.

OFFICIAL VISIT TO DAWKI LAND PORT, MEGHALAYA TO EXPLORE CROSS-BORDER TRADE OPPORTUNITIES

An official delegation from the Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland, led by the Director, P. Tokugha Sema, along with the Additional Director, Y. Lipongse Thongtsar, other departmental officials and members of the Business Association of Nagas (BAN), undertook a visit to the Dawki Land Port in Meghalaya on 4th May 2026.

The visit was aimed at exploring avenues for enhancing trade linkages and understanding the operational mechanisms of the Dawki Land Port. The delegation carried out on-site assessments of

infrastructure, logistics and trade facilitation systems in place, with a view to identifying best practices that could be adapted for Nagaland.

During the visit, the team held an interactive meeting with the officials of the Land Port including Regional Administrator, Port Administrator and other stakeholders to gain insights on the existing trade processes, regulatory frameworks and opportunities for expanding export and import activities. Particular emphasis was placed on assessing the feasibility of establishing a similar framework in Nagaland to promote market access for local entrepreneurs, farmers and businesses.

To further strengthen their understanding of integrated trade and logistics systems, the delegation also visited the Inland Container Depot (ICD) at Amingaon, Guwahati, on 5th May 2026. The visit enabled the team to gain insights into containerized cargo handling, customs clearance procedures and logistics management systems. It also provided a broader perspective on inland trade infrastructure and its role in facilitating efficient movement of goods, complementing the observations made at the Dawki Land Port.

The initiative is part of the Department's continued efforts to strengthen economic connectivity, promote regional trade integration and facilitate the development of robust trade-enabling infrastructure in Nagaland, thereby promoting export in the State and contributing to sustainable economic growth and increased participation in cross-border commerce.

GOVERNOR, NAND KISHORE YADAV VISITS NIULAND

Nagaland Governor, Nand Kishore Yadav, visited Niuland district and held interaction with the leaders of civil society organizations and government department officials on 5th May 2026 at DC's Conference Hall, Niuland.

Governor in his address mentioned that the district, while still in its formative years holds immense promise and potential. He said that his visit, is part of an effort to understand the aspirations, challenges and priorities of the people at the grassroots level and added that Development is most effective when it is inclusive and responsive to local needs. He also emphasised the importance of maintaining peace, strengthening community bonds and nurturing the values of integrity and responsibility. As Niuland grows, it must do so with a vision that balances development with preservation of its rich cultural heritage and traditions, he said.

The Governor while reminding the community leaders particularly the GBs and tribal organizations that their role is crucial in guiding society and fostering cooperation among the people, also added that their leadership and commitment will play a key role in shaping the future of this district.

He also held interaction with the beneficiaries of various government schemes of the district.

Dr. Rosemary Sema, Medical Officer from the Department of Health & Family Welfare and Dr. O. Amihe Swu, TOT, ENRC Niuland, from School Education

Department, highlighted the achievements, undertakings and challenges of their respective departments through Power Point Presentations.

Earlier, short speeches were delivered by Vikato Achumi, President of the Western Sumi Hoho, K. Yimso, President, Yimkhiung Arihako Niuland and Isawoto Zhimomi, President, Niuland District GBs Association while Niuland Town Sumi Totimi Loka presented a Folk song.

NAGALAND INKS AGREEMENT WITH TATA MOTORS FOR 43 NEW BUSES TO BOOST NST SERVICES

The Government of Nagaland has entered into a landmark Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Tata Motors Limited for the procurement of 43 buses to strengthen and expand public transport services under the Nagaland State Transport (NST) department.

The agreement, signed at the Chief Secretary's, Conference Hall at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima, on 5th May 2026 introduces a structured deferred payment mechanism, allowing the State to acquire the fleet without immediate heavy capital outflow. The total project cost of ₹13 crore will be paid in three instalments over a period of three years, beginning with a mobilisation advance of ₹5 crore, followed by ₹4 crore each in the subsequent two years. The payments will be serviced through State Plan allocations, minimizing additional financial burden and avoiding conventional borrowing.

Under the agreement, NST is expected to receive delivery of all 43 buses within three months, leading to an immediate boost in fleet capacity. The expansion is anticipated to significantly enhance operational efficiency, improve service coverage across urban and rural areas, and increase revenue generation potential for the department.

Described as a first of its kind structured procurement model between Tata Motors Limited and a government entity, the agreement marks one of the largest fleet expansion efforts undertaken by NST.

The tripartite agreement was signed in the presence of Chief Secretary, Sentiyanger Imchen. Signatories included Er. Merangkaba Imchen, Additional Chief Engineer representing NST, Ketoulhou Metha, OSD from the Finance Department and Ajay Gupta, Deputy General Manager (Sales & Marketing), representing Tata Motors Limited

SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP FOR HoDs HELD AT KOHIMA

A one-day sensitization workshop for all Heads of Departments (HoDs) was organized by the Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts, Kohima on 6th May 2026 at the Capital Convention Centre, Kohima.

The primary objective of the workshop was to enhance the capacity of HoDs in handling financial matters with greater clarity, efficiency and compliance. Through focused sessions and discussions, participants were guided on key aspects such as CTR, withdrawal of Government

money, personal claims, withdrawal of other allowances, advances, audit, pension, budget, procurement of goods and services, financial sanctions and national pension scheme. Emphasis was placed on minimizing procedural lapses, improving transparency and ensuring adherence to established financial norms.

The workshop also aimed to address common challenges faced by departments in financial administration, providing practical insights and solutions to reduce oversight and errors. By equipping HoDs with updated knowledge and best practices, the initiative sought to strengthen institutional accountability and promote more effective decision-making in the management of public funds.

The resource persons for the workshop included Amenla Jamir, Director, Treasuries & Accounts; Ketoulhou Metha, OSD Budget, Finance Department; Vechiso Chakesang, Addl. Director, Treasuries & Accounts; I. Aochuba Pongener, Addl. Director, Treasuries & Accounts; Chibemo Shitirie, Sr. Audit Officer, AG; Shaji K, Sr. Accounts Officer AG and Aienla Pongen, former Consultant Contract Management, NHP (World Bank).

"WALK FOR HUMANITY" MARKS WORLD RED CROSS DAY IN KOHIMA

MLA, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso along with DC Kohima, B Henok Buchem, officials and participants during the IRCSN Walkathon held under the themed "Walk for Humanity" at Kohima on 8th May 2026.

The Indian Red Cross Society, Nagaland State Branch observed World Red Cross Day with a Walkathon programme under the theme "Walk for Humanity" on May 8, 2026, in Kohima. The event commenced from the Red Cross Complex and culminated at Old NST, bringing together volunteers, officials, students, youth, and members of the public.

The programme was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner Kohima B. Henok Buchem, NCS, who is also the President of IRCS Kohima Branch.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso, MLA highlighted the significance of humanity and compassion in today's conflict-ridden world. Rhutso

stressed that humanity transcends religion, race, and social barriers, adding that every individual has the responsibility to take a step forward in helping others. He encouraged students and youngsters to begin practicing humanity through simple acts of kindness in daily life.

Stating that problems in society are created by human beings and can only be solved by human beings, he asserted that lasting solutions are possible only through humanity. He urged participants not to let the "Walk for Humanity" end with the programme, but to carry its message into their homes, communities, and society at large.

Chaired by Convener Khyo TCK, the programme also included a welcome address by General Secretary IRCSN Akhale Khamo and a vote of thanks delivered by Vice Chairman IRCSN Dr. R. Rose Chakhesang.

DIPR CONDUCTS AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON STATE GOVERNMENT SALARY PACKAGE

An awareness programme on the State Government Salary Package was held at the DIPR Conference Hall, Kohima, on May 8, 2026. Organised by the Directorate of Information & Public Relations in collaboration with SBI, the programme focused on the features and benefits of the SBI Salary Package Account for government employees. The session was led by Sonia Bhuyan, Corporate Salary Relationship Manager, SBI Administrative Office, Jorhat.

The package offers a zero-balance account with no requirement of maintaining a QAB. Customers receive a free debit card with no annual charges and unlimited free transactions at SBI ATMs. Other benefits include free NEFT/RTGS transfers, no charges on demand drafts, and up to 50% discount on locker rent. An auto-sweep facility is also available for better interest earnings, along with free SMS alerts.

Under protection benefits, the package provides Personal Accidental Insurance (PAI) cover up to ₹ 110 lakh, including coverage during duty and off-duty (including incidents like snake bites). Air Accidental Insurance is available up to ₹2.6 crore. A term life insurance cover up to ₹10 lakh is included, along with top-up health insurance for employees and dependents at low premiums.

In case of emergencies, additional support includes education cover up to ₹10 lakh, girl child marriage supports up to ₹10 lakh, air ambulance covers up to ₹10 lakh, imported medicine transport up to ₹5 lakh, and family transportation and ambulance charges up to ₹50,000 each and cost of plastic surgery or burn cases up to 10 lakhs. Coverage for permanent total disability up to ₹1 crore and partial disability up to ₹80 lakh is also provided.

The package provides financial and lifestyle benefits under five categories - Rhodium (above ₹2 lakh), Platinum (₹1–2 lakh), Diamond (₹50,000–₹1 lakh), Gold (₹25,000 - ₹50,000), and Silver (₹10,000–₹25,000).

The sensitization session was also carried out at the Directorates of Fire and Emergency Services, Urban development, Municipal Affairs and Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Service.

The programme was chaired by Simon I. Teilia, Joint Director, IPR.

AKASHVANI KOHIMA HOLDS MARATHON CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF BROADCASTING IN INDIA

As part of the nationwide celebration marking 90 years of broadcasting in India, Akashvani Kohima organised the "Akashvani Marathon" on 8th May 2026 in Kohima. The event commenced from Old MLA Hostel Junction and concluded at High School Junction, Kohima.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, NCS said the event symbolised a marathon of voices, music, news and stories that have reached millions of people through broadcasting over the decades. He stated that the occasion was not only a milestone in the history of broadcasting but also a celebration of unity fostered through shared narratives and songs.

Director of Youth Resources and Sports, Kethosituo Sekhose, attending the closing ceremony as special guest, said that radio has connected generations and continues to remain an important source of information, particularly in rural areas. He further stressed the importance of fitness and encouraged citizens to contribute towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 through healthy living and active participation in nation-building.

Addressing the event, Programme Executive, Khriesaneisa Rutsa highlighted the significance of the 90-year milestone of Akashvani in the State.

The event was organised in partnership with the National Health Mission under the Department of Health and Family Welfare Nagaland, and Miachieo Market, Peraciezie. The State Bank of India, Regional Business Office, Dimapur Region, was the event sponsor.

Altogether, 180 students from six government schools participated in the marathon.

Winners of Akashvani Marathon (girls' category) held at Kohima on 8th May 2026.

LAND HANDING AND TAKING OVER PROGRAMME FOR DIMAPUR AIRPORT HELD

A joint execution programme for handing over and taking over of 18.8 acres of land presently occupied by Assam Rifles Training Centre and School (ARTC&S), 3rd Mile, Chumoukedima, to the Airport Authority of India (AAI) for the development of Phase-I of Dimapur Airport was held on 8th May, 2026 at Dimapur Airport, Chumoukedima.

The programme was attended by Moa Pongen, APD, AAI, Dimapur Airport, Chumoukedima; Commandant KD Sharma, CO, No. 2 Bn, ARTC&S; Sentiwapang Aier NCS, Secretary, AIR Cell, Transport Department, Polan John, NCS Deputy Commissioner, Chumoukedima, M. Ababe Ezung OSD, Transport Department, along with other officials.

The officials inspected the identified area measuring 18.8 acres situated at ARTC&S, 3rd Mile, Chumoukedima. Following the site inspection, a formal handing over and taking over programme was executed in the presence of the State Government officials comprising of

Deputy Commissioner, Chumoukedima and Secretary, AIR Cell, Transport Department.

During the meeting, the issue relating to transfer of the remaining areas presently under the occupation of ARTC&S for Phase-II development of Dimapur Airport, Chumoukedima, was also discussed and it was agreed that further directives from the appropriate authorities would be required for transfer of the remaining areas for Phase-II development works. The handing over and taking over programme marked an important milestone towards the development plan of Dimapur Airport.

THREE-DAY WORKSHOP-CUM-HACKATHON ON "AGENTIC AI SAKSHAM" HELD AT KOHIMA SCIENCE COLLEGE, JOTSOMA

The three-day Workshop-cum-Hackathon on "Agentic AI Saksham" under PM-USHA was held at Kohima Science College, Jotsoma, from 7th –9th May, 2026. The workshop marks the first initiative of its kind in Nagaland - organized in partnership with Capabl.in. The programme aimed to introduce participants to emerging trends in Artificial Intelligence and provide hands-on exposure to practical AI tools and applications.

Following the inaugural programme on Day 1, participants engaged in intensive hands-on learning sessions led by Capabl's team of experts. The sessions focused on no-code website creation and the development of AI agents using platforms and tools such as Google AI Studio and n8n. The training enabled students to explore real-world applications of AI automation, workflow integration, and digital innovation.

Day 2 witnessed the visit of special guest Armstrong Pame, IAS, Joint Secretary (ICC & RUSA), Ministry of Education. Pame visited the workshop venue to review the ongoing activities and interact with participating students. Participants showcased AI-based projects developed during the workshop, including "Mindsync AI" for monitoring student mental wellness, along with "From Story to Animation" and "Wellness at Home."

The hackathon marked the final day of the programme, where 26 teams built AI agents using workshop concepts. First prize went to "The Corollary," an AI-powered personalized study engine by MSc Mathematics students. Second prize was awarded to Sentsu Yanthan (Class 11, Don Bosco HSS) for "Hill Alert," a landslide reporting app for Nagaland. Third prize went to MSc Anthropology students Sentikaba and Amos Lalrolien Zote for "Anidex," an AI-based wildlife encyclopedia with image recognition features.

NAGALAND STATE FELICITATED AT NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP AT NEW DELHI

Nagaland State along with three other states Gujarat, Rajasthan and Karnataka was felicitated by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India for the performance on DigiLocker integration during the National Consultative Workshop on "Strengthening Cybersecurity Framework for State Data" on 11th May 2026 at New Delhi.

Er. Sabou Yashu, Director, IT&C received the award on behalf of the Department of Information Technology & Communication, Government of Nagaland and Meghna Priya on behalf of the Nagaland State e Mission Team (SeMT), National e Governance Division.

2nd QUARTER NATIONAL LOK ADALAT HELD ACROSS THE STATE

A total of 402 cases were taken up and a total of 220 cases were disposed amounting to a total settlement amount of ₹ 3,66,21,476/- during the 2nd quarter Natonal Lok Adalat held across the state of Nagaland.

MOKOKCHUNG DLSA conducted 2nd Quarter National Lok Adalat at District Court Complex. Victo Sema, NJS, District and Sessions Judge cum Chairman, MDLSA was the presiding officer. All together 10 pre litigation bank recovery cases were taken up and 8 were disposed of with the total settlement amount of Rs.16,44,000- (Rupees Sixteen lakhs forty-four thousand) only.

PEREN DLSA conducted 2nd National Lok Adalat at SBI Peren Branch with Khrievono Seletsu, NJS, Chief Judicial Magistrate Cum Secretary PDLSA as the presiding officer. All together 50 pre-litigation bank recovery cases were taken up out of which 24 cases were disposed of with a total settlement amount of Rs. 20,44,500/-

KOHIMA DLSA conducted the 2nd Quarter National Lok Adalat at the District Court Complex on 9th May, 2026. Principal District & Sessions Judge-cum- Chairperson KDLSA, Mezivolu T Therieh, NJS, was the Presiding Officer. A total of 156 cases were taken up-123 pre-litigation and 3 pending- and out of which 23 were disposed of, with a total settlement amount of ₹. 17,22,048/- (Rupees Seventeen lakhs Twenty-two thousand Forty-eight only).

MON DLSA conducted 2nd Quarterly National Lok Adalat at District Court Mon. Nokshei Kano, District and Sessions Judge cum Chairman DLSA Mon and Wokono Yhoshii Chief Judicial Magistrate cum

Secretary DLSA Mon, were the presiding officer. All together 10 pre litigation bank recovery cases and 8 litigation case were taken up and 7 were disposed of with the total settlement amount of Rs. 20,57,540/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty) only.

TUENSANG District Legal Services Authority conducted its 2nd Quarterly National Lok Adalat at District Court Complex, Tuensang Nagaland. The National Lok Adalat was presided by Principal District and Sessions Judge cum Chairman Tuensang, DLSA Somet Chumden Chang, NJS. All together 15 bank recovery cases were taken up and three (3) bank cases were disposed of with a settlement amount of Rs.14,78,629/- (Fourteen Lakh Seventy-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Nine) only.

WOKHA District Legal Services Authority (WDLSA) conducted 1st National Lok Adalat at District Court Complex Wokha. Seyielenuo Mezhu, District & Sessions Judge /Chairperson WDLSA was the presiding officer. 2 (2) Pre-Litigation -Bank recovery was taken up and disposed off. The Total settlement amount is Rs 3,32000/- (three lakhs thirty-two thousand) only.

PHEK DLSA conducted the 2nd Quarterly National Lok Adalat held at the District Court complex Phek. Duvelu Vero, NJS, District & Sessions Judge cum Chairperson Phek DLSA was the Presiding officer. A total of 27 Bank Recovery Cases (Pre-Litigation Cases) were taken up and disposed of with a settlement amount of Rs. 49,55,778/- (Forty-Nine Lakh Fifty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight) Only.

KIPHIRE District Legal Services Authority conducted mobile Lok Adalat at State Bank of India, Pungro Town. Holika Sukhalu, Chief Judicial Magistrate cum Secretary Kiphire DLSA was the presiding officer. A total of 13 Pre- litigation bank loan recovery cases were taken up out of which 11 cases were amicably settled with a settlement amount of 17, 31,200/- (seventeen lakh, thirty-one thousand and two hundred)

DIMAPUR District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) conducted 2nd National Lok Adalat on 09-05-26 at District Court Dimapur, headed by the Chairman N. Longshithung Ezung, NJS and Secretary Atoka Achumi, NJS, during the day long proceedings, 60 Bank recovery cases were settled amounting to Rs. 46,01,223 and 36 cases relating to BSNL were settled amounting to Rs. 37,988 (pre litigation cases). Further, 6 cases relating to MACT were settled, amounting to Rs. 53, 30,000. The total settled 102 cases amounting to Rs. 99, 69,211/-.

ZUNHEBOTO DLSA conducted 2nd Quarterly National Lok Adalat at District Court Complex. District and Sessions Judge cum Chairman ZDLSA Phuleto Yeptho, NJS was the presiding officer. All together 8 pre litigation bank recovery cases were taken up and 7 were disposed of with the total settlement amount of Rs 2367922/- (Rupees twenty-three lakhs sixty-seven thousand nine hundred and twenty-two) only.

LONGLENG DLSA conducted the 2nd Quarter National Lok Adalat at the District Court Complex, Longleng. Kumdilong Kessen, NJS, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, LDLSA, was the Presiding Officer. Altogether, 6 pre-litigation cases and 1 pending litigation case were taken up, out of which 6 cases were disposed of with a total settlement amount of Rs. 83,18,648/- (Rupees eighty-three lakh eighteen thousand six hundred and forty-eight) only.

NLA SPEAKER ATTENDS COMMITTEE MEETING OF PROPOSED UNIFORM MODEL RULES OF PROCEDURE AT KARNATAKA

Sharingain Longkumer, Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly accompanied by Secretary, Nagaland Legislative Assembly and other officials attended the first meeting of the "Committee of the Presiding Officers to frame the uniform Model of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of Legislative Bodies" in Mysuru, Karnataka from 11th to 13th May 2026.

The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Satish Mahana, Speaker, Uttar Pradesh who gave the Keynote address on the proposed Uniform Model Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business.

The Committee deliberated extensively on the formulation of a Uniform Model Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business across the country. Recognising the importance of a broad-based consultative process, the Committee resolved to seek the views and suggestions of the Speakers of various State Legislative Assemblies in this regard before finalizing its report for submission to the Speaker, Lok Sabha.

It was also decided that the Secretaries of Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Delhi. Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Nagaland to have a separate meeting and examine the rules where uniformity of Rules can be implemented. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to be held in New Delhi.

WORKSHOP ON SHG LIVELIHOOD AND MARKET LINKAGES HELD AT DIMAPUR

A two-day Workshop on SHG Livelihood Scale-Up and Market Linkages was organized by the Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP), funded by JICA under the Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, from 12th-13th May 2026 at SEFTI, Dimapur.

During the inaugural session, Temjenyabang, IFS, CCF & Project Director (AFP), NFMP urged all participants to contribute their rich field experiences in order to develop a roadmap for transitioning livelihood interventions from primary income-generating activities to secondary activities. He further shared that besides the main objective of forest conservation; the Project also aims to establish an "NFMP Brand" and encouraged active participation in the various technical deliberations and discussions during the workshop.

The opening remarks were delivered by M. Senthil Kumar, IFS, Addl. PCCF & Chief Project Director, NFMP, who highlighted that the Project, over the years has reached 185 villages and 440 SHGs across 11 districts and has channelled more than ₹2 crore through the Revolving Fund support, through which the SHGs have generated over ₹6 crore in earnings and ₹2.4 crore in profits. He stated that the Project is nearing its final phase and emphasized the need to focus on scaling up livelihood activities through the formation of clusters and a federation at the state level.

Shailendra, Livelihood Expert, PMC, NFMP, made a PowerPoint presentation on the analysis of livelihood promotion under the Project.

The workshop brought together 70 participants with representatives from all 11 DMUs, FMUs and FNGOs under

NFMP for technical presentations, group discussions, experience sharing and plenary sessions aimed at strengthening livelihood interventions and market integration strategies across the Project areas.

MASTER TRAINERS TRAINING FOR CENSUS-2027 HELD AT KOHIMA

A four-day training program for the Master Trainers of Census-2027 was held at the Directorate of Census Operations, Nagaland, Kohima from 13th to 16th May, 2026. The training covered all the aspects of the forthcoming Phase –I of Census- the House listing and Housing Census.

While delivering the keynote address, the Director of Census Operations, Dr. Kenei Miachieo briefed the Master Trainers about the organizational structure of Census both in the centre as well as in the State along with an overview of the Census processes. He highlighted the importance of the role of Master Trainers as a key link in the training cascade and urged them to give their level best in the subsequent trainings.

There are altogether six Master Trainers for Nagaland State- four from State Government and two from Directorate of Census. The Master Trainers will train 130 Field Trainers who will in turn train about 6000 Enumerators and Supervisors in the coming days.

National Trainers, Mhathung Rangthang, Assistant Director, and Imtimendang, Statistical Investigator were the Resource Persons.

INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON NEW INCOME TAX ACT, 2025

The Income-tax Department, Dimapur, under the aegis of the Office of the Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, North Eastern Region (NER), successfully organised an extensive Awareness Campaign on the New Income Tax Act, 2025 at Hotel Grand Maspel, Dimapur on 14th May, 2026 as part of the nationwide outreach initiative "PRARAMBH 2026." The campaign was aimed at educating taxpayers, stakeholders, and the general public on the provisions, reforms, and implementation framework of the newly introduced Income Tax Act, 2025, which came into effect from April 1, 2026.

In his welcome address, Commissioner of Income Tax, N. Jungio, described the new Act as a modernised and simplified framework designed to make the taxation process easier, more accessible and user-friendly. He stated that the "PRARAMBH 2026" initiative was launched to create awareness across the country and facilitate a smooth transition from the old tax system to the new regime.

Detailed Presentations on Key Provisions of the New Income Tax Act, 2025 were delivered by Senior Officers of the Department.

One of the major highlights of the programme was the promotion of "Kar Saathi," an AI-enabled chatbot developed by the Income Tax Department to assist taxpayers with real-time responses to income tax-related queries. A dedicated kiosk was

also set up at the venue, allowing participants to experience the platform first-hand.

Participants were encouraged to share their views on the usefulness of educational materials, effectiveness of the "Samvaad" sessions, user experience with "Kar Saathi," and the overall outreach efforts of the Department.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Additional Commissioner of Income Tax, Vinikupu H Arkha.

TRIPARTITE MoU SIGNED TO BOOST HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT IN NAGALAND

Officers from Department of Horticulture, with Natural Fuel India, Chümoukedima, and Sathwaro Farming Group, Gujarat, during a Tripartite signing of MoU at the Office Chamber of the Commissioner & Secretary, Horticulture, Kohima on 14th May 2026.

In a significant step toward strengthening Nagaland's horticulture ecosystem and enhancing farmer livelihoods, the Department of Horticulture, entered into a Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Natural Fuel India, Chümoukedima, and Sathwaro Farming Group, Gujarat, for the development of a sustainable and inclusive horticulture value chain in the State through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

The MoU signing ceremony was held at the Office Chamber of the Commissioner & Secretary, Horticulture Department, Government of Nagaland on 14th May 2026.

The collaboration aims to establish a long-term framework of cooperation between the Government and private sector stakeholders to promote contract farming, cluster-based cultivation, post-harvest management, processing and value addition of horticultural produce in Nagaland.

Under the agreement, the partners will work toward the development of pineapple cultivation clusters and strengthening other high-value horticultural crops such as Kiwi, Litchi, Rambutan, and Spices. The project also envisages the establishment of solar dehydration units, cold chain facilities, and efficient market linkages for both domestic and export markets.

The PPP model is expected to create an integrated horticulture ecosystem that connects production, processing, logistics and marketing while promoting sustainable agricultural practices and improving farmer incomes across the State.

The Department of Horticulture highlighted that the partnership reflects the Government's commitment to encouraging responsible private sector participation in agriculture and horticulture development, with a focus on value addition, entrepreneurship, and rural economic growth.

The collaboration marks an important milestone in positioning Nagaland as a competitive horticulture hub in the region by combining the strengths of government support, private investment, market-driven agriculture, and farmer participation.

STATE OFFICIALS ATTEND NATIONAL DEPARTMENTAL SUMMIT

A National Departmental Summit on "Institutionalising Capacity Building: From Training to Performance-linked Governance" was organised virtually by the Ministry of Personnel and Training (DoPT) and the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) on 15th May 2026. The summit was graced by Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for DoPT, Government of India, as Chief Guest.

State officials including V. Shashank Shekar, IAS Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Department and APC and Director General of Administrative Training Institute, Nagaland along with other officers from Personnel & Administrative Reforms (P&AR) Department, including Bendanglila, Additional Director, ATI, Kaholi, Joint Director, ATI ,Km Imlibenla Jamir Deputy Director ATI, Peter Konyak, Lect. IT, ATI and Km Limakumla Under Secretary, P&AR Department attended the summit online from the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima .

Deliberations were held on the 4 (four) themes; Unified Framework for Role-focused & Performance-linked Capacity Building, Strengthening Training Institutions, Leveraging AI and Technology for Hyper personalised Learning and Reimagining Cadre Training aligned with CBPs.

This Summit was a culmination to the State workshops held across the country on the above themes and recommendations of which been submitted to the CBC.

During the summit, emphasis was laid on strengthening citizen-centric governance, enhancing administrative efficiency, promoting digital initiatives, and sharing best practices among States and institutions. The participating officials also deliberated on emerging governance challenges and collaborative approaches for effective policy implementation and service delivery.

3rd NAGALAND POTATO FESTIVAL 2026 HELD AT JAKHAMA

The 3rd edition of the Nagaland Potato Festival 2026 was held at Jakhama Village Ground on 15th May 2026 showcasing the agri-trade potential of potato cultivation in the state, with Special Guest, Salhoutuonuo Kruse, Minister for Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Government of Nagaland, formally inaugurating the festival.

The welcome address was delivered by Kehochol Tase, Chairman, Jakhama Village Council, followed by greetings from Kevipodi Sophie, MLA and Chairman DPDB Kohima.

The keynote address was presented by Dr. Keviu Shüya, Deputy Project Director, ATMA Kohima, highlighting the importance of potato farming and its trade opportunities in the state of Nagaland.

Short speeches were delivered by Veyielo Doulo, Director, Department of Tourism and the Commanding Officer of 7th Battalion Madras Regiment, Jakhama Military Station.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Avilie Zhotso, Convener of Nagaland Potato Festival 2026, followed by a stall visit showcasing local potato products and agricultural innovations.

STATE LEVEL CONSULTATIVE MEET AND TRAINING FOR DISTRICT FUNCTIONARIES OF MISSION SHAKTI HELD

The State Hub for Empowerment of Women, Mission Shakti, Social Welfare Department organized a State Level Consultative Meeting and Training Program for District Functionaries of Mission Shakti, Nagaland at the State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD) Auditorium, Kohima on 15th May 2026.

Tosheli Zhimomi, Director, Social Welfare & Member Secretary, Mission Shakti who chaired the inaugural session, appreciated the dedicated services of district functionaries in all the 17 districts and also acknowledged the best performance districts in various categories.

In her introductory address, Yongchingkumla, Secretary, Social Welfare, Government of Nagaland and Mission Director, Mission Shakti highlighted several key achievements under Mission Shakti during the last financial year, notable among which were that, Sakhi-One Stop Centres (OSC) has been established in six newly created districts in October 2025; the continued outreach efforts of Shakti Sadan and Sakhi Niwas in supporting targeted beneficiaries, and the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), under which 6,878 beneficiaries received cash incentives amounting to Rs. 3,33,97,000 through Direct Benefit Transfer during FY 2025–26. Appreciating their dedication despite challenges, she urged officials to continue serving women with sensitivity, efficiency, accountability, and timely intervention.

Delivering the keynote address, Limawabang Jamir, IAS, Secretary & AHoD, Social Welfare, stressed that the main intervention strategy to effectively implement activities under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) and Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW) is through convergence.

He highlighted the fruitful collaboration of the Social Welfare Department, the District Administration and other converging departments in carrying out the Mission's activities, and stressed on the importance of collaborative efforts and effective service delivery in addressing issues concerning women and children in the state.

The technical session included a presentation on convergence with key missions and programmes under the Department of Social Welfare by Asangla Jamir, Assistant Director, Social Welfare. The programme also featured sharing of best practices by the districts under SANKALP – District Hub for Empowerment of Women, SAKHI – One Stop Centre, Shakti Sadan, and Sakhi Niwas. A session on integrated service delivery mechanisms for children was conducted by Raitale Zeliang, Program Manager, State Child Protection Society, Mission Vatsalya.

The programme concluded with deliberations and interactive discussions aimed at strengthening district-level coordination and improving support systems for women and children across Nagaland.

EDUCONNECT 2026 HELD AT DIMAPUR

A two-day educational and career-oriented event titled "EduConnect: Connecting Education to Opportunities" was held at the IBHIC, Dimapur, from 15th -16th May 2026, bringing together educational institutions, industry experts, policymakers, and aspiring students under one platform.

Chairman of IDAN and Advisor to the Chief Minister, Abu Mehta, described the programme as a significant initiative aimed at creating meaningful academic and professional opportunities for students.

Speaking on career opportunities, Metha said the traditional belief that success lies only in becoming a doctor, engineer, or government servant had changed significantly. He told students that today there are hundreds of career avenues available and that success depends on dedication, hard work, and excellence in whichever profession one chooses. "There is no single profession we can say is better than the other," he said, adding that honest hard work and discipline would ultimately lead to success. He encouraged students to fully utilize the opportunities provided at Educonnect 2024 by interacting with participating universities and resource persons.

Addressing the gathering, Additional Secretary, Finance Dept & IDAN, Vineet Kumar, IAS, informed that the programme was designed to be inclusive, with arrangements made for live streaming across all 16 districts of Nagaland through the offices of the Deputy Commissioners, enabling students unable to attend physically to participate remotely.

He encouraged students to carefully evaluate three important factors before selecting any course, degree, or institution — their personal interests, future relevance of the field in a rapidly changing world, and their long-term life goals.

Founder, Cryptex Solo, Akash Baishya and Manager, International Admission, Aria Institute of Technology, Anil R also spoke in the programme.

A significant highlight of the programme

was the exchange of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Atria Institute of Technology and the Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), where it proposes a framework for collaboration in areas such as academic cooperation, skill development initiatives, student engagement programmes, and opportunities aimed at supporting capacity building and educational advancement for students from Nagaland.

Under the MoU, the Atria–IT Scholarship Program shall be offered through IDAN under the "Future Achievers Scholarship Program." The scholarships will be awarded to meritorious students based on their potential to excel academically. Upon admission, the selected students will be regularly monitored with regard to their academic performance and attendance.

The inaugural session concluded with closing remarks by Under Secretary, IDAN, I. Changsang, NCS followed by visits to institutional booths showcasing various educational programmes, courses, and career opportunities. The events further continued with a series of technical sessions focusing on emerging career opportunities and higher education pathways.

NAGALAND TAEKWONDO TEAM BAGS 33 MEDALS AT MEGHALAYA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Nagaland Taekwondo Association delivered an impressive performance at the 2nd Meghalaya Open Taekwondo Championship held at Laban Sports Club, Shillong from May 15th to 17th 2026, securing a total of 33 medals, including 13 gold, 12 silver and 8 bronze medals.

38-member Nagaland contingent was led by coaches Visabiu Peseyie and Santsuthung Ngullie, with Ram Bahadur serving as Team Manager and T. Alem Aier accompanying the team as NTA official.

Nagaland's gold medal winners were Kumchun Kikon (Under-18 kg), Shiusuthong (Under-38 kg), Mahei Nren (Under-23 kg), Shiuthong (Under-35 kg), Sudeh Lamliu

Nagaland Taekwondo Team with their medals during the 2nd Meghalaya Open Taekwondo Championship held at Laban Sports Club, Shillong from May 15th to 17th 2026.

(Under-33 kg), Huthuka Dennis Kinimi (Under-37 kg), Humuyo Chizo (Under-57 kg), Khunou P. (Under-61 kg), Pauziehube Herie (Under-45 kg), Wonchibemo R. Ngullie (Under-45 kg), S. Bovito Chophy (Under-63 kg), Vilabizo Nagi (Under-73 kg) and Veisalu Dozo (Under-62 kg).

Silver medalists included Samzailungbe Hega, Keyichangbe Hega, Keyizieteibe Zelui, Kumkiu, Senthano L. Tungoe, Nzangbeni C. Kikon, Avungi N. Ngullie, Thungben Lotha, Randanbemo Z. Kikon, Andrew N. Lotha, Kezevino Seyie and Sonpari Kumari.

Bronze medals were secured by Chumchanbeni L. Tungoe, Vanya Leah Kinghen, Lichibeni R. Lotha, Ajanthung A. Ezung, Senjumbeni Y. Kithan, Anguvika Jimomi, Elizabeth Ezung and Menuovilie.

Adding to the team's achievement, coach Visabiu Peseyie was conferred the Best Coach Award of the championship for his outstanding contribution and guidance.

UNION MINISTER SCINDIA LAUNCHES "COFFEES OF NAGALAND" MISSION

Union Minister of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Jyotiraditya Scindia and Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio jointly launched a project to develop a cluster-based coffee value chain in Nagaland. The e launch of the project under the broader mission 'Coffees of Nagaland' was held at Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi on 18th May 2026.

It was attended by Minister of State, DoNER, Sukanta Majumdar, Deputy CM for Planning & Transformation, National Highways, Nagaland T. R. Zeliang, Advisor for Department of Land Resources, Nagaland, G Ikuto Zhimomi, representatives of the Coffee Board of India, while state government officials, farmers and enterpreneurs joined the programme from DC's Office in Niuland district and Touphema Village Council Hall in Kohima district.

With an investment of ₹49.48 crore, the project adopts a cluster-based approach with pilot sites at Tuophema in Kohima district for Arabica coffee and Ghotovi in Niuland district for Robusta coffee. The project includes hi-tech nurseries, expansion of 400 hectares of cultivation with soil conservation measures, washing stations, roasting and grinding units, and farm-stay tourism experiences.

Addressing the programme, Scindia said the initiative marks the beginning of a transformative journey aimed at positioning coffee as Nagaland's unique strength while strengthening rural livelihoods.

He added that branding under the umbrella title "Coffees of Nagaland – Taste of Eminence" along with digital marketing and e-commerce initiatives would help Nagaland coffee reach premium national and international markets.

Scindia further said the initiative aligns with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 and Atmanirbhar Bharat by promoting sustainable agroforestry, biodiversity conservation, and climate resilience.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Rio said Nagaland has witnessed significant growth in coffee cultivation since its revival in 2014–15, with production increasing from 21 metric tonnes in 2021–22 to nearly 73 metric tonnes in 2024–25. He stated that the state aims to expand

cultivation to 50,000 hectares by 2047 under the Viksit Nagaland vision.

Rio said the project would establish modern infrastructure, strengthen branding and marketing, and promote experiential coffee tourism through farm stays, creating additional income opportunities for youth and entrepreneurs while showcasing Nagaland's cultural heritage.

He further stated that the initiative would provide dignified livelihoods, reduce dependence on jhum cultivation, conserve forests, and protect the fragile hill ecology. Assuring full administrative and political support for effective implementation, Rio urged farmers to adopt new technologies and become ambassadors of Nagaland coffee.

KVIC CELEBRATES WORLD BEE DAY

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) celebrated 'World Bee Day 2026' virtually, on 20th May, 2026, with KVIC Chairman, Manoj Kumar addressing KVIC offices, beekeepers, beneficiaries, scientists, students and employees across the country from New Delhi.

Chairman KVIC, Kumar said, the Prime Minister's vision of transforming 'White Revolution into Sweet Revolution' has given new momentum to self-employment and self-reliance in villages. Under KVIC's 'Honey Mission', nearly 2.5 lakh bee-boxes and bee colonies have been distributed across the country so far, he said.

The Chairman further stated that the KVIC, under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, organized various programmes on 'World Honey Bee Day-2026' through virtual mode from its headquarters in Mumbai, and the 'Honey Exhibition' organized at CBRTI, Pune was also virtually inaugurated by the Chairman, KVIC.

Kumar mentioned that, under the 'Honey Mission', KVIC has distributed 246,099 bee-boxes and bee colonies across the country between the years 2017-18 and 2025-26, thereby enhancing honey production by 24,269 MT. In the year 2025-26, honey production reached an estimated 5,512 MT. Furthermore, beekeepers associated with KVIC exported honey worth approximately Rs.31 crore during the financial year 2025-26.

Kumar appealed that beekeeping should not be viewed merely as a means of honey production but as a powerful tool for nature conservation, agricultural growth and rural prosperity. He called upon everyone to take a pledge on World Honey Bee Day to protect honeybees, connect more people with beekeeping and take the Prime Minister's "Sweet Revolution" to every village in the country.

During the programme, participants from different parts of the country shared their experiences and success stories related to beekeeping through digital platforms.

STATE-LEVEL TRAINING FOR CRÈCHE WORKERS UNDER PALNA – ANGANWADI-CUM-CRÈCHE (AWCC) HELD AT DIPHUPAR A

Secretary, Social Welfare, & Mission Director, Mission Shakti, Yongchingkumla, with officials and participants during a State-level Training for Crèche Workers under Palna – Anganwadi-Cum-Crèche (AWCC) at Anganwadi Training Centre, Diphupar A, Chumoukedima from 20th-22nd May, 2026.

A State-level Training for Crèche Workers under Palna – Anganwadi-Cum-Crèche (AWCC) was organized by Mission Shakti Nagaland, Department of Social Welfare from the 20th to 22nd May, 2026 at the Anganwadi Training Centre (AWTC), Diphupar A, Chumoukedima.

In her Keynote Address, the Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Nagaland & Mission Director, Mission Shakti, Yongchingkumla, highlighted that with the expansion of Palna centres in the state, more women in both organized as well as unorganized sectors should benefit from it.

Director, Social Welfare Department, Tosheli Zhimomi in her Introductory Remark, encouraged the crèche workers to serve dedicatedly on the ground, and to make the utmost use of the training programme, and ensure that a safe and secure environment is provided for children at the crèche facility.

The Inaugural programme was chaired by Asangla Jamir, Assistant Director, Social Welfare. The Course Directors for the training program were Unice, CDPO & Limasangla, CDPO.

AWARENESS ON CHILD MENTAL HEALTH HELD AT KOHIMA

The Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Government of Nagaland, Kohima, organised a two-day training programme on "Awareness on Child Mental Health" for Government school teachers from Kohima District on 21st and 22nd May 2026 at ATI,

Kohima.

The training underscored the pivotal role of teachers in fostering emotional well-being and facilitating early identification and intervention within educational institutions.

The sessions covered a wide range of topics, including mental health and common mental disorders, childhood mental health disorders, Psychological First Aid (PFA), core counselling skills for teachers, mental and emotional well-being of teachers, counselling skills practice and application, Child Helpline 1098, vulnerable children, and child mental health issues in Nagaland.

The resource persons for the programme included Veronica Nriame, Psychiatric Social Worker, District Mental Health Programme (DMHP), NHAK; Ketuosenou Phewhuo, Clinical Psychologist; and Neingutounuo Kulnu, Helpline Administrator, Child Helpline 1098, WCD Control Room, Nagaland.

The programme provided an interactive platform for participants to enhance their understanding of child mental health challenges and to develop supportive and responsive approaches towards students within the school environment.

During the interactive session with the participants, the Director General, ATI and Additional Chief Secretary (Agriculture) & Agricultural Production Commissioner, V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS, deliberated on the growing mental health concerns among school children and the challenges faced by teachers in addressing such issues effectively.

The Director General further emphasised the importance of integrating modern education with cultural and moral values as an essential approach towards addressing child mental health concerns in society.

Altogether 36 teachers from 16 Govt Schools of Kohima participated in the training program.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 2026 OBSERVED AT JALUKIE

The International Day for Biological Diversity 2026 was observed under the theme, "Acting Locally for Global Impact," at the auditorium of St. Xavier College, Jalukie, Peren on 22nd May 2026. Principal Secretary, DoEF&CC and Chairman of the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board (NSBB), Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS attended the programme as the special guest.

Referring to the theme of the year, Sema said global environmental protection begins with local action and emphasised that small initiatives such as tree plantation, village-level conservation, community clean-up drives, sustainable lifestyles and responsible use of natural resources contribute significantly towards achieving global biodiversity goals.

While highlighting the rich biodiversity of the State, Sema also expressed concern over the growing threats posed by deforestation, pollution, forest fires, soil erosion, water scarcity and the unsustainable extraction of natural resources. Citing reports of the India State of Forest Report (ISFR), he informed that Nagaland witnessed a forest cover loss of about 794.88 sq. km between 2013 and

2023, and around 235 sq. km between 2019 and 2021.

Addressing students and youth, Sema described young people as the future custodians of nature and urged them to become "Ambassadors of Nature". On environmental education, he stressed the importance of incorporating biodiversity and conservation awareness through school curriculum, Sunday schools, eco-clubs, nature clubs, biodiversity walks and community awareness campaigns.

He said conservation efforts require the active participation and support of local communities, educational institutions, churches and civil society organisations alongside the Forest Department and Biodiversity Boards. Referring to Article 371A, which grants the people of Nagaland control over land and natural resources through customary ownership systems, he appealed to the people not to destroy the State's rich biodiversity, but to protect and conserve it for future generations.

Calling for a balance between development and conservation, Sema envisioned Nagaland as a model for community-led biodiversity conservation with strong potential in Eco-Tourism-Biodiversity, Culture & Community Socio-capital.

Short speeches were delivered by Chairman, NCCAF, Heirang Lungalang; APCCF, DEFCC, Supongnukshi, IFS; and Principal of St. Xavier College Jalukie, Rev. Dr. Fr. Francis S. Cheerangal.

Earlier, Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Peren Division, Chisayi Vadeo, IFS delivered the welcome address, while CCF (D&P) and Member Secretary, NSBB, Sidramappa M. Chalkapure, IFSC delivered the keynote address.

The programme also included a prize distribution ceremony for painting and essay competitions.

NAGALAND BMCs PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL EVENT AT BHOPAL

The Members of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) from Nagaland supported by the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board (NSBB) participated in celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity, 2026 at Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal on 22nd May, 2026.

The BMCs from Nagaland participated in an exhibition on the sidelines of IDB, 2026 wherein the SHGs from the State displayed biodiversity base produce in the stall allotted for Nagaland State Biodiversity Board (NSBB). The State stall at Bhopal was visited by Dr. Mohan Yadav, Chief Minister, Govt of Madhya Pradesh; Bhupender Yadav, Minister, MoEFCC, GoI and Kirti Vardhan Singh, Minister of State, MoEFCC, GoI.

The dignitaries and officials of the MoEF&CC noted and appreciated the enthusiasm shown by the members of BMCs from Nagaland in their efforts to conserve the biodiversity and local traditions. The Self Help Groups participating in the event are supported by the Nagaland State Biodiversity Board under the initiatives Forest and Biodiversity Management Project (FBMP).

The Exhibition and an event to

commemorate the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) were jointly organised by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), GoI and National Biodiversity Authority (NBA). The Pre-IBCA Summit Event on Cheetah Conservation was also organized on the sidelines of IDB Celebrations at IIFM, Bhopal.

GOVERNOR INTERACTS WITH POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME (ST) BENEFICIARIES

The Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav, interacted with beneficiaries of the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Tribe students during a special interactive session held under the "Janjatiya Garima Utsav" celebration at Dr. Imkongliba Hall, Lok Bhavan, Kohima on 25th May 2026.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor expressed happiness at interacting with students benefiting from the scholarship scheme and highlighted the significance of the occasion commemorating the legacy of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda, who stood for courage, dignity and justice for tribal communities.

Stating that education is the key to empowerment and progress, the Governor described the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme as an important initiative supporting deserving students in pursuing higher education and achieving their aspirations. He expressed satisfaction that many students from Nagaland are benefiting from the scheme.

Encouraging the students, the Governor urged them to work hard, remain disciplined and make full use of the opportunities available to them while staying connected to the rich values and traditions of their tribal heritage.

Governor, Nand Kishore Yadav with other officials and beneficiaries of the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Tribe students during a special interactive session held at Dr. Imkongliba Hall, Lok Bhavan, Kohima on 25th May 2026.

The Governor further stated that for the vision of a developed India to become a reality, every citizen including youngsters, doctors, engineers, technocrats, students and people from all walks of life must demonstrate greater excellence and dedication in the discharge of their duties. He expressed confidence that the youth of Nagaland would continue to excel and contribute positively towards transforming the nation into a fully developed India, "Viksit Bharat," by 2047.

During the interactive session, the Governor encouraged students to pursue academic excellence with discipline, character and social responsibility. He emphasized honesty, humility, compassion and dedication to public welfare as essential values for success in life.

Highlighting the importance of youth empowerment, the Governor stressed the need for skill development, entrepreneurship, vocational training, tourism and agriculture-based industries to address unemployment in the State. He also underscored the importance of quality education, infrastructure development, unity and lasting peace for the progress of Nagaland.

Motivating the students, the Governor urged them to dream big, remain disciplined, work hard and contribute positively towards society and nation-building.

The programme was chaired by Sarita Yadav, IAS, Secretary, Higher & Technical Education, while the keynote address was delivered by V. Lovitoly Sema, NCS, Addl. Secretary, Higher & Technical Education and Ex-Officio Director, Department of Higher Education. The vote of thanks was delivered by I. Sino Phom, Director, Department of Tribal Affairs. Officers from the Higher & Technical Education, Tribal Affairs Department and students from various colleges attended the programme.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE DEPARTMENT HOLDS INTERACTIVE SESSION ON UNNATI 2024 AND PM VISHWAKARMA SCHEMES

An interactive session with the legislators of Nagaland on the UNNATI 2024 Scheme and PM Vishwakarma was organised by the Department of Industries & Commerce on 26th May 2026 at the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kohima.

During her speech, MLA & Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu stated that the local economy and employment opportunities in Nagaland can be strengthened only through MSMEs and the business community.

Speaking on the RAMP (Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance) scheme, she informed that 750 high-potential MSMEs would be mentored under the initiative, and urged legislators to identify and recommend genuine entrepreneurs who can become role models for their constituencies.

She also appreciated the efforts of NSRLM in systematising activities at the constituency level and lauded SHGs across the state. Encouraging grassroots weavers to benefit from government schemes, she highlighted textiles, particularly handloom and handicrafts, along with food processing, as important sectors for economic growth.

Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu along with Legislatures and officials during an interactive session with the legislators of Nagaland on the UNNATI 2024 Scheme and PM Vishwakarma held at Directorate of for Industries & Commerce, Kohima on 26th May 2026.

She further called upon women engaged in handloom activities to submit names of genuine weavers for Individual Weaver's Sheds, stating that proper sheds are necessary for communication, upgrading skills, and supporting authentic weavers to avail government assistance.

Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Kumar Ramnikant, IAS, in his welcome address, highlighted that UNNATI is emerging as a catalyst for entrepreneurship in the Northeast region and informed that there are currently 55 units in Nagaland under the scheme.

He said the initiative has the potential to create opportunities for the people, particularly artisans, by scaling up traditional crafts, establishing market linkages and promoting rural tourism through micro-level tourism activities. He also noted that six traditional trades have been identified for training programmes in Nagaland and informed that, as of 25th May 2026, a total of 1,939 artisans had been trained under PM Vishwakarma. He urged the legislators present to extend their leadership and support in ensuring awareness and effective implementation of the schemes in their respective constituencies, adding that collective efforts are needed to build a skilled and economically vibrant Nagaland.

Director, Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema, appealed to the legislators to help identify genuine and capable entrepreneurs from their constituencies who could benefit from the scheme and contribute towards local economic development.

The programme also included comprehensive presentations on UNNATI 2024, the PM Vishwakarma (PMVK) Scheme and the Prime Minister Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme. The sessions highlighted the objectives, key provisions, benefits, and the extent of implementation and coverage of these schemes in the state to date.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE VISITS PFUTSERO

Committee on Environment and Climate Change, Nagaland Legislative Assembly Conducts Site Visit at Pfutsero, Phek District on 26th May, 2026.

The Committee on Environment and Climate Change of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat led by its chairman, Achumbemo Kikon, MLA and accompanied by members; MLA & Advisor, Zhaleo Rio; MLA, Y. Mankhao Konyak; MLA, A. Pongshi Phom; MLA, Dr. Neisatuo Mero; and MLA Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso conducted an official site visit to Pfutsero Town under Phek District to inspect and review matters relating to environmental management, developmental activities, and civic administration.

As part of the visit, the Committee inspected the Pfutsero Town Council dumping site to assess the existing waste management system and the environmental challenges associated with solid waste disposal in the area. During the inspection, discussions were held on the need for scientific waste management practices, proper sanitation measures, and sustainable environmental protection initiatives to ensure a cleaner and healthier environment for the public.

The Committee also visited the Mountain Radar System site at Glory Peak, where members were briefed on the installation and related infrastructural and environmental considerations. The Committee also interacted with representatives of the Chakhesang Public Organisation, Chakhesang Mothers' Association and Pfutsero Town Mothers' Association.

Following the site inspections, an interaction meeting was held with the Town Councillors of Pfutsero Town Council. During the meeting, various civic and environmental issues concerning the town were discussed in detail. The Councillors highlighted key challenges faced by the town, which requires government attention and support.

The Committee Members appreciated the efforts of the Pfutsero Town Council and encouraged continued cooperation among government departments, local authorities, and the public in addressing environmental concerns and promoting sustainable development practices.

UNION MINISTER J.P. NADDA ASSURES TO UPGRADE NIMSR AND SETTING UP OF GREEN FIELD MC IN CHUMUKEDIMA

Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Jagat Prakash Nadda, on Wednesday assured towards upgrading the Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (NIMSR), Kohima, into a super-specialty institute and setting up of Green Field Medical College in Naga Ki City, Chumukedima.

The Union Minister gave his assurance during a meeting with Nagaland Minister for Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak, held at his official residence in New Delhi on 27th May 2026.

The meeting was highly positive, with the Union Minister assuring all possible support to the proposals for strengthening healthcare services and infrastructure in Nagaland.

During the meeting the minister proposed for up-gradation of NIMSR, Kohima, (PMSSY) stating that the state government intends to introduce PG courses keeping in mind the first batch of MBBS students to complete the course in 2028. By commencing the PG courses, the minister said it will bridge the shortage of specialist doctors in the state.

The minister also proposed for establishment of Greenfield Medical College an AIIMS institute at Naga Ki City in Chümoukedima district to address existing gaps in tertiary healthcare, medical education and specialist services in the State.

He stated that the proposed AIIMS would not only cater to the healthcare needs of Nagaland but also benefit neighboring states, while promoting medical tourism in line with the Government of India's Act East Policy.

The Minister further requested the Centre to establish a State Cancer Institute under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS).

Highlighting the growing incidence of cancer in Nagaland, Paiwang said establishment of the institute was crucial for providing advanced oncology services, reducing referral burden outside the State, and strengthening cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment and palliative care services.

The minister urged for upgradation of the State Mental Health Institute into a Centre of Excellence under the National Mental Health Programme.

He also sought approval for establishment of a State Allied Health Professional Institute at Kohima to strengthen allied healthcare education, augment skilled healthcare manpower and improve delivery of quality healthcare services in the State.

Further, Paiwang proposed establishment of Accident and Trauma Centres in the remaining 12 districts of Nagaland to ensure equitable and timely access to emergency and trauma care services. The Minister additionally appealed for continuation of the PM-ABHIM scheme for further strengthening public health infrastructure in the State.

The meeting was attended by senior officials of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

COORDINATION MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF DoNER HELD AT KOHIMA

Department of Planning & Transformation along with the officials from the Departments of Land Resources Development, Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) and Roads & Bridges held a coordination meeting regarding matters relating to Ministry of DoNER with Statistical Adviser, Ministry of DoNER, Dharmvir Jha during his visit to the state at the Office Chamber of Principal Secretary & Development Commissioner, Kohima on 28th May 2026.

During the meeting, Statistical Adviser, Jha expressed appreciation over the performance of IDAN and urged the Department to pursue vigorously on grounding of MoUs and LoAs with the investors without further delay. He also urged the Department of Roads & Bridges to expedite the construction of NESIDS roads by utilizing the unutilized funds at the earliest.

Jha minutely reviewed the projects and schemes funded by the Ministry of DoNER, and urged the concerned Departments to implement with sincerity and promptness. He also cautioned that any proposals/projects from the State to the Ministry of DoNER be sent with the concurrence and knowledge of the Planning Department. For that, he asked the Development Commissioner to monitor all these proposals/projects from the time of submission till the implementation period.

The Adviser said he was previously unaware of agar plantation in Nagaland but, recognizing its potential, assured that the Ministry of DoNER would examine the matter and requested the State government to submit a detailed proposal.

Principal Secretary & Development Commissioner, Kikheto Sema, IAS who chaired the meeting gave a presentation on the "Journey of Coffee Plantation in Nagaland." Sema thanked the Ministry of DoNER, for supporting the pilot coffee plantation project in two clusters and for promoting value chain development across all 17 districts of Nagaland.

He highlighted the strong potential of agarwood cultivation in the state's warm foothill regions. However, he noted that most agarwood products are sold to Assam at prices below market value. To address this, the State Forest Department has prepared an Agarwood Policy, which is awaiting government approval. He urged the Ministry of DoNER to support the initiative, stating that it would benefit farmers and create employment opportunities for educated youth.

Sema said that while traditional jhum cultivation remains important for many farmers due to its economic and ecological significance, coffee and agarwood plantations could provide higher incomes and generate more jobs.

He also noted that Nagaland has experienced peace and stability over the past two decades under the leadership of Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, which has enabled greater focus on socio-economic development with the continued support of the Government of India.

CLIMATE SMART NAGALAND INITIATIVE HIGHLIGHTS CLEAN ENERGY IMPACT IN HEALTHCARE

A programme on "Climate Smart Nagaland: Advancing Health & Livelihood Resilience" was held at Hotel Vivor, Kohima on May 28, 2026. Organised by SELCO Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Department of Health & Family Welfare, the programme highlights the impact of clean energy interventions implemented across 325 health facilities in Nagaland to improve healthcare services in the State, launch upcoming livelihood initiatives and

discussing future strategies for Climate resilient development in the state.

In his Special address, Deputy Chief Minister for Planning & Transformation, National Highway, T.R. Zeliang stated that sustainable energy has become more relevant than ever at a time when the country is experiencing the consequences of its dependence on fossil fuels amid the ongoing global energy crisis.

Expressing confidence in the collaboration, he said the partnership between the Government and SELCO Foundation would open new avenues for mutual benefit and sustainable development.

He also commended the "Energy 4 Health" initiative being implemented by SELCO Foundation in collaboration with the Department of Health & Family Welfare, stating that uninterrupted power supply in remote areas of the State is essential, particularly for public healthcare centres and other critical public services.

Zeliang emphasised that sustainable development can only be achieved through strong collaboration among departments, institutions and partner organisations, while adding that public-private partnerships and community participation are essential for creating meaningful and long-term impact.

Speaking on behalf of SELCO Foundation, CEO Dr. Harish Hande said the partnership aims to develop climate-resilient solutions for the state and position the North East as a global knowledge hub with models that can be replicated elsewhere. He expressed confidence that the collaboration would contribute significantly to the state's development goals.

The programme also included the screening of a short video showcasing the impact of the Energy for Health (E4H) programme in the state and the launch of the E4H coffee table book.

A panel discussion on the programme's achievements, challenges and future plans featured Dr. Kika Longkumer, Joint Director, DoHFW; Dr. Victor, CMO Noklak; and Dr. Singson, MO, Poilwa PHC as panellist.

Welcome address was delivered by S. Tainiu, Secretary, H&FW Department, while the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Mereninla Senlem, Principal Director, DoHFW.

Among others, Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports, Keoshu Yimkhiung, Advisor for New & Renewable Energy and NSDMA, Nyusietho Nyuthe, MLA, Dr. Tseihoutuo Rhutso, Deputy Commissioners, government officials from various departments and representatives of NGOs attended the programme.

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON STRENGTHENING LEGAL METROLOGY HELD IN KOHIMA

The Department of Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection (LM&CP), in collaboration with the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Legal Metrology, conducted a one-day training programme for all Nagaland Legal Metrology Officers at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 29th May 2026.

Speaking on the theme "Strengthening of Legal Metrology with New Technical Developments," Special Guest, Secretary Department of Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection (LM&CP) Wonchio Odyuo said the world is now moving rapidly towards digitalisation and stressed that departments must adapt to the changing technological

landscape. According to him, digital systems help minimise human error and improve monitoring and verification processes both at the district and headquarters levels.

The Secretary further pointed out that legal metrology measures are increasingly important in digital trade to ensure consumers receive correct quantity, pricing and proper product declarations during online transactions.

Urging officers to continuously upgrade their knowledge and skills, he said keeping pace with technological advancements is essential for effective implementation of legal metrology standards and consumer protection mechanisms in the State.

Dr. Rakesh Joshi, Deputy Director, Legal Metrology and Head of RRSL Guwahati, , attended the programme as the resource person and delivered the keynote address. He also led the technical session on new technical developments and strengthening of legal metrology practices.

Officers participated in discussions and feedback sessions focusing on improving enforcement mechanisms, technical efficiency and consumer protection measures in the State.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Shiloh Kath, Deputy Controller, LM&CP. Earlier, the inaugural session was chaired by Shiekhozo, Assistant Controller HQ, LM&CP. Additional Controller & HoD, LM&CP Nagaland, Limatoshi Jamir delivered the welcome address.

STATE REVIEWS MONSOON PREPAREDNESS UNDER CHIEF MINISTER'S CHAIRMANSHIP

A monsoon preparedness meeting was held at the Chief Minister's residential complex (CMRC), Kohima on 29th May 2026, under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, Dr Neiphiu Rio to review the State's readiness for the ensuing monsoon season.

The meeting discussed the monsoon forecast based on meteorological inputs presented by the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), highlighting likely rainfall patterns and potential risk areas across the State.

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio reviewing the State's preparedness for the monsoon season during a meeting held at Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima on 29th May 2026.

Departments including PWD (R&B) and NHIDCL briefed on the preparedness of road infrastructure, including ongoing maintenance works, identification of vulnerable stretches, and measures to address possible landslides and disruptions. Home Guards, Civil Defence and SDRF outlined their emergency operation plans, resource deployment, and response mechanisms to ensure prompt action during any eventuality. The Health & Family Welfare Department apprised the house on healthcare preparedness, including readiness of medical personnel, availability of essential medicines, and contingency measures for emergency situations. The Food & Civil Supplies Department, along with Agri. and allied, informed on the availability, stocking, and distribution of essential commodities to ensure uninterrupted supply during the monsoon period.

In view of the vulnerability of National Highways, particularly NH-29 (Dimapur–Kohima) and NH-02 (Kohima–Mao), the meeting deliberated on measures to address landslides and road disruptions during the monsoon season. It also considered regulating the movement of heavy vehicles, especially those with more than 10-wheel configurations, to ensure road safety and smooth traffic flow.

In his concluding remarks, Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio emphasized the importance of a coordinated and proactive approach among all departments to effectively address monsoon-related challenges. He stressed the need for timely intervention, seamless communication, and collective responsibility to safeguard lives and critical infrastructure. The Chief Minister further directed all concerned departments to ensure that necessary machinery, equipment, and response systems are strategically positioned and maintained in full operational readiness to respond to any exigency, reaffirming the Government's commitment to ensuring public safety and minimizing disruptions during the monsoon season.

During the course of discussions, Deputy Chief Minister, T. R. Zeliang, Minister for Road & Bridges, G. Kaito Aye, Advisor for Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, and Advisor for New & Renewable Energy and NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe also reviewed key concerns and provided inputs regarding the State's preparedness for the ensuing monsoon season.

LIVESTOCK INSURANCE AWARENESS AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED ACROSS NAGALAND

A series of one-day orientation and training programmes on the Livestock Insurance Scheme under the National Livestock Mission (NLM) 2025–26 was conducted in Peren, Tuensang, Shamator, and Niuland districts during May 2026 to create awareness among para-veterinarians and livestock farmers on the benefits and procedures of livestock insurance.

JALUKIE

The programme was held at Women Welfare Hall, Jalukie Town on 1st May 2026, organized by the office of by the Chief Veterinary Officer, Peren.

In the Technical Session, Dr. Suiyipeube Mpom spoke on Livestock Insurance Scheme. Dr. Mpom also imparted the knowledge on how the farmers will avail insurance policy, and the documents required for livestock claim and highlighted the types of animals covered under the scheme.He informed that a proper claim document has to be submitted within 14 days after the loss and death of their Livestock to the authority.

The training programme was presided over by Dr. Yovino Mekro

TUENSANG

The programme was held at CVO Conference Hall, Tuensang on 6th May 2026.

Dr. N. Wopenthung Odyuo, CVO Tuensang and Shamator in his keynote address stated that, the Livestock insurance scheme protects farmers by providing compensation in case of livestock death.

Dr. Aojongshi Chang FM, SCRC presented on the Awareness on Livestock Insurance, regulations, financial security and benifits covered by the insurance Scheme.

The Training was attended by Farmers and Para Veterinarian from Tuensang.

SHAMATOR

At YTC Hall, Shamator on 8th May 2026, CVO, Dr. N Wopenthung Odyuo, highlighted the significance of livestock insurance in safeguarding the livelihood of livestock farmers and encouraged farmers to avail the benefits of the scheme.

A technical session on Livestock Insurance Scheme was presented by Dr. Ale Khape, VAS, Shamator, who explained the procedures for availing insurance policy, premium rates and maintenance of necessary documents for smooth claim settlement.

NIULAND

At Town Council Hall, Niuland, on 11th May, 2026 the programmme was attended by 10 Para-Veterinarians and 42 farmers from 20 villages across Niuland district.

Dr. V Qhelitoli Sema, District Livestock Development Officer (DLDO), delivered a comprehensive presentation covering the key benefits, procedures, and guidelines for enrolling livestock under the insurance scheme.

The Branch Manager, SBI Niuland, Imliwati Ao, also addressed participants on the importance of insurance and maintaining proper financial accounts to facilitate easier access to agri and allied loans.

TUOPHEMA AND UNGMA CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF BROTHERHOOD TO FOSTER UNITY

In a landmark event aimed at strengthening friendship, peace and unity, the 25th Anniversary (2001-2026) of the Rüna Khrietho - Maong Aksü brotherhood between Tuophema Village and Ungma Village was celebrated on 2nd May 2026, at Ungma Village, Mokokchung. Held under the theme "To Bolster Amity," the historic silver jubilee drew top state leaders and traditional representatives to champion a united Naga future.

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while veteran leader and former Chief Minister, Dr. S.C. Jamir attended as the Honoured Dignitary. Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly (NLA), Sharingain Longkumer served as the Chief Host for the monumental event.

Upon his arrival at Ungma Village, Dr. Rio was accorded a warm traditional welcome, following which he officially inaugurated the 25th Anniversary Monolith to mark the historic milestone. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister extended Moatsü greetings to the Ao community and lauded the rich cultural displays presented during the occasion and made a strong call for the active preservation of Naga culture, identity, customary laws and rich heritage.

Sharing the background of the Rüna Khrietho - Maong Aksü, Dr. Rio revealed that the bond was the brainchild of himself and Dr. S.C. Jamir. The core vision was to build a bridge of friendship with all Aos through Ungma, and with all Angamis and Tenyimias through Tuophema, ultimately radiating that peace to all Nagas.

He urged the gathering to introspect, retrospect, and carry forward the legacy established by the two villages, pushing them to expand this friendship to the rest of the Naga family. Dr. Rio expressed his deep satisfaction at seeing the younger generation actively carrying forward this tradition through various exchange programs and social engagements.

Speaking as the Honoured Dignitary, Dr. S.C. Jamir provided valuable insights, calling for urgent peace and unity among the Nagas. Reflecting on his long and storied political career, Jamir lamented that there was no 'ism' among the Nagas in the past, noting that there was only one apex body under which all tribal Hohos worked in perfect harmony. Expressing deep concern over the current state of Naga society, Jamir warned that tribalism has gone to extremes, factions have multiplied both underground and overground, and materialism is crushing morality. He passionately called for a drastic change in outlook and attitude, urging a renewed vision to build a stronger, more peaceful, and prosperous Nagaland.

Chief Host, Sharingain Longkumer expressed his profound gratitude to both Dr. Jamir and Dr. Rio for their visionary leadership in steering the Nagas through turbulent times. He echoed the call for absolute unity across all Naga tribes.

In a highly symbolic move toward wider integration, Ungma Village donated three plots of land during the program. These were officially handed over to the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO), the Central Nagaland Tribes Council (CNTC), and the Tenyimia Union Nagaland (TUN)

by the Chief Minister. To cement their commitment for the future, the two villages formally adopted the "Ungma Declaration," pledging to continuously strengthen and carry forward their unique bond of friendship.

The silver jubilee celebration was attended by a high-profile delegation including Minister Kaito Aye, several state Advisors, MLAs, and top state government officials.

MODERNITY WITHOUT IDENTITY IS ROOTLESS: UNION MINISTER FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM

The 2nd day of the Moatsü cum Mini Hornbill Festival on 2nd May, 2026 at Longpayimsen Village was graced by Union Minister, Culture and Tourism Government of India, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister described the Moatsü Festival as a reflection of a deeper philosophy of life that goes beyond mere festivity, emphasising that it symbolises a time of gratitude, community bonding and harmony with nature.

Highlighting the Culture richness of Nagaland, he said the state stands as a shining example of India's diversity which is its strength. The Minister also underlined the importance of balancing tradition with modernity, stating that "Modernity without identity is rootless". He urged that technology and tradition must move forward together.

Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat addressing the gathering during Moatsü cum Mini Hornbill Festival celebration at Longpayimsen Village on 2nd May 2026.

In the context of Tourism, the Minister remarked that Culture is a powerful tool of development and that Tourism rooted in tradition can transform communities. Referring to the success of the Hornbill Festival which has placed it in the global Tourism map, he said that initiatives like the Mini Hornbill festival helps bring Tourism closer to local communities.

Gajendra Singh further informed that the government is committed to promoting inclusive, sustainable and community driven Tourism and special assistance would be extended to states for developing globally and competitive destination based Tourism, adding that Northeast region, particularly Nagaland is very central to this vision.

Addressing the inaugural programme of the two-day celebration on 1st May 2026, Minister for Higher Education and Tourism, Temjen Imna Along, called upon the gathering to come back to their roots and continue to derive strength from their tradition and culture.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

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

At the outset, the house reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and deliberated on various agenda items. The Foothill Road Project was discussed in detail. The chair briefed the members comprehensively, following which representatives from Tribal Hohos shared their views. The Tribal Hohos, including NZPO and Kuki Inpi, were asked to hold detailed consultations with stakeholders and arrive at a consensus decision. They were also requested to persuade stakeholders to provide an additional three metres of land for the project, as the existing 12 metres width is inadequate for long-term requirements.

The proposal for change of nomenclature of a school from GPS Lower Gaili to Gaili Namdi was also taken up and approved by the house.

The board also deliberated on the Inter-Departmental Tournament. The chair highlighted experiences from previous years and informed that the event is proposed to be organised at the District Headquarters this year. An organising committee was constituted and tasked to initiate preparations.

During the meeting, a PowerPoint presentation was made by Dr. Suiyipeube Mpom from the Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Department on the prospects of pig farming in Peren district. A presentation was also made by Panel Lawyer, Kewithinwang from the District Legal Services Authority, highlighting activities, schemes under legal aid and future plans.

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES & AQUATIC RESOURCES ORGANISES TRAINING FOR FISH FARMERS ACROSS SEVERAL DISTRICTS

SAKHABAMA, KOHIMA

A training programme on "New Pond Management Practices" was conducted at Sakhabama on May 7, 2026.

During the technical session, District Fishery Officer (DFO) Sentinaro, spoke on new pond management practices, stressing the importance of mixed fish culture for better utilization of pond resources. She also spoke on supplementary feeding practices and fish disease prevention measures.

Neikonuo, A.F.I., spoke on cultivable fish species suitable for Nagaland and the benefit of Paddy-cum-Fish Culture (PFC) to adopt integrated fish farming.

The session also covered site selection, pond specifications, stocking density and the role of fish in improving paddy cultivation through natural fertilization and pest control.

The training was attended by around 30 farmers.

SHAMATOR

A one-day training on Best Management Practices in Fisheries for Fish Farmers was held at Shamator village Council Hall on 11th May 2026.

DFO Shamator, Shamyung O. Ongh, emphasised that to ensure sustainable fish production and to protect aquatic resources, adopting Best Management Practices (BMPs) is essential. She encouraged farmers to maintain good pond hygiene, use quality fish seed and feed, and regularly monitor water quality parameters. Farmers were also encouraged to adopt modern scientific techniques, improve productivity, and thereby increase income.

Ruth Kikon, AFI, Shamator conducted a practical demonstration on pond liming and proper fish feeding techniques.

All together around 40 fish farmers took part in the training.

BEISUMPUIKAM, PEREN

One day training programme on the topic "Your Pond's Health is Your Wealth: Best Practices in Pond Management" for 40 fish farmers was held at the Community Hall, Beisumpuikam Village, a model village adopted by the DPDB Peren on 14th May 2026.

Addressing the farmers, DFO C. Dory Yanthan stated that the training is being taken up under Extension and Training, State Plan (2025-26). She stressed that investment is key to boosting fish growth, noting that fish farming is a business which requires strategic investment in quality seed, feed, and healthy pond.

During the inaugural session, Neimelu Noswe, sensitized the participants on National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP) and KCC loan Scheme. The Department also distributed Water testing kits to the participating farmers.

The training also included sessions by resource persons, C Dory Yanthan, DFO and Chubatemjen, AFI, covering best practices in Pond Management, Composite Fish Culture, Economics of Fish Culture, Composite Fish Culture and field demonstrations.

MON

One-day training on "Scientific Fish Farming Practices" was held at Agri. Hall, Mon on 16th May 2026.

DFO Mon, Angun Wangshu in her address stated that the programme is being conducted with the objective of strengthening the knowledge and skills of the participants and imparting important information.

Fishery Inspector Mon, Kedolhouse Kuotsu and Kito H Yeptho, also briefed on the best site selection method for fish farming and basic Pond Management practices.

All together around 15 fish farmers took part in the training.

SEKRUZU, PHEK

One-day training programme on Management Practices in Composite Fish Culture and Integrated Fish Farming at Sekruzu, Phek, on May 29th 2026.

A total of 30 farmers from nearby villages participated in the programme, aimed at enhancing knowledge and skills in modern aquaculture practices.

A practical demonstration on fish feed preparation was one of the highlights of the programme. Farmers were taught how to formulate and prepare cost-effective fish feed using locally available ingredients, thereby reducing dependence on expensive commercial feeds and lowering production costs.

Addressing the participants, DFO Phek, R Esther Angami emphasized the need to complement traditional fish farming methods with modern aquaculture techniques. She encouraged farmers to adopt practices such as composite fish culture and integrated fish farming, noting that these methods can significantly reduce farming expenses while

DFO Phek, R Esther Angami along with other officials and participants during a training programme on Management Practices in Composite Fish Culture and Integrated Fish Farming at Sekruzu, Phek on 29th May 2026.

increasing productivity and profitability..

Technical sessions on pond management practices, composite fish culture, and integrated fish farming. was led by resource persons including DFO Phek, Licheteu Therie, Assistant Fisheries Inspector (AFI), Dzuthorii Chotso and AFI, Meyete K Mero.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

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

After reviewing the last meeting minutes, the board discussed and recommended for registration of Saoshoung Chipen Society Tuensang. During the discussion hour, Dr. Akash Sinha (IPS) SDPO, Tuensang highlighted the present scenario of Drug trafficking in the district and said, the department is striving work to reducing the demand of drug in the district. Sharing the problem of drug in the district, SP, Tuensang Longpoksang Lumtur said ignorance and availability of cheap drug online and at medical store is the major concern. He therefore urged the Church, NGO's and Civil societies to play a greater role in curbing the usage and influx of drugs in the district.

Dr. N. Wopenthung Odyuo CVO, Tuensang highlights the Insurance Scheme under National Livestock Mission (NLM) 2025-2026.

DIET Tuensang and Polytechnic Sedem gave a power presentation about their respective departmental activities in the district. The DC requested the Department in the district to take initiative in cleaning and planting of saplings during the World Environment Day in the District.

THSOTOKU VILLAGE RENAMING CEREMONY HELD

A formal ceremony marking the renaming of Sotokur to Thsotoku was held at Thsotoku village, Shamator with Mekato J Aye, EAC Shamator and Additional Charge,

EAC Shamator, Mekato J Aye along with other officials and village elders during the village renaming ceremony held at Thsotoku Village, Shamator on 7th May 2026.

Thsotoku Circle inaugurated the program on 7th May 2026.

During the programme, the EAC laid the foundation stones for the monolith commemorating the name change and for the newly established Thsotoku Citizen Union Office. The event witnessed the presence of community members and leaders from neighbouring villages, reflecting strong collective participation.

Drawing from the meaning of Thsotoku, the EAC highlighted that the elephant symbolises strength, wisdom, and steady progress, and expressed hope that the village would reflect these qualities in its collective journey.

He further emphasised that while a name gives identity, it is the people who give meaning to it through unity, responsibility, and shared progress. Encouraging the community, he called upon them to move forward together, uphold their roots, and ensure that the village becomes known not just by its name but by its spirit and development.

Short speeches were delivered by Tokimong, Head GB, Kiuthsang, VCC Thsotoku, and Kheanjimong, President of the Citizen Union.

During the programme, the lone successful HSLC candidate from the village after a decade was also felicitated. The ceremony concluded with a renewed sense of identity and commitment among the people of Thsotoku.

FREE MULTI-SPECIALITY HEALTH CAMP HELD AT TIZIT

As part of efforts to bridge critical gaps in urban healthcare services, a Free Multi-Speciality Health Camp was held at PHC Tizit, Mon on 8th May 2026, in accordance with the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission Health Grants. The programme was organised by the Tizit Town Council in collaboration with the Chief Medical Officer, Mon, officials and staff of PHC Tizit, and other stakeholders.

ADC & Administrator of Tizit Town Council, C. Phuniang, in his brief address mentioned that efforts would be made to organise the health camp as a monthly

exercise, especially during the peak monsoon season in Tizit town for which he appealed to all stakeholders for their continued support and cooperation.

A variety of specialist OPD services, including Medicine, Paediatrics consultation, Gynaecology, Dental care, Ultrasound, and other healthcare services, were provided during the polyclinic health camp. In addition, PMJAY/CMHIS enrolment, blood testing, and health awareness counselling services were also extended to the beneficiaries.

The medical team was led by Dr. Wungyoung, DIO Mon, comprised six Junior Specialists, two Medical Officers, a Sonologist, a Dental Surgeon, and a pharmacist. Around 350 beneficiaries from in and around Tizit Town availed the services during the camp.

MINI LEGAL SERVICES CAMP HELD AT PUNGRO

Mini legal services camp organized by the Kiphire District Legal Services Authority (KDLSA) in collaboration with the District Administration and 30th Battalion Assam Rifles was successfully conducted at the ADC's office, Pungro town on 8th May 2026.

The camp was led by Panel lawyer, Limkhushi Thongliu and inaugurated by Hotolu Sema, NCS, ADC Pungro and Holika Sukhalu, NJS, Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) cum Secretary, Kiphire District Legal Services Authority.

Services provided includes: Free Aadhar correction and enrollment, Free Health check-up and medicines by the 30th Battalion Assam Rifles, Anti Rabies Vaccination for dogs and free medicine for animals, Free distribution of farming seeds, Free affidavits inclusive of name correction and declarations and distribution of pamphlets, Free Distribution of Ayushman Card, SHG pickle processing. The beneficiaries included citizens from Pungro Town and nearby villages. All together 291 beneficiaries participated in the camp.

The core aim of the camp is to identify and notify the beneficiaries particularly from rural and undeserved areas to ensure maximum public participation. The programme realised the synergy between legal services and District administration in delivering medical services to the doorsteps.

INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (IRCS) KIPHIRE OBSERVED WORLD RED CROSS DAY

The Indian Red Cross Society Kiphire District Branch observed the World Red Cross Day on 8th May 2026 at DPDB Hall, Kiphire. The programme was graced by Longdiba L Sangtam, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire as the special guest.

While acknowledging the initiative undertaken by the volunteers in the district, the special guest encouraged the local resident to join the movement and revamp the society for the cause of humanity.

The resource person, Sentiwapang, NPS, SDPO, Kiphire delivered a short speech on road safety and traffic rules, while Tsointhe Sangtam, Honorary Secretary, IRCS, Kiphire spoke on the significance of the day.

The attendees include members from Taxi Drivers Union (Two and Four Wheelers) Kiphire Town, J/YRC GHS Yangphi and Administrative Officers.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Thsaropi Sangtam, Office Assistant, IRCS Kiphire.

DPDB CHUMOUKEDIMA DISCUSSES KEY DEVELOPMENTAL AGENDAS

The monthly meeting of the DPDB, Chumoukedima was held on May 11, 2026 under the chairmanship of Zhaleo Rio, Advisor for Urban Development & Municipal Affairs and Chairman DPDB, at the DPDB Hall, Chumoukedima.

During the meeting, Zhaleo Rio called upon all concerned departments and stakeholders to remain prepared for the upcoming monsoon season and stressed the importance of ensuring that drainage systems are properly cleared and maintained to prevent waterlogging and flooding during the monsoon period. He further directed that information and awareness regarding monsoon preparedness should be disseminated to colonies, wards and villages so that citizens remain alert and cooperative during the season.

Emphasizing the need for collective efforts, Zhaleo Rio appealed to all departments to coordinate and work together to ensure effective preparedness and response mechanisms during the monsoon season.

The Advisor further stressed the need to develop the district in a more systematic and organized manner to ensure balanced infrastructure expansion and long-term urban planning across all areas of the district. Police Department was also directed to strictly regulate and enforce speed limits in order to ensure road safety and prevent accidents across the district.

Among the agendas discussed during the meeting was the recognition of Cinnamon Pre-School located at Ward-II, Chumoukedima. Under society registration, the proposal for registration of Yimkhiung Baptist Borü-Naga United Village was also placed before the board for consideration.

The meeting further deliberated on proposals for upgradation of schools in the district, including the upgradation of Appleseed Pre-School at Sugar Mill, Chumoukedima to a Primary School, Dovecot Christian School (DCS), Seithekema to an Upper Primary School, and Government Middle School 'C' at Seithekema to a Government High School. The board also discussed proposals for establishment of a Government Degree College at Medziphema and a District Transport Office for Chumoukedima district.

Further, a PowerPoint presentation was delivered by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Chumoukedima on matters pertaining to the district, while another presentation was given by the Department of Sericulture.

MEETING ON FOOTHILL ROAD PROJECT HELD AT TULI

A meeting regarding the Foothill Road project and the proposed extension of the road beyond the existing 10-metre Right of Way (ROW) was held at Dobashis Court, Tuli Sub-division, Mokokchung on 11th May 2026.

The meeting was convened in pursuance of directives issued by the DC Mokokchung and was attended by representatives of the Tuli Area Foothill Road Land Owners Association, Village Council Chairmen and Secretaries of Kangtsung, Kangtsungyimsen, Wameken, Wamekenyimsen and Anaki along with other stakeholders under Tuli Sub-division.

During the meeting, participants deliberated on matters pertaining to the ongoing Foothill Road project, particularly focusing on the proposal for extension and widening of the road corridor beyond the existing 10-metre Right of way (ROW). Various concerns and suggestions from landowners and village representatives were also discussed to ensure smooth implementation of the project.

The meeting concluded with assurances for continued consultation with the stakeholders in the interest of the public and infrastructural development.

SEMINAR ON ARTICLE 371(A) AND NAGALAND VILLAGE COUNCIL ACT 1978 HELD AT MOKOKCHUNG

A seminar on "Article 371(A) and "The Nagaland Village Council Act 1978" organised by Ao Senden and hosted by, Minister, Rural Development & SIRD, Metsubo Jamir was held on 12th May 2026 at Town Hall, Mokokchung.

Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Sentiyanger Imchen, IAS while speaking on the topic stated that Article 371 (A) is a provision under the constitution of India intended to safeguard the traditional and customary identity of the Naga people. However, he remarked that many fail to fully understand the provision and often misinterpret its purpose, which he described as unfortunate.

Stating that Article 371(A) is a temporary transitional provision, he emphasized the need to adapt to and follow the laid down rules and law that evolve with changing times and societal needs. He further observed that laws act as agents of social change necessary for the progress of society. He also stated that while laws are framed for the common good, good governance depends on their judicious implementation for the welfare and betterment of the people.

Earlier, Minister Rural Development & SIRD, Metsubo Jamir also delivered a short speech. The main speaker of the seminar was C.T. Jamir Legal advisor Ao Senden & Senior Advocate, Gauhati High Court and Sentiyanger Pongen, Advocate, Gauhati High Court.

SHAMATOR DPDB MEETING HELD

The District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held at Shamator, on 12th May, 2026 under the chairmanship of Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports and Chairman DPDB Shamator, S. Keoshu.

During the meeting, the Chairman urged all departments to actively highlight the concerns and difficulties being faced in their respective sectors so that necessary attention and coordination could be ensured for effective governance and development.

The house discussed matters relating to infrastructure, public service delivery, connectivity, healthcare, education, and other developmental priorities concerning the district. Emphasis was laid on inter-departmental coordination and timely execution of government initiatives for the welfare of the public.

Officers from various departments attended the meeting and shared departmental achievements, requirements, and challenges requiring intervention and support.

MELURI DPDB MEETING WELCOMES NEW DC and ADC

The DPDB meeting of Meluri was held at DB's Court, DC's office, Meluri on 12th April 2026. Advisor New & Renewable Energy and NSDMA, Z Nyusietho Nyuthe, welcomed all the members present in the meeting and introduced the New DC and ADC, Meluri, Phuleshe K. Yepthomi and Shelly Katiry, respectively.

During the meeting, DC Meluri, Phuleshe K. Yepthomi, urged all Heads of Departments to remain sincere, dedicated, and responsible in discharging their duties. He emphasized that collective efforts, commitment, and proper coordination among departments are essential for the overall growth and development of the district. The Deputy Commissioner further encouraged all officers to work with honesty and dedication, in order to uplift the district and ensure better service to the people.

ADC Meluri, Shelly Katiry, stressed the importance of the Vibrant Village Programme under Meluri district. He appealed to all the line departments to extend full cooperation and contribute innovative ideas for the welfare of the district. He further urged the officers to work together sincerely to ensure successful implementation of developmental activities for the benefit of the people.

J.E (Power) Meluri, Nguvitho Katiry, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the developmental activities of the department in the district.

COORDINATION MEETING HELD AT PUNGRO

A Co-ordination meeting of all Head of Department for Pungro subdivision was successfully conducted under the newly Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Hotolu Sema, NCS, Pungro at ADC Office on 12th May 2026.

Some key details discussed in the meeting included, the awareness programme and the ongoing vaccination for HPV undertaken by the Community Health Centre, Pungro. Successful completion of free distribution of textbooks by the Department of School Education and uniforms, and maintaining the average teacher: student ratio. Distribution of free machinery and seeds to be undertaken by the Agriculture Department.

Rural Development Department highlighted on the lack of labour driven workforce under the newly renamed PMG-VBG (previously name as MGNERGA), while also mentioning it's root cause of digitization and their way forward to handle this issue. The issue of lack of proper documentation process for ILP under Pungro was also highlighted by OC Pungro, while ADC Pungro assured cooperation with the police to find feasible solution to this. The ongoing process of adoption of smart meter was highlighted by SDO (Electrical). SDO (R&B) notified the ongoing projects under their department. The issue of water scarcity due to the depletion of the two major water sources was highlighted by the PHED department. While the Khongsa Aspirational Block spoke about successful completion of Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0 and to install NITI TARA at ADC office, Pungro. The Social welfare department highlighted

the success of Poshan Tracker initiative and the well-maintained workers to population ratio. Post office highlighted on the progress of their department.

ADC Pungro in his concluding remark focus on the importance of teamwork and how well one department can supplement the other by coming together through meetings like this and finding solutions through brainstorming together. He also maintained to have co-ordination meeting in every three months.

KOHIMA DISTRICT PUSHES FOR WASTE SEGREGATION AND SANITATION DRIVE

A meeting on sanitation and waste management was convened at the DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 12th May 2026 to deliberate on measures for effective waste management and sanitation in the district.

DC Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, NCS who chaired the meeting, stressed on the need for collective responsibility in maintaining cleanliness and ensuring proper waste management practices. He urged all stakeholders to discuss practical and actionable solutions, both short-term and long-term, to address the growing sanitation concerns in Kohima.

The DC further emphasised that segregation of waste at source has become essential and appealed to colony leaders to ensure that households cooperate in segregating waste into different categories. He also stressed on the importance of enhancing awareness activities and dissemination of IEC (Information, Education and Communication) materials at the grassroots level. He informed that a two-week IEC campaign would be undertaken to sensitise the public on waste segregation and sanitation practices.

Encouraging all stakeholders, the DC said meaningful progress can be achieved even by starting with available resources and gradually strengthening the system through collective efforts and community participation. He urged everyone to work together towards building a cleaner and more sustainable Kohima for the benefit of all.

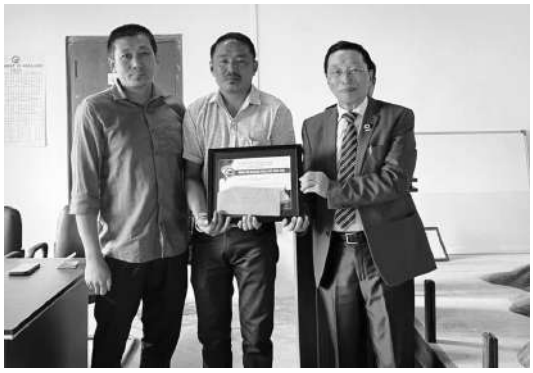
CEO, Kohima Municipal Council (KMC), Alemyapang Longchar, informed that under SBM-U 2.0, the Government is promoting scientific waste management and sustainable sanitation practices in urban areas. He stressed the importance of segregating waste at source to ensure proper treatment and reduce landfill disposal, adding that all landfill sites are targeted for closure by October 1, 2026. He also outlined the main waste categories and emphasized the need for widespread awareness campaigns, after which sanitation committees would monitor implementation and penalties would be imposed for non-compliance.

Earlier the meeting started with a presentation by a representative from Prege Eco Green Foundation on the topic "Converting Waste to Worth: A Sustainable Solution for Kohima." The presentation highlighted the importance of segregation of waste at the household level itself, particularly separating wet and dry waste for effective disposal and recycling.

SDPDB MEETING CUM FELICITATION PROGRAMME HELD AT PUGHOBOTO

SDPDB Pughoboto organised a felicitation programme at the ADC's Office, Pughoboto, on May 12, 2026, to honour the best-performing schools and meritorious HSLC and HSSLC students of 2026. The programme was held in consonance with the resolution adopted during the SDPDB meeting in January 2026, whereby the SDPDB Educational Trust Fund for the current year was earmarked to recognise outstanding Government and private schools, along with meritorious students from Government schools within Pughoboto Sub-Division.

Under the "Award for Academic Excellence 2025–2026" in the Government School category, Government High School, Lazami was adjudged the Best Performing Government School under the subdivision. While, New Foundation School, Pughoboto received the Award for Academic Excellence in the Private School category. First rank holders from GHS Ighanumi were also felicitated with cash awards for their outstanding academic achievements.



MLA, Dr. Sukhato A Sema Felicitating the Best performing Schools & Meritorious Students of HSLC & HSSLC 2026 at ADC's Office, Pughoboto on 12th May 2026.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Sukhato A Sema, MLA and Chairman SDPDB Pughoboto, highlighted that the SDPDB Educational Trust Fund was a collective monthly contribution made by board members to support underprivileged students and strengthen the educational environment in the subdivision.

Yekivi P Sumi, President of Sumi Aphuyemi Kiphimi Kuqhakulu (SAKK), in his speech stated that the achievements of the students had set a high benchmark for the entire subdivision and appreciated the continuous encouragement and support extended by parents and the MLA towards promoting academic excellence.

Adding to the celebration, Insightknots, a social group formed by 13 friends on August 7, 2009, also extended support to deserving students through its "Mission Help" initiative.

Earlier in the day, the SDPDB meeting was chaired by MLA, Dr Sukhato A Sema and co-chaired by ADC Meyazungba Jamir. The meeting began with a review of the previous SDPDB meeting, while the main agenda discussed was the establishment of a Health Sub-Centre at Ighavito village. The Board resolved to take up the matter with the SMO Pughoboto.

A major highlight of the programme was the distribution of brush cutters to five beneficiaries under Pughoboto Subdivision by the MLA. Dr Sema also informed that a new natural farming scheme would soon be implemented under the supervision of the incumbent SDAO, as the Government has sanctioned seven cluster villages under the initiative.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB FELICITATES ACADEMIC TOPPERS; APPROVES SCHOOL UPGRADATION

The monthly DPDB meeting for Mokokchung District was held at the DC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 13th May 2026, under the chairmanship of MLA & DPDB Chairman, Nuklutoshi Longkumer. The meeting commenced with a felicitation ceremony led by the Chairman.

Academic Toppers: Class X and Class XII Top 3 rank holders from Mokokchung District were honoured for their performance. The Cleanest Ward Award 2025-2026 was officially presented to the winning ward.

Following a review of the previous meeting's minutes and action-taken report, the house passed two major development proposals:

Under Society Registration, the board recommended the registration of the M.I. Small Tea Growers Cooperative Society, Saringyim. While on Educational Expansion, the board recommended the upgradation of Green Hills Public School, Chuchuyimlang, from Middle Section to High School.

The board deliberated extensively on hosting the upcoming 25th edition of the Dr. T. Ao Trophy, scheduled for October 2026. In this regard, DC Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS, appealed to all departments and members to extend full cooperation to ensure the milestone event is a grand success.

The DC also briefed the house on the recent DCs' Conference held in Kohima, where he urged departments to maintain proper coordination and manage resources efficiently. He further informed that the district administration is actively planning to institute a 'District Teachers Award' to honour the educators.

During the meeting, the Principal of Fazl Ali College, Mokokchung, highlighted the institution's recent achievements and requested continuous support from the board. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the DC.

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON CHILD PROTECTION HELD AT GHSS MEDZIPHEMA

The District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) Chümoukedima under the Department of Social Welfare, Government of Nagaland organized a one-day workshop on Child Protection at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Medziphema on 13th May 2026.

The workshop focused on the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012. Teachers from the LSC Chümoukedima Complex, comprising One Hub School and four Spoke Schools - GHSS Medziphema, GMS Medziphema Town, GMS Medziphema-Kuki, GMS Medziphema Village and GPS Agri. Colony attended the programme.

Delivering the keynote address, District Child Protection Officer, Chümoukedima, Nikito Zhimomi stated that teachers play a crucial role as first responders in identifying children in distress and ensuring timely intervention and support.

Project Coordinator, Child Helpline

Chümoukedima, Mhaseto Rhakho highlighted the role and functioning of Child Helpline 1098 and the support services available for children in need of care and protection.

Legal Cum Probation Officer, Wekhrope Marhu delivered a detailed session on the JJ Act, 2015, rehabilitation measures and the responsibilities of various stakeholders in ensuring child safety and protection. He also elaborated on the POCSO Act, 2012 and the importance of timely intervention and support for child victims.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by LSC Manager, Chümoukedima, Rokozhalie Namdau.

FARM MACHINERIES DISTRIBUTED

PUNGRO, KIPHIRE

The Sub-Divisional Agriculture Office, Pungro, distributed machinery under the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) 2025–26 at the Demonstration Farm, Pungro, on 13th May 2026.

The programme was graced and machineries were handed over by EAC Pungro, Er. H Aloto Shohe, NCS to eligible beneficiaries from both Khongsa and Pungro block. Machineries that were distributed include Power tillers (9 HP & 7 HP), Brush cutter cum Harvesters (2.1 HP & 1.5 HP), Rice cum Flour mills, Water pump and Paddy threshers.

HOSHEPU, ZUNHEBOTO

The Department of Land Resources, Zunheboto, distributed farm machineries under PMKSY -WDC 2.0 (Additional) at Hoshepu village under Aghunato sub-division on 30th May 2026. The event was graced by EAC Aghunato, Kathyinla as the special guest, who later handed over the farm machineries to the beneficiaries.

DPDB WOKHA HOLDS MEETING, KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED ON DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The DPDB Wokha held its monthly meeting on 14th May 2026 at the DC's Conference Hall, Wokha, under the chairmanship of Advisor for Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan and Deputy Commissioner Wokha, K. Mhathung Tsanglao, NCS.

Speaking at the meeting, Advisor for Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan highlighted the vital importance of DPDB meetings in shaping development activities. He urged members to take discussions seriously, share ideas for an inclusive approach and make the meetings more effective. He assured that the practice of visiting institutions and departments to review their work will continue under his chairmanship to bring effectiveness in approach.

Attending his first DPDB meeting K. Mhathung Tsanglao, the DC emphasized the need for cooperation and collective effort to bring greater impact towards development and overall progress in the district.

The meeting began with a review of the previous month's DPDB meeting, where identification of land for the construction of a new District Hospital was discussed. ADC Wokha, Renbomo Ezung, who is the chairman of the committee, briefed members on feasible locations for the hospital.

Further discussions were held on the Doyang Polytechnic Institution, where landslides and mudslides have posed serious threats to the campus structures, faculty, and students. With major buildings at risk of collapse, the house resolved to set up a committee to examine the threat and recommend immediate measures to tackle the issue.

The meeting also deliberated on the shortage of NST bus services in Wokha district, affecting connectivity to various villages.

DIMAPUR HOLDS REVIEW MEETING ON SDG INDIA INDEX 4.0 AND NER DISTRICT SDG INDEX 2.0

A review meeting on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 4.0 and North Eastern Region (NER) District SDG Index 2.0 was held at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur on 14th May 2026.

Delivering the opening remarks, Dr. Diana Patton, NCS, ADC Dimapur, stated that the SDG India Index 2023-24 covered 17 goals, 70 targets, and 115 indicators. She highlighted that India had made progress in renewable energy, sanitation, and access to basic services, while challenges still remained in climate action, gender equality, and quality education. She informed that Kerala and Uttarakhand were among the top-performing states in the SDG rankings.

Explaining the North Eastern Region (NER) District SDG Index, Dr. Patton stated that the initiative was developed to monitor the progress of districts in the eight northeastern states towards achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Dr. Patton urged all Heads of Departments (HODs) to provide accurate and updated data and work collectively to improve the district's overall SDG targets and rankings.

According to the district profile presented by Imtijungla Lemtur, EAC, Dimapur, recorded a composite score of 76.29 in the 2023-24 NER District SDG Index and secured Rank 10 out of 121 districts, showing significant improvement from the 2021-22 score of 63.67 and Rank 76 out of 103 districts. Goal-wise performance showed that Dimapur scored strongly in SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) with a score of 91, SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) with 97, SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure) with 86, SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) with 87, and SDG 13 (Climate Action) with 88.

The report also highlighted improvements in several indicators, including 100 percent electrified villages, 100 percent mobile network coverage in villages, 100 percent households using improved water sources, and 100 percent GPS/villages verified ODF status.

In health-related indicators, institutional delivery and skilled birth attendance remained high, while further attention was needed in areas such as infant mortality rate and healthcare infrastructure.

The district profile further noted progress in sanitation, infrastructure, banking access, PMAY housing completion, and internet connectivity. However, areas requiring continued focus included reduced inequalities, healthcare services, forest cover, and municipal solid waste treatment.

CONSUMER AWARENESS PROGRAMME HELD AT LEPHORY, PHEK

The Department of Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection, Phek, in collaboration with the Lephori Village Women Society, organised a Consumer Awareness Programme on 14th May 2026 at Lephori Village Council Hall, Meluri on the theme "Accurate Measurement, Safe Products - Confident Consumers."

T. Aimong, Assistant Controller, Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection, Phek, spoke on consumer's rights, legal metrology standards and the importance of checking quality certifications such as FSSAI, ISI and Hallmark before purchasing products. He encouraged consumers, especially women, to become informed buyers and active participants in promoting accountability in the marketplace.

Thochusa Katiry who chaired the programme, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the importance of consumer awareness and community participation in ensuring fair trade.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Er. Juwe Pojar, Inspector of Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection, Phek, who also urged the gathering to spread awareness among the community for a safer and more transparent market environment.

The programme was attended by village leaders, women representatives, GBs and local youths.

NPCB TEAM VISITS ATOIZU

A team led by Akangmeren Imchen (Scientist C) from the Nagaland Pollution Control Board conducted a presentation on the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules, 2026, on 14th May 2026 at the office chamber of the Chairperson, Atoizu Town Council, for the officers of District Administration, members and staff of the Town Council.

The programme focused on proper municipal solid waste management practices, environmental protection measures, waste segregation, scientific disposal mechanisms, and the responsibilities of Urban Local Bodies under the applicable environmental laws and regulations.

Following the presentation, the team also visited the waste dumping site under the jurisdiction of the Atoizu Town Council, with Extra Assistant Commissioner Atoizu and members of Atoizu Town Council, for field inspection and assessment of the existing waste management system and disposal practices.

DPDB PHEK MEETING DISCUSSES ISSUES ON THE ONGOING CONSTRUCTION OF NH-29 KOHIMA-JESSAMI 2-LANE ROAD

DPDB Phek held its monthly meeting at DC's conference Hall, Phek on 14th May 2026, and deliberated on the agenda of the ongoing Construction of 2-Lane road under Package-II & V of Kohima-Jessami 29-NH, where representatives of road construction

officials working under Contractor - M/S Kaushal Sharma in JV with M/S Prachi Infra & Roads Pvt. Ltd were present at the meeting.

Advisor, Civil Administration Works Division & Taxes and Chairman DPDB Phek, Kudecho Khamo and MLA, Kuzholuzo Azo Nienu attended the meeting and expressed their concern over the delay in completion of the stretches under Package -II & V.

DC & Vice Chairman, DPDB Phek, Rhosietho, NCS and SP Phek, Dr. Kaur IPS also expressed their opinion for early completion of these two packages at the earliest.

The House directed the Road Construction Company to immediately start the remaining works and to complete the road during the current year. The board also cautioned the concerned construction company and NHIDCL officials present at the meeting that any delay in completion of the roads would not be viewed leniently in future.

Meeting also discussed and took assessment over the HSLC & HSSLC exam 2026 results of GHS & GHSS in Phek district, and the House led by the Chairman DPDB, Kudecho Kamo commented the three GHS and one GHSS under Phek district for securing 100% pass percentage in the HSLC & HSSLC Exam.

MINORITY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS AWARENESS PROGRAMMES IN MOKOKCHUNG AND LONGLENG

The Directorate of Minority Affairs, Government of Nagaland, conducted awareness and sensitisation programmes on national minority welfare schemes in **Mokokchung (14th May 2026)** and **Longleng (15th May 2026)** to educate and empower notified minority communities about various government welfare initiatives.

The programmes featured presentations on key schemes, including the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) Micro Credit Schemes, Minority Scholarship programmes, PM VIKAS, and Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK). Officials from the department explained financial assistance opportunities, scholarship application processes, and initiatives for infrastructure development and skill enhancement. Representative from the department included Joint Director of Minority Affairs, Andrew C. Imti along with other departmental officials.

Participants included district administration officials, heads of departments, village leaders, civil society organisations, church representatives, and minority community members.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The Longleng District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 16th May 2026, under the chairmanship of MLA and chairman DPDB Longleng, A. Pongshi Phom.

Welcoming the MLA & Chairman DPDB and the members present, DC Longleng, W. Manpai Phom, NCS, urged the concerned officers to bring forward proposals and matters pertaining to their respective

departments for discussion in the forum. Stating that the monthly meeting provides the right opportunity for such deliberations, and added that issues raised could be forwarded to the government for further necessary action.

The proposed agenda for upgradation of OC Police Station Tamlu, to SDPO Tamlu was deliberate and recommended to the concerned department. While the proposal for construction of all weathers road from Yimha Junction to Brua Namsang to foothill road Shetap Village via Apoiji was submitted by the Tamlu Public Forum, where the EAC Tamlu, Mopling N. Phom, briefly highlighted the matter to the house, where the house agreed to forward the matter to the Government.

MLA & Chairman DPDB, A. Pongshi Phom, proposed to implement the DPDB meritorious award for HSLC & HSSLC topper and subject topper from both private and Govt. School starting from this year.

The chairman also suggested and informed the members to carry out a wide plantation drive for sustainable environment during the world environment day 2026. Later, the house agreed to launch a plantation drive in Longleng Town beginning from the first week of June focusing on ornamental trees.

The DC, also reminded all HoDs to remain posted at their respective stations and ensure regular attendance and diligent functioning of staff. He stated that departments found inactive or showing inadequate performance would be viewed seriously and report the matter to the higher authority.

SDO Power Longleng, Moiching Shembu, presented a sensitization of Smart Metering Installation, which will be beneficial to the consumers through PowerPoint presentation.

District Soil & Conservation officer Longleng, P. Angming Koyak, presented the departmental activities of the district through PowerPoint.

District Economics & Statistics Officer Longleng, Nyushotho Nyuthe, informed the house about the launching of digital registration of Adhaar for children between 0-5 years.

The chairman entrusted the Medical Department to present their activities in the next DPDB meeting. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from the chairman.

KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING HELD

The DPDB meeting of Kiphire was held on 15th May 2026 at DC›s Conference Hall, Kiphire, under the Chairmanship of DC Kiphire & Vice Chairman, DPDB, Temsuwati Longkumer.

During the meeting, EAC Kiphire, Takatemjen Pongen, highlighted the performance of the students in the recent HSLC examination 2026 from Kiphire District. On behalf of the DPDB, he felicitated the district topper, Lidila S Sangtam of Agape Higher Secondary School, Kiphire and presented her with a cash award and a certificate.

The Chairman then reviewed the previous meeting minutes, after which the meeting agendas were discussed.

The Proposal for Grant - in - Aid to B.C. Olive School was discussed and forwarded to the concerned department for further action.

Speaking on the National IEC Campaign in Aspirational District, EAC, Takatemjen Pongen informed the house about the upcoming nationwide IEC Campaign for mass awareness in the Aspirational District. He informed that the Line departments including District Administration, Forest, Fisheries, Agriculture, Horticulture, Power, PHED, PWD, DLRSO, Medical, Education, Social Welfare and Rural Development will be divided into five clusters for the campaign. The campaign will run from 18th May to 25th May 2026 and will be coordinated by the DIO. In this regard, the DC directed all concerned departments to submit timely reports to ensure smooth execution.

The proposal for Correction of Village Name from "Pungren" to "Pongren" was also discussed and the matter was forwarded to the government for necessary action.

PowerPoint presentations were delivered by the Department of Industries (DIC) and the Social Welfare Department.

LONGLENG DISTRICT OBSERVES NATIONAL DENGUE DAY 2026

The District Health Society Longleng with the initiative of NVBDCP Longleng observed the National Dengue Day under the theme, "Community Participation in Dengue Control: Check, Clean and Cover" on the 16th of May, 2026.

As part of the celebration, various cleanliness and sanitation drives were carried out in all the Health Units including District Hospital (DH) Longleng, Health & Wellness Centres and Sub- Centre to eliminate mosquito breeding sites such as stagnant water containers and waste materials.

Awareness programmes on Dengue prevention and control were also conducted in schools and communities by health workers and NVBDCP staff.

IEC activities include distribution of leaflets to promote public participation in vector control activities, especially during the monsoon season.

CHIEF SECRETARY REVIEWS FLOOD SITUATION, INSPECTS VULNERABLE AREAS AHEAD OF MONSOON IN DIMAPUR

Nagaland Chief Secretary, Sentiyanger Imchen, IAS, visited several flood-affected and flood-prone areas in Dimapur on May 18, 2026, to review and assess the recurring flood situation in Dimapur and East Dimapur ahead of the monsoon season.

Chief Secretary, accompanied by officials from the district administration and various line departments, undertook an inspection including - Nagarjan Police Point; Vilhume/S.M. Colony; East Block Burma Camp (Narkul Turning); DMC dumping area, Sunrise colony and New Field Check Gate to assess the prevailing flood situation and recurring drainage issues in the affected areas.

Following the site inspection, Nagaland Chief Secretary, Sentiyanger Imchen had a brief meeting, where he stressed the urgent need for improving solid waste management, stronger inter-departmental coordination, and behavioural change among citizens during a review meeting on urban management and flood mitigation in

Dimapur.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the current state of municipal services, the Chief Secretary pointed out that despite having adequate manpower, inefficiencies such as poorly maintained garbage collection vehicles were severely affecting waste management operations. He directed authorities to prioritise repair and maintenance of vehicles while ensuring better utilisation of available resources.

He also stressed the importance of appointing and empowering sanitation inspectors to effectively enforce sanitation regulations on the ground. On the role of public participation, Imchen said citizens must cooperate by maintaining cleanliness, segregating waste at source, and contributing sanitation fees.

The Chief Secretary additionally called for intensified Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activities to sensitise the public on sanitation and environmental responsibility. He cautioned that without a significant shift in public attitude and habits, achieving long-term cleanliness goals would remain difficult.

DC Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, NCS highlighted to the Chief Secretary that a district-level preparedness and mitigation action plan involving various stakeholders has been put into operation to ensure effective and coordinated emergency response during the ensuing monsoon period.

He informed that vulnerable flood-prone areas and major drainage choke points were identified, following which drainage clearance operations commenced on May 16 under the supervision of the Dimapur District Drainage Clearance Committee (DDDCC).

He further stated that the Incident Response System (IRS) command structure, which was utilized during the mock drill exercise and Operation Night Guard, would also be activated in the event of any flash flood emergency. Nodal officers, sector officers and designated response teams have been assigned responsibilities relating to evacuation, rescue operations, relief distribution and restoration measures.

He also informed that Emergency Response Fund (ERF) available under DDMA is being kept readily available for urgent utilization during any flood-related emergency.

Reaffirming its commitment, he stated that the District Administration remains fully prepared to respond swiftly and effectively through coordinated inter-departmental efforts to safeguard lives, property and critical infrastructure during the monsoon season.

Representatives from various departments and organisations attended the meeting, including officials from the Commissioner of Police establishment, district administration, Dimapur Municipal Council, Water Resources Department, Urban Development Department, Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Nagaland Pollution Control Board, East Dimapur Town Council, the District Public Relations Office (DPRO), and other stakeholders associated with disaster management and civic administration.

TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING CUM FELICITATION FOR HSLC TOPPER 2026 HELD

The Tseminyu District Planning & Development Board meeting cum felicitation

program for HSLC topper 2026 was held at DC's conference hall, Tseminyu on 18th May 2026. The program was chaired by Japheth Woch, NCS, Deputy Commissioner, Tseminyu.

The Deputy Commissioner welcomed the members, Teachers and the Student present and later, he led the felicitation ceremony by honouring the academic topper 13th rank, Olivia Athari from Baptist Higher Secondary School, Tseminyu in the HSLC Examination 2026.

The DC reviewed the previous meeting minutes and also launched the IEC campaign Jan Bhagidari. The board also deliberated on the proposal for establishment of historical Rengma Cultural Complex at Khwenphen village, and recommended to the Government for approval. The proposal for grant in aid for BHSS, Tseminyu was also recommended to the concerned department by the house.

The Rural development department and Tseminyu District Green Initiative Society presented their departmental activities during the meeting.

AWARENESS-CUM-SCREENING CAMP HELD AT KOHIMA

An Awareness-cum-Screening Camp aimed at strengthening public health services and promoting early detection and prevention of communicable diseases was organized at the DC Conference Hall, Kohima on May 19, 2026.

The programme was conducted by the District Integrated Strategy for HIV/AIDS (DISHA) in collaboration with the District Administration Kohima and various vertical programmes under the Chief Medical Officer's Office, Kohima.

During the camp, free, accessible and confidential screening services were provided for HIV, Syphilis, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Tuberculosis through Chest X-ray, Blood Sugar and Blood Pressure.

The initiative was organized in line

DC Kohima, B Henok Buchem participating in the health screening camp held at DC's Office, Kohima on 19th May 2026.

with the national objective of eliminating HIV/AIDS as a public health threat and reducing the burden of communicable diseases through early diagnosis and timely treatment. The programme also supported the Mission AIDS Suraksha 95-95-99 targets aimed at improving detection, treatment and viral suppression among infected individuals.

A total of 102 staff members availed the services provided during the camp, which was led by Deputy Commissioner Kohima, B Henok Buchem, NCS.

FIVE-DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME ON FLORICULTURE PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGIES LAUNCHED IN WOKHA

A five-day training programme on improved production technologies in floriculture was inaugurated at the KVK Office Conference Hall, Wokha on 18th May 2026. The programme is funded under the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) project "Strengthening Tribal Farming Systems Through a Critical Input Support System and Technology Backstopping under the KVK Instructional Farm."

District Public Relations Officer (DPRO) Wokha, Lolano Patton, graced the inaugural programme as the special guest. In her address, she highlighted multiple opportunities floriculture offers for self-reliance and self-employment, while boosting entrepreneurship among youth. She said that the training would unlock knowledge and strategies, equipping participants with skills and mastery to upgrade their capabilities. She also emphasized the role of digital marketing in expanding markets and suggested forming a Flowers Growers Association in Wokha for sustainable growth and better coordination.

Delivering the keynote address, Senior Scientist and Head, ICAR-KVK Wokha, Dr. Sandeep Deshmukh, spoke on the significance of strengthening floriculture through technology backstopping and critical input support.

The five-day programme included practical sessions, exposure visits, and interactive discussions aimed at enhancing floriculture practices and entrepreneurship in the district.

JAN BHAGIDARI ABHIYAN CAMPAIGN INTENSIFIES WELFARE OUTREACH ACROSS NAGALAND

The "Jan Bhagidari Abhiyan – Sabse Door, Sabse Pehle" Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign was conducted across several districts to strengthen awareness of government welfare schemes and ensure last-mile delivery of services, particularly to tribal communities and remote villages.

KOHIMA

The Campaign for Kohima District was launched at the DC's Conference Hall, Kohima on 22nd May 2026.

Launching the campaign, DC Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, NCS, said the initiative reflects the Government's commitment towards inclusive governance and ensuring

that development reaches every section of society, particularly those residing in remote and underserved areas. He informed that various departments would undertake awareness activities, outreach programmes, service delivery camps and interactions with local communities during the campaign period.

Speaking at the programme, Divisional Forest Officer, Kohima, Dr. Sevono Seletsu, said the Government has introduced various schemes and initiatives for the upliftment and welfare of tribal communities, including Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), of which five have been identified in Nagaland. Calling for coordinated efforts among all departments, she urged officials to revisit implementation strategies and work towards achieving 100 percent coverage under various welfare schemes and services.

Nerhe Phezha

As part of the campaign, awareness programme at was held on 25th May 2026 at Panchayat Hall, Nerhe Phezha Village, Kohima.

Addressing the gathering, ADC Chiephobozou, Vekusheyi Rhakho, NCS has briefed that the main objective of the Campaign.

Officials from various departments highlighted their departmental schemes and services including Social Welfare, Forest department, Rural Development, Agriculture, Food and Civil Supplies, Horticulture and Medical Department.

Kigwema

Awareness programme was held on 29th May 2026 at Panchayat Hall, Kigwema Village, Kohima.

Addressing the gathering, SDO (C), Jakhama Vineikho Tetso NCS, urged all the eligible beneficiaries under the block to avail the opportunity and benefit provided from various departments Scheme.

The line departments RD, Lead Bank, Social Welfare, Food and Civil Supply, Medical, Forest, Horticulture and Agri. departments highlighted their departmental programmes and schemes.

WOKHA

The week-long Campaign was held from May 18th to 25th 2026 at Wokha district.

During the campaign, coordinated field-level outreach programmes were held across identified villages, focusing on dissemination of information on government schemes, beneficiary saturation, health screening, livelihood promotion, grievance redressal, and facilitation of entitlement services.

Addressing the concluding programme, DC Wokha, K. Mhathung Tsanglao, emphasized that the campaign would help authorities identify gaps and areas requiring greater focus to improve accessibility and ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive entitlements under various government schemes.

The campaign concluded with officials sharing their experiences, affirming that lessons learnt would contribute to more effective implementation of future programmes in the district.

SHAMATOR

At Shamator district the campaign was conducted from 18th to 25th May 2026.

The activities conducted under the initiative included healthcare services, Awareness campaigns, Aadhaar enrolment, issuance of important government documents, and dissemination of various government schemes and programmes for the benefit of the community.

Addressing the concluding programme, DC Shamator, Chubatemjen NCS, highlighted

DC Peren, Hiazu Meru, addressing during the District Officials visit to Ahthibung Town under the IEC Campaign on 26th May 2026.

that several government services and welfare activities have been successfully delivered directly to the people through the initiative.

AHTHIBUNG, PEREN

District officials, led by Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Hiazu Meru visited Ahthibung Town on 26th May 2026 as part of the campaign.

In his address, Haizu Meru stated that the purpose of the officials' visit was to bring government services directly to the people instead of requiring villagers to travel to the district headquarters.

During the programme, under the BBBP Scheme, the Deputy Commissioner also distributed welfare assistance to 25 identified widowed elderly women.

The programme was followed by Medical Camp, Aadhaar Enrolment, PMMVY Registration, CMHIS Registration, Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp, Financial Literacy and Bank Account Opening Camp, and awareness on menstrual hygiene.

The campaign reinforced the government's commitment to achieving greater awareness, accessibility, and saturation of welfare benefits at the grassroots level.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON CLEANER BRICK KILN PRACTICES HELD IN DIMAPUR

A special awareness and sensitization programme for brick kiln units under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), organised by the District Industries Centre (DIC), Dimapur in association with the Nagaland Pollution Control Board (NPCB), was held at the Conference Hall of Hotel Saramati, Dimapur on 21st May, 2026.

Speaking at the programme, Yanathung Kithan, Scientist 'B', NPCB, highlighted the

impact of ambient air quality and emphasized its effects on human health, the environment and climate. He stressed the importance of maintaining clean air standards and stated that protecting air quality is a shared responsibility. He further added that proper pollution control measures can help create a healthier and safer environment for future generations.

Senior Environmental Engineer, NPCB, Aghali A. Swu, shared on environmental compliance in the brick kiln industry and highlighted the sector's important role in construction activities and employment generation. She also spoke on the major environmental issues associated with brick kilns, the importance of environmental compliance, and the need for adopting cleaner technologies.

An interactive session and discussion followed , during which queries and suggestions from participants were taken up and addressed thoroughly by the resource persons.

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONSE TRAINING CONDUCTED IN LONGLENG

The Indian Red Cross Society Nagaland State Branch in collaboration with Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority organised a two-day training programme for Community First Response (CFR) on 25th and 26th May 2026, at PBCA hall, Longleng.

DPA, DDMA Longleng, Vesuto Puro, briefed the gathering on definition on Disaster DM (Act 2005), Cycle of Disaster Management, Response and Recovery, Mitigation and Disaster Preparedness, during and after a disaster, through PowerPoint presentation.

Resource team imparted the participants on the first Aid Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), First Aid Choking and Blood Donation, First Aid Fractures, Wound and Bleeding, Heart Attack and Cardiac Arrest, Dressing and Bandages and Recovery position and Transporting Casualty through PowerPoint presentation.

Resource team were, Managing Committee Member, IRCS Nagaland State Branch & First Aid Master Trainer, Kholie Dolf, Program Coordinator, IRCS Nagaland State Branch, Noulevituo Zumu, and UDA, IRCS Nagaland State Branch, Mhaleno Epuo.

The training programme was attended by the representative from Churches, Departments and Civil society organisations.

MON DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Mon District Planning & Development Board was held on 26th May 2026 at DC's Conference Hall, Mon. The DC & Vice Chairman DPDB, Wennyei Konyak, NCS presided over the proceeding.

During the review of previous meeting minutes, the agendas in regard to the Creation of GPS at Longwa Lailo Village, as proposed by Advisor Treasuries & Accounts, Art and Culture, K. Konngam Konyak and the re-approval of Elementary School at Chingai Ward, Mon Town were recommended by the board after the verification reports were presented by the District Education Officer.

Discussing the agendas for the day, MLA, C. Manpon Konyak proposed inclusion

of new road under the Urban Road at Aboi Town. The proposed new roads were: - GHSS Junction to Salom Orphanage Home via Keiha Ward & Koiwang Ward; Pinkhong (NH) to Yongkim ward junction via Soil office, Shamang Ward, Hahnyan Ward and Mansham Ward; Hahnyan ward (Chaoha Morung) to Ayoiyang Ward (St. John School) & Police Station; Keiha Ward to Chinglong Road; and NH to Keiha Ward via Urban Cemetery. The House after deliberation decided to recommend the proposal to the government.

The board also recommended the proposal for the change of nomenclature from Shangnyu Village and Shangnyu EAC HQ to Sangnu Village and Sangnu EAC HQ.

The Proposal for Provisional recognition of class VIII of St. Paul School, Angjangyang, was forwarded after deliberation for approval.

The Department of Horticulture gave a PowerPoint Presentation on their departmental activities.

KOHIMA DPDB REVIEWS ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION, LAW AND ORDER, HONOURS HSLC TOPPER

The monthly meeting of the DPDB Kohima was held at the DPDB Hall, Kohima on May 26, 2026, with DC & Vice-Chairman DPDB Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, NCS, chairing the meeting.

Reviewing the previous DPDB meeting, ADC Kohima, Ruopfûkuotuo Noudi, NCS, gave a presentation on the upcoming blood donation campaign, scheduled to be held at the Capital Convention Centre on June 12, 2026, with Governor, Nand Kishore Yadav, as the special guest.

The board also recommended Widows Nouzhie Society, Hospital Colony, Kohima, for society registration.

DEO Kohima, Emilo Patton, presented a report on the introduction of the Arts stream at GHSS Kigwema and the Science stream at GHSS Jotsoma. Both schools were found to have fulfilled the required criteria, and the board decided to recommend the introduction of the respective streams.

The DPDB, Kohima felicitated Visezono Vakha of Rüzhükhrie Government Higher Secondary School, Kohima, for securing the highest aggregate score of 92.1 per cent in HSLC 2026 among all Government High Schools in Kohima district.

Assistant Electoral Officer (AEO) Kohima, Chisho, presented the process and timeline of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll during the meeting. Stressing the need for the SIR exercise, Chisho said it was necessitated due to rapid urbanisation, migration, multiple entries in electoral rolls, and concerns regarding the quality of electoral rolls.

He stated that the qualifying date for the revision is October 1, 2026, and house-to-house verification by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will be conducted from August 16 to September 14. The draft electoral roll will be published on September 20, while the final electoral roll is scheduled for publication on November 22.

The AEO explained that electors have been categorised based on their linkage with the 2005 electoral roll and informed that around 79.44 per cent mapping has been achieved so far. He added that electors who cannot be linked with the 2005 roll would be issued hearing notices for verification of

eligibility.

Senior Superintendent of Police (Sr. SP) Kohima, Krodi Rhetso, highlighted the law and order situation in the district during the meeting. He informed that police recently arrested several anti-social elements and are closely monitoring illegal activities, including reports of illegal taxation in Kohima town. On the Manipur situation, the Sr. SP informed that many heavy vehicles remain stranded along National Highway-2 and said police personnel have been deployed to ensure the safety of stranded drivers.

SEMINAR ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT HELD IN WOKHA

The Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA), in collaboration with the Wokha District Legal Services Authority (WDLSA) and the District Administration, Wokha, organized a one-day seminar on "Access to Justice for Victims of Human-Wildlife Conflict (HWC)" at Likya Community Hall, Wokha on 30th May 2026.

DC Wokha, K. Mhathung Tsanglao, NCS, in his special address, highlighted the growing challenge of human-elephant conflict in the district, noting that elephant presence has been reported in over 100 villages, with nearly 60 villages identified as active conflict zones. He also pointed out that the district has recorded five human fatalities since 2018 due to human-elephant conflict, out of the 15 elephant related deaths in the state.

Assistant Manager (Relief, Recovery & Mitigation), NSDMA, L. Jonjibemo Odyuo, delivered a detailed presentation on relief measures in cases of human-elephant conflict, with special reference to Wokha district. He explained that wild animal-related disasters were recognized as State Local Specific Disasters in 2017, enabling relief assistance under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). Presenting cumulative data from 2018 to 2026, Odyuo informed that 483 beneficiaries across 13 districts received Rs. 70,88,880 in relief assistance. He further shared district-wise statistics on beneficiaries in Wokha district covered under various categories of elephant damage compensation.

Member Secretary, NSLSA, Neikho Akami, briefed participants on the "Access to Justice for Victims of Human-Wildlife Conflict 2025" scheme, which offers legal support for documentation, claim filing, and compensation procedures. He noted that Wokha was selected for the seminar due to its high incidence of human-elephant conflict and assured assistance to victims in pursuing compensation claims.

The seminar concluded with an interactive session where victims and village council members raised concerns and shared grievances, while officials assured that lessons learned would contribute to more effective implementation of future programmes.

ZHALEO RIO INAUGURATES RENTAL HOUSING COMPLEX FOR URBAN POOR; FLAGS OFF SANITATION VEHICLES AT CHÜMOUKEDIMA

The inauguration of the Rental Housing for Urban Poor Complex and the flagging-off ceremony of sanitation vehicles under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) and State Plan were held at Chümoukedima on 16th May, 2026. Advisor for Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, IAS (Retd.), graced the occasion as the Special Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Zhaleo Rio stated that the completion of the project was a significant achievement and said that the objective of the project was to provide affordable and dignified accommodation along with essential basic services for economically weaker sections, migrant workers, and low-income groups.

Rio called upon the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to function collectively with transparency and accountability and urged councillors to maintain harmonious coordination with the administration and the public and to carry out developmental projects within their respective wards.

The advisor stated that this was the fourth occasion on which sanitation vehicles had been flagged off and distributed to the ULBs under the department. He urged the authorities not to misuse public resources and encouraged proper utilization of such resources for the welfare of the public. During the program, the special guest also unveiled the inaugural plaque of the housing complex and flagged off the sanitation vehicles.

Commissioner & Secretary, Municipal Affairs Department, Kekhrievor Kevichusa, said that the social impact of the project on Chümoukedima and the surrounding areas would be significant, and informed that the department had partnered with the Chümoukedima Town Council for management of the facility.

Highlighting the objectives of urban housing projects, Kevichusa stated that such initiatives aimed to utilize vacant land productively, provide safe and decent living conditions for people who could not afford commercial housing, strengthen municipal finances, and attract private investment.

He further stated that the project would serve as a revenue-generating source for the Chümoukedima Town Council. He also informed that a 5 percent reservation had been earmarked for persons with disabilities and encouraged the Town Council to consider concessional rent for them. He emphasized the need for proper upkeep, civic responsibility, and the responsible use of public infrastructure to ensure its longevity.

The technical and financial reports of the project were highlighted by Er. Olemchila I Yaden, EE-II, UEW, UD.

The program was chaired by Director, Directorate of Municipal Affairs, Temjenrenla Kechu, and a vote of thanks was delivered by ADC & Executive Officer, Chümoukedima Town Council, Dr. Kuzonyi Wideo. Kezhochole Rhetso, Addl. Director & Mission Director, SBM(U), highlighted the core objectives, achievements, and ongoing activities of Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) in Nagaland.

SDPO OFFICE INAUGURATED AT TULI

SSP, Mokokchung, Vesupra Kezo, with SDPO Tuli, Aketo Chisho and others during the inauguration of the new SDPO Office at Tuli, Mokokchung on 22nd May 2026.

The inauguration programme of the SDPO Office, Tuli was held on 22nd May 2026 at the Tuli Police Station premises in the presence of distinguished officials, police personnel, church leaders, and the general public.

The event was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Mokokchung, Vesupra Kezo, NPS as the Special Guest.

In his welcome address, Aketo Chisho, SDPO Tuli, highlighted that the occasion was not merely the opening of a new office building but a significant step towards improving policing and public service delivery in the subdivision. He clarified that the office was not newly established but relocated from the ADC Office premises to a more dedicated and efficient workspace.

He also reaffirmed the department's commitment to upholding the rule of law with integrity, fairness and cooperation with the public.

SETHRONGKYU SANGTAM INAUGURATES GUEST HOUSE AT HOLONGBA VILLAGE

Advisor for IT & Communication, Economics, Statistics and Evolution, H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam inaugurated Holongba Baptist Lithro Guest House at Holongba Village on 26th May 2026, constructed under LADP (ICONIC) Project during 2025-26 initiated by Government of Nagaland.

In his inaugural speech, Sethrongkhyu while sharing about the achievement said that when people work collectively there is always better Society without any hardships. He urged the people of Sangtam community to lead the society with truth and integrity for a strong and better society.

The Advisor was accompanied by President, BJP Mandal, 52-Longkhim-Chare A/C, Party Workers, GBs and village leaders. The program was chaired by Youth Pastor, Liripila.

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT AMBULANCE FLAGGED OFF FOR DR. MOTSUO MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL, WOKHA

In a significant boost to emergency healthcare services in Wokha district, an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance was formally launched and flagged off for Dr. Motsuo Memorial District Hospital, Wokha, on May 29. The ambulance was provided under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) Foundation.

The launch programme was attended by General Manager, IRFC, Nav Goel, IRAS, as the special guest. Speaking on the occasion, he highlighted IRFC's commitment to supporting healthcare and development initiatives through its CSR activities and appreciated the efforts of the district administration in facilitating the project.

Guest of Honour, Additional Secretary, Vineet Kumar IAS, noted that the project, initiated in October 2025, was aimed at strengthening emergency medical response and saving lives through timely intervention.

Delivering the welcome address, DC Wokha, K. Mhathung Tsanglao thanked IRFC and Vineet Kumar for their vision, noting that the vehicle would save lives and strengthen medical services in Wokha.

Skill Development Officer Wokha, Anuranjan Singh, highlighted the facilities of the ALS ambulance and its importance in meeting the current healthcare needs of the district.

The ALS ambulance, donated by IRFC, is a Tata Advanced Life Support Type-D Ambulance, fully compliant with AIS 125 norms and built on the Tata Winger AMB Type D BS6 8+P platform. Designed as an "ICU on Wheels," it is equipped with advanced life-saving facilities including jumbo Type-D dual oxygen cylinder support system, ECG machine, blood pressure monitor, suction machine, defibrillator, GPS tracking system, auto-loading stretcher, oxygen delivery system, and IV support hooks.

DIMAPUR GOVERNMENT COLLEGE INAUGURATES MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UNDER PM- USHA

Dimapur Government College marked a significant milestone in its developmental journey with the inauguration of three major infrastructure projects under the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) scheme on May 30, 2026, at the college campus, Dimapur.

The newly inaugurated projects includes a modern Academic Building under the "Grants to Strengthen Colleges" component, an Incubation Centre/Skill Hub and a Girls Hostel.

Minister for Higher Education and Tourism, Temjen Imna Along, graced the occasion as the special guest and officially unveiled the commemorative monolith marking the inauguration of the projects. In his address, he described the newly inaugurated facilities as a significant milestone in the advancement of higher education in Nagaland. Referring to the newly inaugurated Skill Hub, he said students should graduate not only with academic degrees but also with practical

skills that would make them employable and self-reliant.

He mentioned that the world was rapidly changing due to technological advancements, artificial intelligence, evolving global economic and geopolitical dynamics. He urged educational institutions to prepare students for these realities by nurturing innovation, adaptability, and skills.

Along also revealed plans to develop DGC into a youth tourism and educational hub. He informed the gathering that a tourism-related project worth approximately ₹5–10 crore was being planned and encouraged the college administration to prepare a comprehensive concept proposal to facilitate its implementation. "The future of Nagaland lies in its people. If we can transform our human resources, we can transform our communities and our state," he added.

Secretary, Higher Education Department, Sarita Yadav, said that the inauguration of the PM-USHA projects at Dimapur Government College marks a significant milestone in the state›s efforts to strengthen higher education and expand opportunities for the youth of Nagaland. Noting that it symbolized not only the opening of new infrastructure but also the collective commitment of the government towards improving educational facilities in the state. She stated that these facilities would enhance the academic environment of the College while promoting innovation, entrepreneurship, skill development, and student welfare.

Emphasising that infrastructure alone does not define excellence, Ex- officio Director, Higher Education, V. Lovitoly Sema, NCS, called upon administrators, teachers, students and policymakers to work collectively in transforming institutions into centres of excellence and to utilise the new facilities responsibly for the advancement of education and society.

State Project Director (PM-USHA), Sentiyanger Pongen and Superintending Engineer, Education Division, NPWD, Hokato Sema also spoke at the programme.

HIGHLIGHTS ON INCOME DISPARITY IN NAGALAND

The 'Report on Income Disparity in Nagaland' is the outcome of a project undertaken as part of the central sector scheme of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Support for Statistical Strengthening Sub-scheme, which was conducted in collaboration with the Hyderabad University, India. The report was released by Chief Secretary, Sentiyanger Imchen, IAS, on 9th March 2026 at Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima

The key findings of the Report are:

1. The field survey of the present report was undertaken between October 2024 and December 2024. The reported data therefore pertains to the calendar year of 2024.

2. Altogether, the state-wide sample is composed of 4396 households. From urban areas, a total of 1315 households are surveyed from 60 wards, while a total of 3080 households are surveyed from 140 villages in rural areas.

3. The gini coefficient of Nagaland is 0.46, indicating a high-income inequality in the state. While the gini coefficient for rural Nagaland is 0.42, the coefficient for urban Nagaland is 0.44, suggesting that the urban income inequality is only marginally higher than that of rural income inequality.

4. In terms of percentage share of income, the bottom 50 percent of the households receive about 18 percent of the total income of the state, whereas around 21 percent of the gross income is received by the top 5 percent of the households.

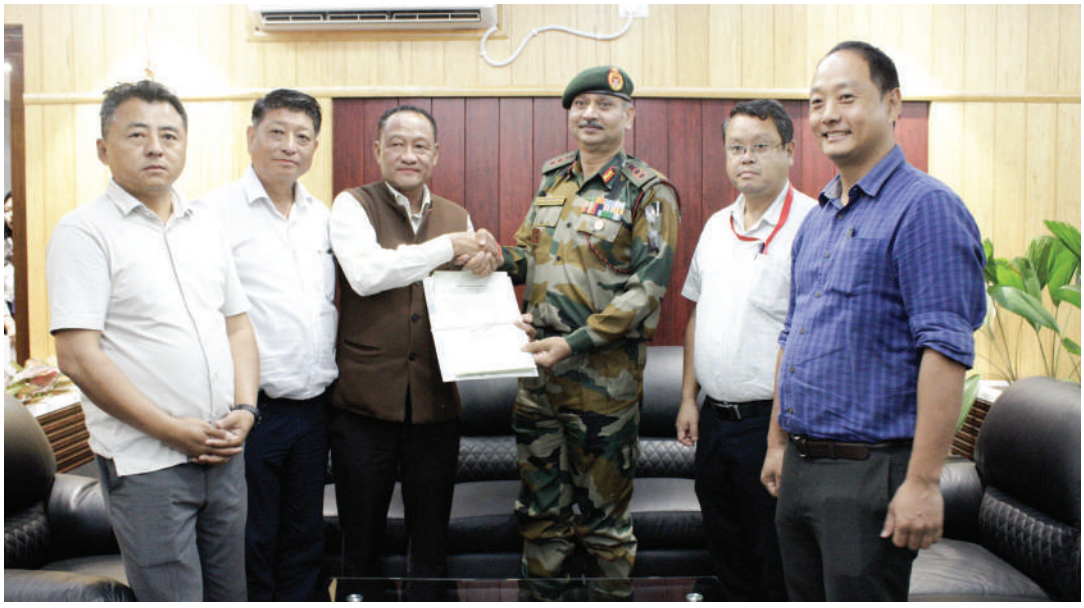
5. In relation to average monthly income, the top 5 percent receive a mean monthly income of Rs. 71028, while the bottom 50 percent receive an average mean income of only Rs. 1639.

6. Among the districts, Longleng is the district with the highest income inequality with gini coefficient of 0.492, whereas Phek is the district with the lowest income disparity with gini coefficient of 0.366.

7. In rural areas, Longleng is the district with the highest income inequality with gini coefficient of 0.456, while Zunheboto is the district with the lowest income disparity with gini coefficient of 0.330.

8. In urban areas, Longleng is the district with the highest income inequality with gini coefficient of 0.509, whereas Zunheboto is the district with the lowest income disparity with gini coefficient of 0.359.

Chief Secretary, Sentiyanger Imchen with Er. Merangkaba Imchen, Addl. CE representing NST, Ketoulhou Metha, OSD from the Finance Department and Ajay Gupta, Deputy General Manager (Sales & Marketing), representing Tata Motors Ltd. during the signing of MoA between GoN and Tata Motors ltd. at CS's Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 5th May 2026.



APD, AAI, Dimapur Airport, Moa Pongen; Commandant KD Sharma, CO, No. 2 Bn, ARTC & S; Secretary, AIR Cell, Transport Department, Sentiwapang Aier, NCS; DC Chümoukedima, Polan John, along with other officials during the land handing and taking over programme held at Dimapur Airport, Chümoukedima on 8th May 2026.

Minister for Higher Education and Tourism, Temjen Imna Along, unveiling the commemorative monolith during the inauguration of PM-USHA infrastructure projects at Dimapur Government College on 30th May 2026.

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Chief Secretary, Sentiyanger Imchen, IAS accompanied by DC Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, NCS with officials and stakeholders, inspecting flood-prone drainage area during his visit to Dimapur on 18th May 2026.

Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, GoI, Jagat Prakash Nadda with Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Nagaland, P. Paiwang Konyak at New Delhi, on 27th May 2026.

ADC Tizit, C. Phuniang along with other officials and staff during a free Multi-Speciality Health Camp held at PHC Tizit, Mon on 8th May 2026.

ADC Pungro, Hotolu Sema with CJM-cum-Secretary KDLSA, Holika Sukhalu, inaugurating the Mini Legal Services Camp conducted at Pungro, Kiphire on 8th May 2026.

Managing Committee Member, IRCS Nagaland State Branch and First Aid Master, Kholie Dolf, demonstrating a CPR during a Community First Response Training programme held at PBCA Hall, Longleng on 25th and 26th May 2026.

EAC Aghunato, Kathyinla handing over the farm machineries to a beneficiary at Hoshepu village, Zunheboto on 30th May 2026.

Advisor for Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, with other officials during the inauguration of the Rental Housing for Urban Poor Complex at Chumoukedima on 16th May 2026.

General Manager, IRFC, Nav Goel, IRAS, flagging-off the Advanced Life Support Ambulance at Dr. Motsuo Memorial District Hospital, Wokha on 29th May 2026.