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Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav, taking the Rashtriya Salute on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day celebration at Lok Bhavan, Kohima, on 15th August 2026.

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Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio along with Dy. CM, T.R Zeliang, Advisor, I&C, Hekani Jakhalu and officials during the launching programme of Chief Minister's Yarn Bank Scheme held at CMRC, Kohima on 7th August 2026.



Officials from the Department of Power, Nagaland and M/s. Tvaksas Renewable Pvt. Ltd., after signing a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for development of 20 MW Solar power Plant at Tizit held at Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 21st August 2026.

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CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER NAGALAND NOTIFIES ON SPECIAL INTENSIVE REVISION - PHASE III

The Chief Electoral Officer has notified that the Election Commission of India has ordered Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Roll in the State of Nagaland with 01-10-2026 as the qualifying date. While carrying out the SIR of the electoral rolls, Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) of each Assembly Constituency shall be responsible for ensuring that no eligible citizen is left out while no ineligible person is included in the Electoral Roll.

The schedule and activities of SIR in Nagaland will be as follows:

1. Preparation, Training & Printing - (05.08.2026 to 14.08.2026): During this preparatory stage, meeting with important stakeholders, like political parties, setting up of help desk, training of BLOs and officials connected with SIR and dissemination of important information and printing of Enumeration Form (EF) and issue to the Booth Level Officer (BLO) will take place.
2. House-to-House visits by BLOs (16.08.2026 to 14.09.2026): BLOs shall visit each household and distribute Enumeration Form, with pre-printed details of existing electors, to each existing elector in duplicate and will guide them in filling up the Form. Each elector must submit this Form along with requisite information to the BLO. BLO will again visit every household to collect the filled copy of the Enumeration Form from the electors. BLO shall keep one copy of Enumeration Form with him/her and give an acknowledgment of receipt of Form on the other copy of Enumeration Form to be retained by the applicant.
3. Rationalization of Polling Stations (By 14.09.2026): Based on H2H enumeration, ERO shall assess the need of new Polling Stations considering that no Polling Station has more than 1200 electors, except with the prior approval of the Commission. ERO shall also ensure that the polling station area is so defined and demarcated that no overlap exists with any other polling station.
4. Publication of Draft Electoral Roll (20.09.2026): Draft Electoral Roll shall consist of names of all the existing electors who have submitted their duly filled Enumeration Form to the BLO during the H2H enumeration period or which have been received online and verified by BLO. Names of other electors, from whom Enumeration Forms are not received will not be included in the draft roll. In case any elector is unable to submit their filled in enumeration forms within the specified time, they may file Form 6 along with the prescribed Declaration Form for inclusion during the claims and objections period.

5. Period for Claims and Objections (20.09.2026 to 20.10.2026): After publication of the Draft Electoral Rolls, ERO/AERO shall scrutinize the eligibility of proposed electors in accordance with the qualification of electors prescribed under Article 326 and section 16 & 19 of Representation of the People Act, 1950 and on the basis of the documents submitted and field reports.
6. Notice Phase/Disposal of Claims and Objections (20.09.2026 to 18.11.2026): In case ERO/AERO doubts the eligibility of the proposed elector (due to non-submission of requisite documents or otherwise), he/she will start a suo moto enquiry and issue notice to such proposed elector, as to why his/her name should not be deleted. Based on field enquiry, documentation or otherwise, ERO/AERO shall decide on inclusion of such proposed electors in the Final Rolls. Also, EROs will refer cases of suspected foreign nationals to the competent authority under the Citizenship Act, 1955.
7. Publication of Final Electoral Roll (22.11.2026): The final electoral roll of the State will be published by EROs on 22.11.2026.

NAGALAND PARAVOLLEY ASSOCIATION (NPVA) LAUNCHED

In a landmark initiative to empower differently-abled youth and revolutionize the para-sports ecosystem in the Northeast, the Para Volleyball Federation of India (PVFI) officially launched the Nagaland Paravolley Association (NPVA) during a foundational awareness symposium held in Kohima on Friday, July 31, 2026.

The event marked the integration of Nagaland into PVFI's aggressive national grassroots expansion, aiming to build a formidable pipeline of para-athletes for the upcoming World Championship in China.

Delivering the keynote address, Hachamo Patton, National Executive Member of the PVFI and President Designate of the NPVA, said the NPVA will help shift the focus from sympathy to respect through high-performance sports, providing Naga differently-abled youth with opportunities to develop their talents and compete at national and international levels.

The technical framework of the sport was presented by Shreyaman Bhargava, Primary Consultant to the PVFI. He briefed on the mechanics of Para Sitting Volleyball and the strict international medical classification system (VS1 and VS2) designed to ensure absolute fair play. He further outlined PVFI's ongoing national expansion, which targets the establishment of structured para-volleyball ecosystems in 453 districts across 22 states.

A major highlight of the afternoon was the official unveiling of the NPVA logo by the esteemed Special Guests, symbolizing the formal birth of the association.

The event concluded with an open forum where dignitaries from the Department of Social Welfare, the Department of Youth Resources and Sports, and the Nagaland Olympic Organisation pledged their collaborative support.

NAGALAND PARTICIPATES IN NE REGIONAL CHILD RIGHTS CONVENTION AT TAWANG

The Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NSCPCR) led by Chairman Alun Hangsing, accompanied by Members Akumla Longchari and Aying Wangsha and Consultant, Lichani Murry participated in the two-day Northeast Regional Convention of the State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCRs) held on 31st July and 1st August, 2026 at Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh. The convention was hosted by the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights under the theme "Strengthening Child Rights Protection in Northeast India through Regional Cooperation and Collaborative Action."

The convention brought together Chairpersons, Members and officials of the State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights from across the Northeast to deliberate on key child rights issues, including the implementation of the POCSO Act, juvenile justice, education, child trafficking, cyber safety, missing children, and strengthening institutional mechanisms for child protection. Delegates also exchanged best practices and explored strategies to enhance regional coordination



Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu with Nagaland SCPCR delegation during the Northeast Regional Child Rights Convention held at Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh from 31st July to 1st August 2026.

in safeguarding children's rights.

It concluded with the Tawang Declaration on Child Rights, calling for stronger regional cooperation and coordinated child protection mechanisms across Northeast India.

DEFCC, ICFRE-RFRI SIGN MoU TO STRENGTHEN FORESTRY RESEARCH

The Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (DEFCC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education–Rain Forest Research Institute (ICFRE-RFRI), Jorhat, at the Conference Hall, Forest Office Complex, Dimapur, on August 1, 2026.

Dr. Nitin Kulkarni, Director, ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat, described the MoU as the beginning of a stronger partnership between the institute and the Government of Nagaland for the sustainable management of forest resources.

Kulkarni noted that the Northeast is one of India's richest biodiversity regions and emphasised the need for the judicious and sustainable utilisation of natural resources while conserving them for future generations. He expressed confidence that the collaboration with Nagaland would promote scientific research, sustainable livelihoods and value addition to the State's forest and plantation resources.

Describing the MoU as the beginning of a long-term partnership, Principal Secretary, DEFCC and Development Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, urged the department and RFRI to work closely in research, farmer training, technology dissemination and market development. He said sustained coordination and collaboration among the government, research institutions and local communities would be essential for achieving sustainable development and improving the livelihoods of Nagaland's farming community.

GOVERNOR ATTENDS NASHA MUKT YUVA FOR VIKSHIT BHARAT SANKALP ABHIYAN AT NIT CHÜMOUKEDIMA

The Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav, attended the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Vikshit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Nagaland, Chümoukedima, on 2nd August 2026.

The programme forms part of the Government of India's 100-week nationwide campaign against substance abuse, aimed at mobilizing youth, educational institutions and communities to build a drug-free and developed India.

The Governor also visited a poster exhibition showcasing awareness campaigns and creative exhibits prepared by students as part of the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Vikshit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan. Appreciating the students' creativity and commitment, the Governor encouraged them to become ambassadors of the movement and spread the message of a drug-free future in their communities.

The Governor along with the attendees joined the live telecast of the address by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, who launched the 100-week nationwide campaign against substance abuse under the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Vikshit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan, calling upon the youth of the country to lead the movement against drug abuse and contribute towards building a Vikshit Bharat.

The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Manoj E. Prabhakar, Registrar, NIT Nagaland.

Faculty members, students, staff and officials of NIT Nagaland participated in the programme, collectively reaffirming their commitment to supporting the Government of India's 100-week Nasha Mukt Yuva for Vikshit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan and promoting a healthier, addiction-free society through sustained awareness and youth-led initiatives.

DHFW LAUNCH NPOMAS

The Directorate of Health & Family Welfare (DHFW), Nagaland, through the Drugs Control Administration, organized the Valedictory Program of the Month-Long Induction Training for Newly Recruited Drugs Control Officers and officially launched the Narcotic & Psychotropic Online Monitoring and Auditing System (NPOMAS) at the Conference Hall of the Drugs Control Administration, DHFW, Kohima on 4th August 2026.

The program was graced by Dr. Mereninla Senlem, Principal Director, DHFW, as the Special Guest.

During the program, the broad scope of the training, which covered technical, legal, ethical, and administrative aspects of drug regulation were highlighted. A significant component of the training involved inter-agency collaboration and field attachments. Officers were exposed to practical learning opportunities through partnerships with police, excise, and judicial authorities. The newly inducted officers also received practical exposure to pharmacy inspections, supply chain monitoring, and regulatory oversight mechanisms. The training emphasized the importance of continuous

learning, adaptability to evolving regulatory requirements, and coordinated efforts with law enforcement and social welfare agencies to strengthen public health protection.

A key highlight of the event was the launch of the Narcotic & Psychotropic Online Monitoring and Auditing System (NPOMAS), a digital platform designed to modernize the monitoring and management of narcotic and psychotropic substances. The system enables real-time stock monitoring, digital record maintenance and improved oversight of prescription details and drug distribution.

In addition, the department highlighted ongoing efforts to strengthen the state's regulatory infrastructure through the expansion of laboratory testing capabilities, standardization of procedures across district hospitals in line with national guidelines, and the creation of systems that support effective monitoring and enforcement activities.

The event concluded with the badging of the newly recruited officers, the formal launch of NPOMAS, and a vote of thanks.

AWARENESS AND REVIEW ACTIVITIES ON SIR 2026 HELD ACROSS NAGALAND

A series of awareness programmes and review meetings on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls 2026 were conducted across several districts of Nagaland to sensitise citizens, community leaders and election officials and to review the progress of the ongoing electoral roll revision exercise.

The programmes were organised by the respective District Administrations and District Election Offices in coordination with the Election Commission of India and the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland. The SIR exercise aims to ensure that all eligible citizens are included in the electoral roll while identifying and removing duplicate, deceased and otherwise ineligible entries, thereby maintaining accurate and updated electoral rolls.

In **Mon**, a SVEEP Special Awareness Programme on SIR 2026 was held at the DC's Conference Hall on 4th August,2026. Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Wennyei Konyak, NCS, urged citizens to understand the revision process and spread awareness among their families and communities. Officials also explained the SIR process and administered the voter's pledge, while pamphlets were distributed to participants.

In **Kohima**, awareness meetings were held with tribal and community leaders as well as elected representatives and local stakeholders on 12th August, 2026. Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer B. Henok Buchem, NCS, emphasised the importance of community participation in ensuring an accurate electoral roll. Officials also conducted presentations and interactive sessions to clarify the SIR process.

Another meeting in Kohima with councillors of the Kohima Municipal Council, village, town and colony leaders, Gaon Burahs and youth and students' representatives focused on house-to-house enumeration and the role of Booth Level Officers (BLOs). Officials urged residents to cooperate with BLOs and provide the required information during the enumeration process.

Awareness programmes were also conducted in **Chumoukedima and Niuland** on 18th and 21st August, 2026. In

Chumoukedima, officials highlighted the importance of verifying voter particulars and ensuring that no eligible citizen is left out. At Niuland, the District Administration sensitised community leaders about the SIR process, enumeration forms and the responsibilities of stakeholders. Discussions also covered polling station-related issues in the Aghunaqa area.



The ADCs of Niuland, Chumoukedima, Medziphema and other officials at an awareness programme on Special Intensive Revision 2026 held at DC's Conference Hall, Niuland on 21st August 2026.

The progress of SIR 2026 was subsequently reviewed by Election Commission of India Secretary Binod Kumar in Kohima, Chumoukedima and Dimapur on August 20th and 21st, 2026. During the review meetings, he interacted with District Election Officers, Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) and BLOs, with particular attention to areas where mapping progress remained low.



Secretary, Election Commission of India, Binod Kumar, with the state election officials reviewing the progress of the SIR exercise in Kohima district at DC's Office, Kohima on 20th August 2026.

Officials were directed to closely monitor field-level activities, ensure timely distribution and collection of Enumeration Forms, improve mapping and resolve challenges faced by BLOs. In Chumoukedima, the district administration also presented details on electors, polling stations, rationalisation and training and awareness activities. In Dimapur, the ECI Secretary reviewed low-mapping polling stations and subsequently visited selected polling stations under the Dimapur-III Assembly Constituency to assess field-level implementation.

As per the SIR 2026 schedule for Nagaland, house-to-house enumeration by BLOs is being conducted from August 16 to September 14, 2026. The Draft Electoral Roll is scheduled for publication on September 20, followed by the period for filing claims and objections up to October 20. The Final Electoral Roll is scheduled for publication on November 22, 2026.

UNION MINISTER JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA, VISIT LANDSLIDE AFFECTED AREAS IN MON TOWN

Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers Government of India, Jagat Prakash Nadda, along with Minister of Health & Family Welfare Minister, Government of Assam, Ashok Singhal and MP Rajya Sabha, Phangnon Konyak visited landslide affected areas at Mon Town on 5th August 2026. He Inspected the landslide-affected locations at Defence Colony and adjoining affected areas at Techa ward.

Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers Government of India, Jagat Prakash Nadda, also had an interaction with landslide affected families at Konyak Union Office, Mon. He expressed his solidarity, saying that it was a very disheartening and painful incident. He encouraged the victim and the citizens of Mon district that you are not alone in these hours, many people and the government are holding you all. He said that he had seen it and was aware of the situation that the people are facing after the calamities. He assured that the government of India will not leave no stone unturned to support and restore it. The centre team will visit to support the relief.

He also conveyed the Prime Minister's message to the victims' family. He acknowledged the initiative, taken out by the District Administration led by DC, Konyak Union, Konyak Students' Union, Konyak Nyupuh Sheko Khong in emergency Relief Camps. He also appreciated all the rescue teams led by DC, SP, SDRF, Civil Societies and all the volunteers.

Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Wennyei Konyak, while delivering the Welcome Address, briefed about the disaster situation in the district and the relief measured undertaken by the district administration.

Konyak Union President, Yamao Konyak, expressed his gratitude to the Union Minister and his team for their visit. He said that their visit says that Mon is not alone in this dark Hour.

Asst. Manager (Response & Communication), NSDMA & Nodal Officer (Disaster Management), DDMA Mon, Rendemo Shitio gave a PowerPoint Presentation on Monsoon damage Briefing of July 2026, Post Disaster Interim Assessment of Mon District and Nagaland State. Video clips of the destruction and affected areas by the Flood and landslide were also shown by the KU media team.

CM LAUNCHES CHIEF MINISTER'S YARN BANK SCHEME ON NATIONAL HANDLOOM DAY

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio virtually inaugurated the Chief Minister's Yarn Bank Scheme at the Chief Minster's Residential Complex, Kohima on the occasion of 12th National Handloom Day on 7th August 2026. Rio described the initiative as a landmark step towards strengthening Nagaland's handloom sector and improving the livelihoods of thousands of weavers across the State.

In his address, Dr. Rio said National Handloom Day is not merely a celebration of a traditional craft but a tribute to a living

heritage that has shaped the identity, culture and spirit of the Naga people for generations.

Acknowledging the challenges faced by weavers, Rio stated that the Chief Minister's Yarn Bank Scheme was launched, as a dedicated and centralized facility at the DIC, State Industrial Park, Toluvi, Dimapur. "Under the scheme natural yarns including cotton, eri silk, muga silk, bamboo fibre and other natural fibre blends will be made available at mill-gate prices," the Chief Minister said. He added that the Government will provide a 15 percent subsidy, making quality raw materials more affordable and accessible to eligible weavers.

Rio informed that the scheme is expected to benefit between 5,000 and 10,000 weavers every year. Eligible weavers holding a Yarn Pass Book will be able to procure yarn directly from the Yarn Bank through a transparent, reliable and efficient distribution system.

Stating that the initiative is part of the Government's broader vision of preserving Nagaland's cultural heritage while creating sustainable economic opportunities, the Chief Minister said that Supporting the handloom sector will strengthen the rural economy, empower women, promote entrepreneurship and protect one of Nagaland's greatest cultural assets.

Describing the Yarn Bank as a transformative initiative, Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu said that the initiative that it would positively impact thousands of weavers across Nagaland by improving access to raw materials, enhancing productivity and strengthening livelihoods.

Explaining the implementation process, Jakhalu informed that eligible weavers must possess a valid Handloom Mark (HM) Identity Card and register through the designated mobile application. Verification will be carried out using the State Handloom Database and census records. She informed that the department is updating the State's weavers' database to ensure that benefits reach genuine artisans. She further added that applicants must be at least 18 years of age and active weavers. Registered cooperative societies with a minimum of ten members will also be eligible under the scheme.

To ensure transparency and accountability, Jakhalu said the department will establish a real-time digital dashboard for inventory management and subsidy tracking. Regular third-party audits, district-level monitoring committees, a toll-free helpline and a grievance redressal mechanism will also be put in place.

OBPS JOINT SESSION ON ONLINE BUILDING PERMISSION SYSTEM HELD AT KOHIMA

A two-day first Joint Session on the Nagaland Online Building Permission System (OBPS) was held on 6th and 7th August at Hotel de Oriental Grand, Kohima. The programme was organised by the Directorate of Municipal Affairs, in collaboration with the Town and Country Planning Organisation (TCPO), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, and the National Informatics Centre (NIC), MeiTY.

The inaugural session began with a welcome address by Director, Directorate of Municipal Affairs, Temjenrenla Kechu, who set the context for the implementation

of the Online Building Permission System in Nagaland. Associate Planner, TCPO, MoHUA, Sudeep Roy, presented on the OBPS, while State Informatics Officer, NIC Nagaland I. Lanusungkum Aier, gave an overview of the system.

Technical sessions focused on the Model/State BBL and the mandate for implementing OBPS across States. Experts from the Directorate of Municipal Affairs, Urban Development Department, NIC and TCPO deliberated on synchronising the Draft National Building Bye-Laws 2026 with the proposed e-Development Control Regulations (e-DCR) for Nagaland.

Participants were also taken through the OBPS workflow, including the user interface, process flow, authorisation and control mechanisms, digital certificate integration and online signing procedures. Officials from various line departments joined discussions on departmental roles, service integration and requirements for issuing online building permits through the OBPS platform.

Technical sessions covered Building Plan Approval (BPA) drawing standards, layer conventions, standardised colour coding, head and sub-occupancy classifications and digital drawing formats.

On the second day, live demonstrations on CAD layer conventions, standardised colour coding, feature classification and occupancy standards was conducted. Hands-on sessions enabled participants to work on digital drawings and understand the practical application of OBPS requirements under the guidance of experts from NIC Meghalaya and TCPO.

Advisor, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, IAS (Retd.), attended the official website launch of the Municipal Affairs Department on the second day.



Advisor for Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, IAS (Retd.), launching the official website of the Municipal Affairs Department at Hotel de Oriental Grand, Kohima, on 7th August 2026.

The website will provide general information on the 39 ULBs, their structure, their activities and important contact information. Various important Rules, Regulations, advisory, etc, will also be available in public platform. The website will also enable ULBs to publish audited accounts in public domain.

Subsequent sessions focused on the implementation of the OBPS by the Directorate of Municipal Affairs and the Urban Development Department. Discussions covered testing of drawing lists and system features, rule-engine validation, testing schedules and records, launch preparedness and the timeline for the rollout of the system. Joint consultations were also held to address critical issues and finalise the roadmap for implementation.

The workshop concluded with a compilation of recommendations and deliberations on the next phase of preparedness.

BLO KITS, T-SHIRTS AND CAPS DISTRIBUTED FOR SIR 2026

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, distributed BLO Kits, T-shirts and caps to Booth Level Officers (BLOs) for the conduct of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), 2026, at the Chief Electoral Officer's Conference Hall on August 7.

Delivering the welcome address, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, R. Toshimeren Aier, stated that the BLO Kits, T-shirts and caps were being distributed to ensure that BLOs remain visible and easily identifiable to the public while carrying out their responsibilities during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise.

Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, Bhagyashree Banayat, IAS, in her address, described Booth Level Officers (BLOs) as the backbone of the electoral system and acknowledged their dedication towards ensuring an accurate and transparent electoral roll. She also felicitated three BLOs who achieved 100 per cent mapping during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise. The awardees were Kiyakhrielie Miari-o, Hindi Teacher, GPS Ziezou, 11-Northern Angami; Venki Livi, Range Assistant, Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, 4-Mima; and Neidamo Leno, JSA, NLA Secretariat.

Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Alila Chang, chaired the programme. Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Awa Lorin, delivered the vote of thanks.

'FALLEN RISE' A PREMIER BILINGUAL FEATURE FILM SCREENED

The official opening for the premier 'Fallen Rise' a bilingual feature film in Angami and Assamese, produced by Hillock Films in association with Golden Signature was screened at Hotel Vivor Kohima on 8th August 2026.

Depicting on the title of the film 'Fallen Rise' representing opposite words, Advisor for School Education, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, who was the Honored Dignitary for the evening stated that this axiom symbolizes a deep societal theme of the Naga society as the ethos of our old traditional culture and the inherited head-hunting society changed to modernity through Christianity and Education. He therefore expressed hope that through this premiere, they enter into various international as well as national film fora and various competitions.

Director of the premier 'Fallen Rise' bilingual feature film, Joon Khound, while sharing his journey of making the film said he initiated in making full-length movies for the International Film Festival, but these projects requiring a huge budget and eventually made him settled with a story reflecting on the life of ambitious students travelling from different places to cities for their higher educations. He also highlighted in brief about the bilingual movie film shot in two different regions in the states of Nagaland and Assam, and shared that the prolong in releasing the film was due to the many difficulties, obstacles and challenges they faced during the shooting of the movie.

Cast Director, Zapusazo Sirie, also recounted his experiences of shooting the film, sharing insights into the filmmaking process and the journey behind the production.

HAR GHAR TIRANGA EXHIBITION 2026 CAMPAIGN HELD IN THE STATE CAPITAL

As part of the ongoing nationwide Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration, the "Har Ghar Tiranga" Exhibition 2026, a collaborative initiative between the Department of Art & Culture and Home Department. This year, the campaign simultaneously celebrates the 150th anniversary of the spirit of India's National song, "Vande Mataram'.

The inauguration event was graced by Kuko Mero, IAS, Secretary Home, as the Special guest. Speaking on the occasion, he highlighted that Har Ghar Tiranga is a national campaign designed to showcase the unity, strength, and integrity of the nation. He emphasized that the Tiranga Exhibition is a core component of the broader Har Ghar Tiranga 2026 initiative, which will be accompanied by a series of commemorative activities in the coming days.

The official program was chaired by Kr. Temjenjungla, Assistant Archivist, Department of Art & Culture. The event witnessed the presence of several senior government officials, including Elizabeth Ngullie, Secretary, Home Department, Bodeno S Colo, Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Department of Art & Culture, Adela Moa, Director, Department of Art & Culture, officers and staff from Department of Art & Culture & Home Department.

WOKHA WELCOMES GOVERNOR YADAV: A CALL FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH ROOTED IN HERITAGE WOKHA

The Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav, paid a visit to Wokha District Headquarters, where he addressed a gathering at the DC's Conference Hall on 13th August 2026. His speech was a sweeping reflection on Wokha's cultural richness, developmental aspirations, and the shared responsibility of building a future that is both modern and deeply rooted in tradition.

The Governor described the district as "a land of rich traditions, vibrant communities, fertile landscapes and beautiful natural surroundings." He noted that Wokha's identity is shaped by the values of the Lotha people, community life, mutual respect, and collective responsibility values that remain vital even in a rapidly changing world. He stressed that development must be people-centred, not measured merely by roads or buildings, but by the quality of life, social harmony, opportunities for youth, and preservation of heritage.

The Governor underscored the importance of ensuring basic services, education, healthcare, connectivity, drinking water, electricity, digital infrastructure, and social security to reach every citizen. At the same time, he urged that development must create opportunities, highlighting Wokha's potential in agriculture, horticulture, tourism, handicrafts, and entrepreneurship. Farmers, he said, must be supported with technology, processing facilities, and market linkages to move from producing commodities to creating products of greater value. Youth empowerment was a central theme of his address.

With Nagaland's young population

as its greatest strength, Governor Yadav encouraged skill development, innovation, and entrepreneurship, urging young people to explore opportunities in agriculture, tourism, technology, sports, and creative industries. "Government employment alone cannot meet the aspirations of our young people," he reminded, calling for a shift towards self-employment and community-driven initiatives. Equally, he emphasized cultural preservation, warning that "a society that loses its cultural confidence gradually loses an important part of its identity." He praised festivals such as Tokhü Emong for their values of thanksgiving and solidarity, urging that traditions be passed down to younger generations even as modernization advances.

On environmental conservation, the Governor lauded Wokha's community-led protection of the Amur Falcon as an inspiring example of grassroots conservation. He encouraged eco-tourism that respects local communities and protects biodiversity, positioning Wokha as a model for sustainable development. Turning to governance, he urged district officers to uphold transparency, accountability and responsiveness, while working closely with traditional institutions and civil society. He stressed that education must foster critical thinking and citizenship, while healthcare must prioritize preventive measures, maternal and child health, and nutrition. Governor Yadav concluded with a vision of Wokha as a district where farmers earn better incomes, youth find meaningful opportunities, women are empowered, traditions thrive alongside modern technology, and natural resources are safeguarded for future generations. "Development is a shared responsibility," he declared, calling upon administration, civil society, churches, youth organizations, and citizens to work together for inclusive progress.

The day's programme also featured the welcome address by the Deputy Commissioner, Wokha K. Mhathung Tsanglao. Civil society organizations also voice their concerns and aspirations. Later, departmental presentations showcased achievements under government schemes in agriculture, horticulture, and rural development, with beneficiaries sharing success stories of improved yields, production, and income.

The event concluded with remarks by the Deputy Commissioner, Wokha followed by the National Song and National Anthem, marking a day of reflection, dialogue, and renewed commitment to Wokha's future. He was accompanied by MLA, Mhonbemo Humtsoe.

IMCT ASSESSES MONSOON DISASTER DAMAGE ACROSS MOKOKCHUNG, LONGLENG AND MON

An Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) led by M. Ramachandrudu, IAS, Joint Secretary (DM-II), Ministry of Home Affairs, conducted assessments of monsoon-related disaster damage in Mokokchung, Longleng and Mon districts on August 12 and 13, 2026.

Prior to the visit to the districts a briefing session with the Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) was held at Noune Resort, Chümoukedima, on 11th August 2026. Where Advisor to NSDMA, Z. Nyusiethio Nyuthe, highlighted the severe floods that affected Nagaland during the 2026 monsoon,

causing widespread damage, loss of lives, disruption of connectivity, and difficulties for agriculture and livelihoods while, an overview of the disaster situation during the 2026 monsoon period was presented by Dr. Johnny Ruangmei, Joint Chief Executive Officer, NSDMA.

The Inter-Ministerial Central Team comprised of M. Ramachandrudu, IAS, Joint Secretary (DM-II), Ministry of Home Affairs; Sanjeev Kumar Suman, Director; Pankaj Pahadia, Deputy Director (FCD); Pradeep Kumar Meena, Executive Engineer; Rajeshwari S. Mallegeowda, Director (DoRD) and Priyom Roy, Scientist 'SF'.

MOKOKCHUNG

In Mokokchung, the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) held a briefing session at Tuliyong Community Hall, Tuli Sub-Division, on August 12. The programme was chaired by Imsenperong Wati, NCS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tuli, while Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, DDMA Mokokchung, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS, delivered the keynote address. Nodal Officer, DDMA Mokokchung, Temsuwangshi Jamir, briefed the team on disasters reported in the district during 2026. The session was attended by Advisor, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, A. Panjung Jamir, and Advisor, NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe. An interaction was held between the IMCT, district administration and other officials, followed by a site visit to disaster-affected areas in Tuli Sub-Division.

LONGLENG

The team also reviewed the situation in Longleng and Tuensang, where natural calamities since July 19 have caused extensive damage to roads, houses, crops, livestock and infrastructure. At a briefing held at the DPDB Hall, Longleng, on August 12, ADC & CEO, DDMA Longleng, Thungchanbemo Tungoe, highlighted the serious challenges caused by the widespread landslides and stressed the need for substantial assistance for restoration and rehabilitation. Detailed damage assessment reports for Longleng and Tuensang were presented by the respective Deputy Commissioners, W. Manpai Phom and Lithrongla Tongpi, NCS.

Advisor, NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe,



Advisor, NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe and Inter-Ministerial Central Team led by Joint Secretary (DM-II), MHA, GoI, M. Ramachandrudu, IAS with DC Longleng, W. Manpai Phom during their visit at Longleng on 12th August 2026.

acknowledged the coordinated response of the State and Union Governments and expressed hope that the IMCT's assessment would help facilitate further assistance for relief and recovery. Joint CEO, NSDMA, Dr. Jhonny Ruangmei, stressed the importance of developing durable and disaster-resilient infrastructure and adopting long-term approaches to disaster management. Ramachandrudu assured the affected districts that all necessary measures would be taken to support restoration and bring the affected areas back to normalcy.

MON

In Mon, the IMCT visited Mon Town on August 13 to verify ground-level damage assessments following landslides, flash floods and flooding during the 2026 monsoon season. Deputy Commissioner Mon, Wennyei Konyak, briefed the team on the disaster situation and presented a video documenting the impact of incessant rainfall on July 19–20, which triggered major landslides and flash floods across the district.

Ramachandrudu assured the district of all possible assistance for restoration of the damaged areas. The team, accompanied by the District Administration, Superintendent of Police and representatives of civil society organisations including KU, KSU and KNSK, subsequently visited and surveyed the landslide-affected areas at Defence Colony, Thamnan Ward and adjoining areas.

STATE-LEVEL IEC CAMPAIGN ON HIV & STI AWARENESS LAUNCHED AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

Minister of Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak launched the third round of the Intensified Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign on HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) at Agri Expo, 4thMile, Chümoukedima on August 12, 2026.

Addressing the gathering as the Special Guest, Minister, Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak said that the launch of the campaign on International Youth Day was an opportunity to reaffirm the collective commitment towards safeguarding the health, dignity and future of the people of Nagaland. He said that young people were not merely leaders of the future but important partners in shaping the present, and stressed the need to invest in their health, knowledge and empowerment.

Highlighting the situation in the State, Konyak said that Nagaland continues to face a significant HIV challenge but at the same time, he pointed to the progress made through sustained prevention, testing and treatment efforts. He stated that since 2010, Nagaland had recorded a 39.97 percent reduction in new HIV infections and an 80.21 percent decline in AIDS-related deaths.

The Minister informed the first two rounds of the campaign had reached more than 1,300 village meetings, over 1,000 schools and 200 colleges, besides more than 7,600 door-to-door awareness drives and direct engagement with over two lakh citizens. He called for greater focus on the triple elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, syphilis and Hepatitis B, stating that every pregnant woman should have access to testing and timely intervention and the need for healthcare services to remain accessible, confidential, compassionate and free from discrimination. He further urged

young people to seek accurate information, understand their risks, know their HIV status and make informed choices.

Delivering the keynote address, Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, S. Tainiu, NCS, said the third round of the campaign was aimed at taking the response closer to communities through evidence-based action and highlighted that the campaign would focus on increasing awareness on HIV and STIs, promoting safer practices, reducing stigma and discrimination, encouraging testing, counselling and early treatment, and reaching youth and vulnerable populations.

Short speeches were also delivered by Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mereninla Senlem, and DC Dimapur. Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, NCS.

Following the programme, the Minister flagged off the Intensified IEC Campaign 2026 Bike Rally, with 25 bikers carrying messages of HIV and STI awareness, prevention and solidarity to communities. Five new Health on Bike outreach motorbikes were also flagged off to strengthen HIV-related services in Niuland, Tseminyu, Tuensang, Longchem in Mokokchung and Tobu in Mon districts.

ESIC HOLDS SECOND NAGALAND REGIONAL BOARD MEETING IN KOHIMA AND INAUGURATES NEW BRANCH OFFICE

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), Regional Office, North-Eastern Region, conducted the 2nd Nagaland Regional Board Meeting on 12th August 2026 at the Labour Commissioner's Office, Secretariat Building, Kohima, Nagaland.

The meeting was chaired by Moatoshi Longkumer, Chairman, ESIC Regional Board, Nagaland, and Advisor for Labour, Employment & Skill Development and Excise. The meeting was attended by senior officials of the Nagaland State Government and ESIC, along with representatives of employers and employees.

During the meeting, the Chairman, ESIC Regional Board, Nagaland & Advisor for Labour, Employment & Skill Development and Excise, Moatoshi Longkumer emphasized the need for establishing a 100-bedded ESIC Hospital in Nagaland. He directed the State Labour Department & requested employers and employees' representative to extend cooperation to ESIC in registration of establishments and Insured Persons (IPs), with the objective of achieving the target of 15,000 Insured Persons, which would facilitate the establishment of a 100-bedded hospital in the State. The meeting also held detailed discussions on the engagement of doctors and paramedical staff at enhanced remuneration to strengthen medical services under the ESI Scheme. The Chairman further emphasized that the Regional Board Meeting should be conducted once every six months for regular review and monitoring of the implementation of the ESI Scheme in Nagaland.

Robert Longchari, Commissioner & Secretary, Labour & Employment Department, informed the Board that the Department would identify suitable land for opening ESIC Branch Offices at Tuensang, Mokokchung and Mon. He further stated that suitable premises could be hired temporarily until the land is allotted to ESIC.

Pranay Sinha, Insurance Commissioner

(NE Zone) and Invitee Member, briefed the Board on the Ward of IP Scheme. He also highlighted the various benefits available under the ESI Scheme and requested the concerned authorities to take necessary steps for early formation of the ESI Society.

Champak Biswas, Regional Director, ESIC, suggested that the State Labour Department to coordinate with the Social Security Officers (SSOs) for expediting the registration of eligible employers and employees under the ESI Scheme.

The representatives of employers and employees also put forward several suggestions during the meeting.

The meeting was followed by the opening of the ESIC Branch Office at Kohima, located on the second floor of the Labour Commissioner's Office premises. The office was inaugurated by Moatoshi Longkumer, Advisor, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of Nagaland

CM ADDRESSES ON THE OCCASION OF THE 80th INDEPENDENCE DAY

Rio Reaffirms Commitment to Naga Peace Process, FNTA and Stronger Law and Order

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, addressing the gathering on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day celebration at Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 15th August 2026, reaffirmed the Nagaland Government's commitment to facilitating an early, honourable and acceptable solution to the longstanding Naga Political Issue, while highlighting steps taken to strengthen law and order and combat the growing threat of drugs.

On Naga political issue, Rio said the people of Nagaland continue to yearn for an early solution. He recalled the broad based Consultative Meeting held on September 12, 2024, which brought together tribal hohos, civil society representatives, mass based organisations, church bodies, NGOs, student bodies, political parties and other stakeholders. Welcoming the recent constitution of a committee under the chairmanship of the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Government of India, to lead the Naga peace talks, Rio expressed gratitude to the Centre for responding to the request of the people and civil society for elevating the ongoing dialogue and peace process to the ministerial level. He reaffirmed that the State Government would continue to play the role of an active facilitator in the peace process towards the realisation of the long cherished aspiration for an early, honourable and acceptable solution.

On Eastern Nagaland, Dr. Rio said the State Government remained committed to ensuring equitable and inclusive development across all regions of the State. Acknowledging the historical developmental disadvantages faced by Eastern Nagaland, he said the State Government had wholeheartedly supported the regions aspiration for an arrangement in the form of the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA). He highlighted the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement on February 5, 2026, between the Government of India, Government of Nagaland and Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation for the constitution of the FNTA within Nagaland. Describing the agreement as a historic milestone, Rio congratulated the people of

Eastern Nagaland and assured them of the State Government's fullest cooperation and continued support for the early constitution and operationalisation of the FNTA.

On law and order, the Chief Minister said the situation in Nagaland remained largely peaceful, reflecting the dedication of the district administration, police and security forces. He, however, condemned the IED blast in Chümoukedima district targeting a vehicle carrying Assam Rifles personnel, in which one personnel was killed and four others sustained grievous injuries. Rio termed the attack cowardly and condemnable and added that the investigation into the incident has been taken over by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Highlighting the State Police's continued efforts against crime and drugs, Rio said more than 407 cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act had been registered across the State between January 2024 and May 2026, with 677 accused persons arrested. He said the Government was also strengthening the mobility and operational capacity of the Nagaland Police through the acquisition of 550 new vehicles under Police Modernisation assistance from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Government Response to Monsoon Disasters Across Nagaland

Addressing the people of the state during the 80th Independence Day celebration in Kohima on 15th August 2026, the Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio expressed deep concern over the unprecedented and relentless monsoon rainfall that recently affected Nagaland, triggering widespread landslides and flash floods across several districts. He said the disasters resulted in loss of lives and injuries to many people, particularly in Mon district, besides causing extensive damage to houses, properties and public infrastructure.

Expressing heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and wishing a speedy recovery to those injured, Rio said the State Government, through the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) and district administrations, has been undertaking rescue and relief operations for affected families along with restoration works.

He informed that an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) from the Ministry of Home Affairs had recently visited Nagaland to assess the extent of the damage and facilitate the necessary support for recovery and rehabilitation. Rio stated that Government remains committed to supporting affected communities and restoring damaged infrastructure and essential connectivity in the aftermath of the monsoon disasters.

Rio Highlights Major Push for Agriculture and Allied Sectors of the State

Dr. Rio in his Independence Day speech at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza in Kohima on 15th August 2026, said the agriculture and allied sector is set to undergo a major transformation following the approval of the Nagaland Agriculture Policy, 2025. The policy, he said, provides a clear roadmap for building a resilient, sustainable and prosperous agricultural economy that enhances farmers' livelihoods, strengthens food and nutrition security and promotes climate-resilient growth.

He also highlighted the launch of the Unified Digital Agriculture Ecosystem under the Digital Agriculture Mission which aims to build a robust farmer-centric Digital Public

Infrastructure.

On horticulture, Rio said proposals for establishing two Centres of Excellence i.e. for Kiwifruit at Pfutsero, Phek and for Dendrobium (Orchid) at State Horticulture Nursery, Chumoukedima, are under process.

The Chief Minister said that the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services signed an MoU with Cooperl, a French pork processing company, which marks an important step towards modernising Nagaland's piggery sector through scientific breeding methods and improved farming practices.

Dr. Rio also highlighting the recently launched Cluster-based Coffee Value Chain Development in Nagaland, stated that it will strengthen the state's coffee value chain and positioning Nagaland as a premium coffee-producing hub. Under this, pilot coffee clusters will be developed at Tuophema and Ghotovi, which will include setting up hi-tech nurseries, post-harvest infrastructure, roasteries and branding campaigns to establish 'Coffees of Nagaland' as a premium single-origin brand. Rio also mentioned that the Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, recognising the economic potential of Agarwood, the state has adopted the Nagaland Agarwood (Conservation and Promotion) Policy, 2026.

The Chief Minister further informed that for securing the rightful share of the State in the mineral oil resources in the Disputed Area Belt (DAB) along Nagaland -Assam border, a Tripartite MoU was signed between the Government of India, Government of Nagaland and Government of Assam on 11th June 2026. He also referred to the adjudication of the suo motu PIL concerning mineral oil resources by the Gauhati High Court, describing it as another major milestone that has paved the way for exploration and production activities across the state. He added that the state government is now in the advanced stage of discussions with the central government to evolve a Nagaland-specific regulatory framework in conformity with our special constitutional provisions of Article 371 A.

Major Infrastructure and Development Projects Across Nagaland

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio highlighted a series of major infrastructure and development initiatives being undertaken by the government while delivering the Independence Day address at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza on 15th August 2026.

Rio informed that the State Government has identified 39 sq. kms. at Chathe Valley, Chumoukedima District, for establishing a modern incubation city, Nagaki, to catalyse economic activities and provide opportunities to the young population. He said that a high-level Governing Council under his Chairmanship, along with the Deputy Chief Ministers and other Ministers and Advisors and the Chief Secretary has also been constituted. An amount of Rs. 100 cr. under SASCI has been received for the project.

On Connectivity, the Chief Minister said that the PWD (Roads & Bridges) has successfully completed 132.50 km of road and 6 Modular steel bridges under various State and Central Govt schemes in the last financial year. He also highlighted the key projects undertaken by PWD (NH), including the widening of the existing single-lane road to a two-lane highway from Unger to Tuli on NH-02, widening of the existing single-lane road to two lane from Longsa to New Wokha

Village on NH-02 and widening of the existing single-lane road to an intermediate lane from Mokokchung (Chuchuyimpang Village) to Chare Town, across Mokokchung and Tuensang districts. In addition, the construction of the 4-lane Dimapur bypass road by NHIDCL has also been completed.

Dr. Rio said that the State Government is actively pursuing the development of 4 (four) short landing strips at strategic locations at Mokokchung, Mon, Tuensang and at Ciethu to boost intra-state air connectivity. He added that the government is also working towards development of inland waterways. LiDAR survey of Tizu-Zungki National Waterways has been proposed for a more detailed and comprehensive assessment of this waterway corridor. The development of three water bodies of our State; the Doyang Water Reservoir, Noune Lake and Shilloi Lake, for the purposes of promotion of tourism and water sports is currently underway, with the DPRs in the final stages of preparation, he added.

He noted that the signing of the Tripartite MOU between the Finance Department, TATA Company and Nagaland State Transport for 43 buses under deferred payment mechanism as a step towards facilitating and providing affordable and coordinated passenger bus services in the State.

The Chief Minister mentioned that the Industries & Commerce Department has signed an MoU with IIFT, Kolkata Campus, to establish an Export Facilitation Cell in Nagaland to enhance entrepreneurs' export readiness. The government has also approved the Nagaland Food Processing Industries Policy. Other initiatives included the inauguration of the Chief Minister's Yarn Bank at Toluvi, Dimapur, Food Processing Incubation Centres at Toluvi and Tuensang, an Entrepreneurs' Incubation Centre at Ganeshnagar, Chümoukedima, and a Modern Aggregation Centre at Longnak, Mokokchung.

Rio noted that a new 220/132/33 kV substation at Tsitrongse (Diezephe), funded under PM-DeVINE, is nearing completion. The ongoing Optical Ground Wire project will strengthen communication between EHV substations, generating stations and the State Load Dispatch Centre, Rio added. Under the Nagaland Solar Mission, in convergence with PM Surya Ghar, Muft Bijli Yojana, rooftop solar installations have reached a cumulative capacity of 1.32 MW. Power Department has also installed more than 57,300 smart meters, supporting improved billing, revenue collection and the State's ₹400-crore revenue target for 2026-27.

Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio further highlighted the development of new and upgraded institutional and public infrastructure across the State. The Nagaland Institute of Transformation inaugurated under the Department of Planning & Transformation to design, facilitate and drive the State's development agenda by leveraging expertise from knowledge institutions, development partners, and civil society organizations among others. Under the Art & Culture department, the Nagaland Indigenous Tribes Cultural Resource Centre at Kohima, constructed under the NLCPR (MDoNER) scheme, was inaugurated while the Tagore Cultural Complex at Chümoukedima, constructed under the Tagore Cultural Complex Scheme of the Ministry of Culture, was also completed and inaugurated.

The Department of Information &

Public Relations newly launched project Nagaland Integrated Information System (NIIS), a digital governance initiative aimed at integrating information and services into a unified, accessible platform for all citizens. It will function as a single source of information for all Government activities and enhance transparency, and operational efficiency.

District-level institutional infrastructure strengthened during the financial year 2025-26, with the construction and inauguration of the DC Office Complex at Shamator, ADC Office Complex at Akuluto, ADC Offices at Seyochung and Tamlu, and the SDO(C) Office at Ralan. Residential infrastructure for administrative officers has also been completed, including ADC Quarters at Chozuba, Tobu and Medziphema, and the EAC Quarter at Sungro.

Health, Sanitation and Social Welfare Initiatives

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio while delivering the Independence Day address at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza on 15th August 2026, highlighted a range of initiatives undertaken by the State Government to improve healthcare, sanitation, social protection, rural livelihoods and the overall quality of life of the people of Nagaland.

Rio stated that the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) was making steady progress in improving access to safe drinking water and sanitation. Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, 3,48,048 Functional Household Tap Connections had been provided as of July 1, 2026. Under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II, 1,300 villages have attained ODF Plus status, while the PHED has also strengthened its institutional infrastructure with the completion and inauguration of the PHED Division Office Building at Niuland Headquarters.

The Chief Minister said the Department of Health & Family Welfare continues to implement key strategies towards achieving a TB Free Nagaland in line with the National Strategic Plan. In collaboration with the Rural Development Department, 214 villages were declared TB-Free on World TB Day. The Department also launched the 100 Day Ayushman Student Coverage Mission across all districts to advance Universal Health Coverage and achieve 100 per cent Ayushman card saturation. He further informed that the State Government has submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for establishment of a new greenfield AIIMS in Nagaland. Following communication from the Central Government that an AIIMS may be considered subject to availability of sufficient land, the State has proposed 200 acres at Nagaki City in Chümoukedima for the institution.

Highlighting measures for vulnerable sections of society, Rio said the Social Welfare Department has completed construction of a new building for the Kohima Orphanage Home, with capacity to accommodate more than 100 children. Funded by the North Eastern Council, the facility is designed to provide a safe, secure and child friendly residential environment for orphaned and destitute children in accordance with the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. The State has also achieved complete coverage of all 17 districts under Mission Vatsalya, further strengthening child protection and welfare services.

Rio said the Department of Rural Development launched the Viksit Bharat

Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) as part of its nationwide rollout. The programme focuses on water security, rural infrastructure, livelihoods and climate resilience, including works aimed at mitigating the impact of extreme weather events. He added that the Department of Underdeveloped Areas (DUDA) is also set to implement Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II) from 2026-27, to make border villages self reliant and vibrant.

Highlighting the Government's focus on improved urban sanitation and waste management, Rio said infrastructure interventions were being undertaken under Swachh Bharat Mission kUrban 2.0 to enable Urban Local Bodies to comply with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026. So far, 21 Urban Wastewater Managment project along with Sewage Treatment Plant projects have been grounded, while 13 Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants are under implementation across 13 Urban Local Bodies.

Human Resource Development and Youth Empowerment Initiatives

Highlighting Government's focus on creating opportunities for the youth, Rio in his Independence Day speech at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza on 15th August 2026, said the Department of Youth Resources & Sports virtually inaugurated 16 new sports infrastructure projects comprising of 11 Multipurpose Indoor Halls, four Futsal Grounds, a District Youth Resources & Sports Officer's Office and a residential quarter at Peren. He also highlighted Nagaland's performance at the SAI Khelo India Archery Championship where the State secured one gold, four silver and four bronze medals. Rio further noted that Nagaland's grassroots sporting initiatives, including the Nagaland Baby League Football and Nagaland Women Futsal League, were featured in the 135th episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat on June 28, 2026.

Under the PM-USHA scheme, the Higher Education Department completed and inaugurated three major projects at Dimapur Government College, a new Academic Building, a 46 room Girls Hostel and an Incubation Centre & Skill Hub; an Academic Building at Zunheboto Government College. The Department also launched the Higher Education Attendance & Record Tracking (HEART) App on April 29 to strengthen technology driven governance.

The Technical Education Department, meanwhile, successfully completed the PM-DeVINE project on "Educational Infrastructure and Facility Development in the Polytechnics of Nagaland". Dr. Rio said the State Cabinet had also approved the Nagaland Technical Education Policy. He also said the Government had submitted a comprehensive proposal to the Ministry of Education for establishment of an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Nagaland.

The Chief Minister stated that the Department of Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship had signed an MoU with the Logistics Sector Skills Council and Redington Foundation to establish a Centre of Excellence in Dimapur, aimed at training unemployed youth and meeting the growing demand for skilled professionals in the logistics sector. He also highlighted the Chief Minister's Fellowship Programme, Nagaland (CMFPN), implemented by IDAN, which seeks to strengthen governance through research, evidence based policymaking, institutional learning and field engagement. The Nagaland

Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Mission has also established the NSEDM-IDAN Japanese Language Centre in collaboration with ASEAN ONE, Japan. The first batch of 50 trainees is being prepared for overseas employment opportunities, he added.

Dr. Rio highlighted that School Education Department completed 54 infrastructure projects during FY 2025-26, including 49 Integrated Science & Mathematics Laboratories, four school building renovations and one residential hostel. He said the NCERT-PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024 State Report recorded significant improvements in foundational language and numeracy, reflecting progress under the NIPUN Bharat Mission. Under the Nagaland Education Project-NECTAR, the PACE-N digital learning management system has also been introduced to strengthen governance and support the professional development of teachers, school leaders and education officials.

Rio said these initiatives collectively reflect the Government's commitment to investing in Nagaland's human capital and equipping its young population with the education, skills and opportunities needed to contribute meaningfully to the State's long-term development.

CM RIO LAUNCHES NIIS ON THE OCASSION OF THE 80th INDEPENDENCE DAY

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio launched the Nagaland Integrated Information System (NIIS) on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 15th August 2026.

The Nagaland Integrated Information System (NIIS) is a digital governance initiative aimed at integrating government-related information and activities into a unified, accessible platform for all citizens. Anchored by the Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) with support from the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, the project is designed to enhance transparency, operational efficiency and citizen engagement through a centralized service delivery. NIIS will empower citizens by functioning as a single source of information for all government activities. Citizens can access news, photos, videos and helpful information about the state through it. NIIS will accommodate Government to Citizens (G2C) services through the integration of various APIs where citizens can discover and access various government schemes and digital services and it will ensure efficient and timely delivery of public services.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister also virtually inaugurated the NIIS Hub, which is located at the Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Kohima. The Hub will serve as the central control and coordination unit for the system, overseeing data management, integration, validation and dissemination.

Advisor, Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Daochier I Imchen visited the Hub of the Nagaland Integrated Information System. He congratulated the Department and everyone involved in the successful launch of the project. Imchen expressed his happiness and gratitude that the initiative which was conceived during

the tenure of his late father as the then Advisor of the Department, had become a reality. The Advisor was accompanied by the Secretary, IPR Orenthung Lotha, IAS and officials from various departments including IT&C and NIC Nagaland.

The launch of NIIS marks a significant step towards strengthening digital governance and citizen-centric service delivery in Nagaland. The initiative is expected to promote inclusive access to government information and services across the State. Citizens can access the Nagaland Integrated Information System through https://niisnagaland.in/ and Google Play Store.

CM LAUNCHES KEY GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio launched and virtually commissioned several key initiatives of the State Government as part of the 80th Independence Day celebration at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima, on 15th August 2026.

The Chief Minister launched the Education Management Information System (EMIS) which is a centralised digital platform designed to collect, manage, process, analyse and disseminate educational data to support planning, administration, monitoring, and decision-making across the school education sector. The primary objective of EMIS is to enable the School Education Department and sister organisations to digitise all educational records, improve planning and resource allocation, enable real-time reporting, increase transparency and accountability, support data-driven decision making and improve educational outcomes.

EMIS currently holds information of over 1,800 government schools, personal information of over 1,00,000 government school students and fully digitised records of over 22,000 teaching and non-teaching staff. EMIS includes a single record of a student's journey from pre-primary to class 12 and it simplifies administration while providing digital access to service records and professional development for the teachers. It will provide reliable evidence for governance, accountability and long-term educational planning for the Government.

Dr. Neiphiu Rio virtual commissioned of 10 Mega Watt Hovukhu Solar Power Plant (Phase-I & II) under the Department of New & Renewable Energy. The first phase of 5 MW commenced in April 2022 and second phase of 5 MW in December of 2023 bringing the capacity to a total of 10 MW. The project is located at Hovukhu Village, Niuland District with a total area of 50 acres and constructed at a total cost of ₹69.26 crores under SASCI and State plan and has a total generation capacity of 12 million units per annum.

In continuation of the documentation project undertaken to preserve, promote and safeguard the rich cultural heritage and traditional knowledge of the indigenous tribes of Nagaland, the Documented Books (Phase II) on Traditional Attires and Ornaments of the Angami and Sangtam Tribes published by NHHDCL was released by the Chief Minister. Dr. Rio also virtually commissioned the Naga Integrated Settled Farming Irrigation Project at Boke Botsa Kohima, which is funded under the Chief Minster's New Initiative Scheme in 2025 at an estimated cost of ₹150 lakhs. The project demonstrates integrated water management and sustainable development.

80th INDEPENDENCE DAY 2026 CELEBRATED ACROSS NAGALAND

KOHIMA:

The official function of the 80th Independence Day 2026 was celebrated at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 15th August 2026, with Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, hoisting the National Flag, receiving the Rashtriya Salute, inspecting the parade and delivering the Independence Day address. The March Past featured contingents from various security forces, police units and other organisations.

The parade was led by Parade Commander Akihito X. Chishi, NPS, Deputy Commandant, 1st NAP and Alovika Swu, NPS, Assistant Commandant, 12th NAP, serving as the Second-in-Command. The participating contingents comprised the 13 Assam Rifles Battalion, 78 Battalion CRPF, 105 Battalion BSF, Arunachal Pradesh Police (IR), DEF Kohima, 4th NAP Battalion, 10th NAP (IR) Battalion, 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Battalion, Home Guards, Civil Defence and SDRF and Ex-Servicemen.

The parade also featured the Nagaland Police Central Brass Band, PTS, and the Nagaland Police Auxiliary Brass Band of the 4th NAP Battalion, along with the 13 Assam Rifles Pipe Band and the 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Pipe Band. The contingents marched past the dais in a disciplined formation adding to the ceremonial grandeur of the Independence Day celebration.

The celebration also witnessed the announcement and presentation of various awards and medals to distinguished awardees.

The President's Police Medal for 2026 for Distinguished Service was awarded to Videlalie Zashumo, Inspector General of Police, while the Police Medal for Meritorious Service was awarded to Limasunep Jamir, Inspector General of Police.

The Governor's Gold Medal for the year 2026 was awarded to Masudong, NPS, AIGP (Admin), PHQ; Livitoli Sukhalu, NCS, Deputy Secretary, P&AR; and Kezhaseluo-o Pienyü, Wrestler (Naga Traditional Wrestling).

The Medal for Meritorious Service as announced on Republic Day 2025 was presented to Shouka Kakheto, NPS, Deputy Commandant; Zasilie Angami, Sub-Inspector; and Metseirovi Sakhrie, Naik. The medals announced on Independence Day 2025 were also presented to Kevithuto Sophie, IPS, IGP, and Aboli Metha, NPS, Commandant.

The Governor's Gold Medal as announced on Republic Day 2026 was presented to Chubasangla Longkumer, NSS, Joint Secretary, Home Department; Er. K. Tingtenmoie Konyak, Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Mon; Dr. Micheal Imti Imchen, Deputy Director, Veterinary Hospital, Dimapur; Dr. Wobenthung M. Kithan, Medical Officer, Chukitong PHC, Wokha; E. Aphak Konyak, UBI, DEF Mon; and Abemo Ezung, ABSI, Narcotic Branch, PHQ.

The Governor's Commendation Certificates for 2026 were presented to Er. Wapangnaro Imchen, Executive Engineer, Office of the Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department; Vikato Thonger, ADC to Governor of Nagaland; Kevingoto Kulnu, Revenue Officer, Kohima; Abeinuo Jasmine Ashao, NCS, Under Secretary, Finance Department; Imtinungla Longkumer, EAC, Satakha; T. Henthai Phom, Assistant Commandant, 7th NAP Battalion, Bhandari; H. Pongloi, NPS, SDPO, Tizit; I. Yongkongtoshi Chang, UBSI,

Police Station Tuensang; Lovitoli Zhimomi, Vice Principal, Mount Olive College, Kohima; Y. Mhonlumi Ezung, Caretaker, Nagaland House, Guwahati; Padampukhuri VC Fair Price Shop, run by Padumpukhuri Village Council; and the staff of Nagaland House, New Delhi.

The programme featured an enthraling performance by Living Voices, Dimapur, under TaFMA, who sang an original composition titled "Sümi Xülhe". There after a cultural attire display titled "Threads of Naga Heritage: Many Tribes, One Nagaland" by the NSSA Cultural & Aesthetic Club.

ABHIJIT SINHA, IAS GRACE INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENING PROGRAMME AT NAGALAND CIVIL SECRETARIAT PLAZA

The evening programme at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima was graced by Home Commissioner and Principal Secretary, Abhijit Sinha, IAS.

The evening highlights included an Exhibition Football Match, played between Secretariat United FC and Vanguard FC (Old Boys) which ended in a draw. Band Display and Beating of the Retreat was performed by the 13th Assam Rifles Pipe Band, Nagaland Police Central Brass Band PTS and Nagaland Police Auxiliary Brass Band, 4th NAP Bn.

Home Commissioner & Principal Secretary, Abhijit Sinha, IAS also gave away prizes and honorarium to the top three winners of the Parade Contingents, 13th Assam Rifles Bn. 15th NAP (IR) Mahila Bn. and Ex-Servicemen. Honorariums were also given to players of the exhibition football match and the participating parade contingents.

CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS VISIT INSTITUTIONS ACROSS KOHIMA

Various NGOs, charitable organisations and civil society groups in Kohima visited different institutions and homes across the district on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day on August 15, 2026.

The participating organisations visited institutions catering to children, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, patients and other sections of society. The Nagaland Contractors & Suppliers Union visited Jo Foundation, while Puliebadze Club visited Mt. Gilead Home. The Lions Club visited the State Mental Health Institute, and the Royal Club visited Bright Morning Star. Classic Club visited Kohima Orphanage & Destitute Home, while Rotary Club visited Cradle Ridge. Hindu Kalyan Samiti visited the Old Age Home, and the Indian Red Cross Society, Nagaland State Branch visited the District Jail, Kohima.

The Kohima Chamber of Commerce & Industry visited Tabitha Enabling Academy, while the Kohima Masjid Committee visited Cherry Blossom. Nagaland Adventure Club visited Kevi Children Home, Spikes Club visited the Oncology Department at NHAK, and the Gorkha Public Panchayat visited the Leprosy Hospital at Nagabazar.

During the visits, the organisations interacted with the residents and beneficiaries of the respective institutions and extended support as part of the Independence Day

observance.

The programme brought together various organisations and institutions across Kohima for the coordinated outreach to different sections of the community.

JAKHAMA:

The 80th Independence Day was celebrated at the office of the SDO (Civil), Jakhama,

SDO (C) Jakhama, Vineikho Tetso, NCS, hoisted the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute from the contingent of Khuzama Police Station led by OC, Inspector Joseph Zeliang. The SDO (C) also delivered an Independence Day speech.

CHIEPHOBOZOU:

The 80th Independence Day was celebrated with Vekusheyi Rhakho, NCS ADC Chiephobozou as the Special Guest at Local Ground, Chiephobozou, Kohima.

The Special guest unfurled the National flag, took the Rashtriya salute and delivered the Independence Day speech.

The parade featured contingents comprising Ex-Servicemen, Chiechama, and 10th IRB Zhadima, led by the Parade Commander, ABI Thepusohu Yoho.

To mark the occasion, National Flag was hoisted across all government offices and educational institutions. A Running Trophy Volleyball match was also organized as part of the celebration.

TUENSANG:

In Tuensang, the 80th Independence Day was celebrated at Parade Ground, Tuensang on 15th August 2026 with Temjen Imna Along, Minister for Tourism and Higher Education as Chief Guest. On the arrival, the National Song was sung and the Minister hoisted the National Flag followed by Rastriya Salute and singing of National Anthem and Inspection of Parade.

After the Minister delivered an Independence Day speech, singing of National Song and National Anthem was followed by March past. The Parade was led by Dr. Akash Sinha IPS, SDPO Tuensang and 2nd In- Command L. Lanu Akum Chang ABI Tuensang. The parade contingent included DEF Tuensang, 3rd NAP Tuensang, Village Guard Tuensang, Ex- Serviceman, NCC SCC, NCC St. John Higher Secondary School, GHSS Hakushang, GHSS Tuensang, NCC Akhum Imlong School, St. Joseph School, Baptist Thangyen School, NCC PM. SHRI GHSS Thangjam, 3rd NAP and Hauhyang Chuba Pipe Bands.

Minister Temjen Imna Along handed over the District Commendation Awards and Best Farmers Awards. He also inaugurated exhibition Stalls set up by ATMA, Agriculture Department, Land Resources Department, Sericulture Department, Horticulture Department, Fishery Department, Veterinary Department, Forest Department, KVK, Government Polytechnic Sedem, Election Department and District Legal Services Authorities.

Other Entertainment Programme included Band Display from 29th Assam Rifles Tuensang, Cultural Presentation from Chang Ün Cultural Troupe and Sangli Cultural Troupe, Special Presentation from St John Higher Secondary School and Wela Foundation School Tuensang.

In the evening Exhibition Football match was played at Loyem Memorial Astro turf Ground, between DC XI and TDFA.

NOKSEN:

Noksen celebrated the 80th Independence Day with SDO (C) Noksen, Tuensang, Khiongmong, hoisting the National Flag and delivering the Independence Day speech.

The SDO (C) also took the Rashtriya



SDO (C) Noksen, Kihomong Yimchunger taking the Rashtriya Salute during the 80th Independence Day celebration at Noksen, Tuensang on 15th August 2026.

Salute from Alpha Coy, 3rd NAP. The programme featured cultural performances by students of Government High School, Noksen, and Noksen Town Wedoshi Thangjam, and concluded with a performance by the Kongkin Folk Fusion.

LONGKHIM:

Longkhim Sub-division, Tuensang celebrated the 80th Indian Independence Day at ADC's office premises with Additional Deputy Commissioner, Anoka H Assumi as the special guest.

The special guest on his arrival hoisted the National Flag, took the Rashtriya Salute and delivered an Independence Day speech. The celebration was marked by playing of National Song and National Anthem.

LONGLENG:

The 80th Indian Independence Day was celebrated in Longleng with Minister of Road & Bridges, G. Kaito Aye, as the special guest, on 15th August 2026, at the Public Ground, Longleng.

The special guest hoisted the national flag, followed by a Rashtriya Salute from the 11 parade contingents led by parade Commander District Command Home Guards & Civil Defence, Chibeni Ezung. The parade contingent consisted of the DEF Longleng; 12th NAP (IR) Chingtok; NVG, Pongching; NVG, Hukphang (Traditional); NCC Yingli Govt. College (6). PM Shri Bautung GHSS; St. Joseph School, Longleng; Christian School, Longleng; Shamakok Mission School Longleng; GHS Nyengching and Band Party 12th NAP (IR) Chingtok

The special guest inspected the ceremonial parade contingent, and delivered the Independence message.

The special guest also presented district-level awards across various categories, including Public Service, Social Service, Literature, Art and Music, and Academic Excellence.

The highlights of the day-long programme included a special song presented by P. Manchai Phom, and the demonstration of Taekwondo followed by a Folk Dance and Cultural item by Tangha cultural troops. Expedition stalls were also set up by various Departments and Societies during the occasion.

TAMLU:

The 80th Independence Day was celebrated at the Public Ground, Tamlu Sub-Division, Longleng District. The celebrations commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag at all Government Offices.

ADC Tamlu, T. Lankonsen Tsanglao, NCS, hoisted the National Flag, followed by the National Anthem and the delivery of the Independence Day address. The programme featured a march-past by seven parade contingents.

The Special Guest also inaugurated exhibition stalls set up by various government agencies and Self-Help Groups (SHGs). The

day-long celebrations concluded with the Beating of Retreat by 12th NAP (IR) 'C' Coy, Tamlu.

PHEK

In Phek, the 80th Independence Day was held at Local ground, Phek on 15th August 2026 with Advisor, Water Resources, Government of Nagaland, Tongpang Ozukum as the Special Guest.

The Special Guest hoisted the National Flag, took Rashtriya Salute, inspected the parade ceremony and delivered the Independence Day speech. National Song and National Anthem were sung followed by March Past led by the Parade Commander Mayangchiba Ao, NPS, Assistant Commandant. The five parade contingents were DEF Phek, 5th NAP, Nagaland Home Guard & Civil Defence Phek, Ex-Servicemen, 39th Assam Rifle with Pipe Band.

The Special guest also inaugurated the Exhibition Stalls set up by twelve various departments and Self-Help Groups at the program.

CHOZUBA:

The Independence Day 2026 was celebrated at Chozuba Sub- Division, Phek with ADC Zapuno Khatso, NCS as the special guest at ADC's office premises. The ADC hoisted the National Flag, took the Rashtriya salute and delivered the Independence Day speech.

Students, government officials from different departments, Councillors of Chozuba Town Council, GBs and people from neighbouring villagers joined the 80th Independence Day programme.

PFUTSERO:

Pfutsero HQ, Phek celebrated 80th Independence Day at the office of the ADC's Pfutsero. ADC Pfutsero, Mhalo Humtsoe, NCS hoisted the National flag and took Rashtriya Salute and read out the Independence Day message.

Other highlights of the programme include display/playing of National song, National Anthem, hoisting of national flags in all Government offices and educational institutions.

The program culminated with the beating of Retreat by SDPO, Police Station, Pfutsero.

KIPHIRE:

The 80th Independence Day was celebrated at Public Ground, Kiphire, on 15th August 2026, with Advisor, Department of Science & Technology, Kuzholuzo Nienu as the Special Guest.

The event began with a parade review by the SP Kiphire, Chinese Chakhesang, NPS. The Chief Guest hoisted the National Flag, inspected the parade, and delivered the Independence Day speech, and took the Rashtriya Salute.

The parade contingents consisting of 30th Assam Rifles, 30th Assam Rifles Piped Band, DEF Kiphire, 14th NAP (IR), NVG Kiphire Village, Zisaji Presidency College/ NCC, Bharat Scout & Guides, Trinity School, and Loyala School were led by Parade Commander, Imlitemjen Chang, Assistant Commandant Coy 3rd NAP Kiphire

The Special Guest gave away the District Commendation Certificate Award 2026 to 16 individuals.

The highlights of the celebration were Drill display by 30 Assam Rifles Piped Band, Kiphire, Folk song by Thangthur Women Fellowship and Folk Dance by Taimetong Club Kiphire Town Tikhir, and Kiphire Town Sumi Totimi Loka.

As part of the occasion, NStCB Ltd, and SBI Kiphire visited the Shalom Children's Home, and District Jail, Kiphire.

The Chief Guest also inaugurated the exhibition stall set up by various departments and Self-Help Groups. Later, the exhibition football match was played between United Viking Club and Sporting Club Kiphire Village.

The programme concluded with the Beating of Retreat by DEF, Kiphire.

PUNGRO:

Pungro Sub Division celebrated 80th Independence Day at Public Ground, Pungro with ADC Pungro, Hotolu Sema, NCS, gracing the occasion as the special guest.

The special guest hoisted the National flag and received Rashtriya Salute from 9 parade contingents followed by the Independence Day speech.

Parade commander Sheto Rakho, ABSI and Parade CHM, Shetoyi Sumi, Havildar led the 9 parade contingents in the march past.

An array of presentations showcasing patriotic tribute to Motherland was exhibited by Mt. Horeb Baptist School Pungro, Saramati Mt. School Pungro, Taekwondo Association Pungro, LFHSS Pungro and GMS Pungro Village.

SEYOCHUNG:

In Seyochung, Kiphire. ADC Chumiamo Humtsoe NCS, hoisted the national flag and delivered the Independence Day speech at Public Ground, Syochung.



ADC Seyochung, Chumiamo Humtsoe taking the Rashtriya Salute during the 80th Independence Day celebrated at Seyochung, Kiphire on 15th August 2026.

He also took the Rashtriya salute from three parade contingents led by Tsaliba as parade commander. Later on, the ADC formally inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up by Yongpi SHGs, NSRLM Sitimi block, Department of Agriculture, Horticulture and St. James church Phisami.

NIULAND:

Niuland District celebrated the 80th Independence Day at Niuland Public Ground on 15th August 2026 with Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, Advisor, School Education Government of Nagaland as Special Guest.

Dr Yhome hoisted the national flag and took Rashtriya salute from five continents, with Nokin Longkumar ACP Niuland as parade commander. The program includes singing of National Song, National Anthem, inspection of parade contingents and Independence Day speech by the special guest.

The celebration also featured the presentation of district awards to five progressive farmers in the district.

Special Guest later inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up by various departments and Civil societies of Niuland district.

DIMAPUR:

The Dimapur district celebrated the 80th Independence Day at the District Sports Stadium (DDSC Stadium) with Minister for Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Government of Nagaland, Salhoutuonuo Kruse, as the chief guest.

The ceremonial programme commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag and the taking of the Rashtriya Salute,

followed by inspection of the parade and the Independence Day address by the chief guest.

The parade contingents were led by the Parade Commander, BHM, Havildar Khekato Sema. Nine parade contingents participated including the Police Commissionerate, Dimapur; Home Guard, Civil Defence and SDRF; Ex-servicemen; NCC Dimapur Government College; NCC Greenwood Higher Secondary School, Dimapur; Scouts and Guides of Holy Cross Higher Secondary School, Dimapur; MGM Higher Secondary School, Dimapur; and the 15th Assam Rifles Band Platoon.

The programme also featured the presentation of District Award to 10 officials in recognition of their outstanding performance and dedication towards public service.

Minister Kruse also inaugurated exhibition stalls showcasing various activities and initiatives by government departments and agencies.

The day-long programme concluded with prize distribution, followed by the ceremonial retreat conducted by 15 Assam Rifles.

NOKLAK:

Noklak celebrated the 80th Independence Day at Public ground, Noklak, with Advisor, Social Welfare Government of Nagaland, Wangpang Konyak as a special guest.

On his arrival, Wangpang Konyak hoisted the National flag and took Rashtriya salute from eleven parade contingents and read out the Independence Day speech.

The parade contingents were led by Parade Commanders- Rilise Sangtam 'D' Coy Commander - ABI 3rd NAP, Noklak. The parade contingents and parade commander consisted of 32nd Assam Rifles; DEF 3rd NAP Noklak; Wonthoi NVG; Langnok NVG; GHSS NCC; GHS, Noklak village NCC; St. Paul School (Girls); Christian Higher Secondary School; Holy Angel School; St. Paul School (Boys) and Frontier Pipe Band NVG.

During the event, Wangpang Konyak gave away the Best Farmer Award for the year 2026 to three outstanding farmers, C. Langshen Khiamniungan from Noklak Block for Transforming Livelihood through Arabica Coffee, Shahoto from Thonoknyu Block for Subsistence Farming to a Model Integrated Farm, and Khaoshai from Panso Blocks for Integrated Farming for Sustainable Livelihood.

The Advisor Inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up by various departments and Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Later He also flagged off 15 Agri-Link Transportation Truck, a special initiative by the district level implementation and monitoring committee to provide logistic support to the local farmers, promote entrepreneurship and generate employment under Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative.

To mark the occasion, various departments visited District Hospital Noklak.

CHUMOUKEDIMA:

The 80th Independence Day celebration was held at Sammagooting Stadium, DC's Office Complex, Chumoukedima with Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Village Guards, C. L. John, as the special guest.

The programme commenced with the fall-in of parade contingents, followed by the National Song, after which the National Flag was hoisted with Rashtriya Salute and the National Anthem was sung. Minister C.L John inspected the parade and delivered his Independence Day address.

District Commendation Awards were

presented to three individuals in recognition of their distinguished services.

The celebration featured march past by the participating contingents, led by Parade Commander, DYSP Virielhouilie Miario. The contingents comprised of 1st NAP Platoon, 22nd Assam Rifles, Ex-Servicemen, Patkai Army Wing, Patkai Air Wing, Government Higher Secondary School, Chumoukedima, Mount Mary College, St. Joseph University and Pipe Band, 22nd Assam Rifles. Cultural performances were presented by the Angami, Sumi, Ao and Sangtam Cultural Troupes

As part of the programme, the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Chümoukedima, released the Strategic Research and Extension Plan (SREP) 2026, Compendium of Activities 2025-26 and Indigenous Technical Knowledge (ITK) in Agriculture. The district-level ATMA Farmers Award 2026 was also presented to five progressive farmers from Chümoukedima, Dhansiripar and Medziphema blocks in recognition of their contribution to farming and allied activities.

The Office of the District Project Officer, Department of Land Resources, also felicitated the dignitaries with Nagaland Coffee during the celebration.

Later, Minister, C. L John inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up by various departments.

MEDZIPHEMA:

The 80th Independence Day was celebrated at ADC's Office Complex Medziphema, Sub-Division, Chumoukedima on 15th August 2026. The national song was sung and played during the celebration. ADC Medziphema, P James Swu graced the occasion.

On his arrival, the ADC hoisted the national flag and took the Rashtriya Salute along with the singing of the National Anthem and delivered the Independence Day speech. The parade contingent 15th NAP (IR) ‹C› COY Mahila Battalion Chumukedima was led by HAV C. Yangpila.

ZUNHEBOTO:

The 80th Independence Day was celebrated at Local Ground, Zunheboto. The celebration was attended by Minister for Public Health Engineering (PHE) and Cooperation, Jacob Zhimomi, as the Special Guest.

The celebration commenced with the arrival of the Special Guest, followed by the singing of the National Song, hoisting of the National Flag, National Anthem, inspection of the parade and the Independence Day address by the Special Guest.

The programme featured a march-past led by Parade Commander Assistant Commandant Bokivi (NPS), 8th NAP Naltoqa, with contingents from the District Executive Force, 8th NAP Naltoqa, and Ex-servicemen.

On the occasion, District awards were presented to Home Guard Civil Defence and SDRF Department along with 18 other individuals from various departments. Additionally, 8 Farmers from the district were awarded District Level Farmer Award.

The minister also inaugurated exhibition stalls set up by six departments, along with a medical camp, Jan Sunwai, and Mission Vatsalya initiatives.

To make the occasion, Zunheboto Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ZCCI) visited the District Hospital, while SBI main branch Zunheboto visited District Jail and Social Welfare Department visited Orphanage Home Sukhalu. An exhibition football match was held between DC XI and Sumi Hoho XI, followed by the evening beating of retreat by the District Executive

Force (DEF), Zunheboto, marking the conclusion of the day's programme.

AGHUNATO:

Aghunato sub-division under Zunheboto district celebrated the 80th Independence Day at ADC's office premises, Aghunato.

ADC Aghunato, Kikato K Chishi hoisted the National flag and read out the Independence Day speech. He also inaugurated the exhibition stalls put up by various SHGs initiated by the department of Agriculture to encourage the farmers to showcase the organic vegetables.

PUGHOBOTO:

At Pughoboto, the 80th Independence Day was celebrated at Public Ground , Pughoboto with ADC Pughoboto, James T. Khulu Tikhir, NCS as the special guest.

On his arrival, the ADC hoisted the Tricolour and received the Rashtriya Salute from the contingent of 8th NAP A Coy, led by Wanenlo Rengma, HC.

Following the Rashtriya Salute, the ADC delivered the Independence Day address, followed by the singing of the National Song, Vande Mataram.

The celebration also featured the presentation of the Pughoboto Sub-Division Awards to Khekaho Achumi, Principal of GHSS (Officer Category), for academic excellence and leadership, and Hosto H. Wotsa (Ministerial Category), an MTS, for dedication and administrative efficiency.

An exhibition-cum-sales stall was also inaugurated by the ADC as part of the celebration.

ATOIZU:

At Atoizu, the 80th Independence Day was celebrated at Atoizu ADC office premise with EAC, Dr Samuel Akho Konyak P, NCS as the special guest.

The Chief Guest hoisted the National Flag followed by singing of the National Song, National Anthem, took Rashtriya Salute and delivered an Independence Day speech.

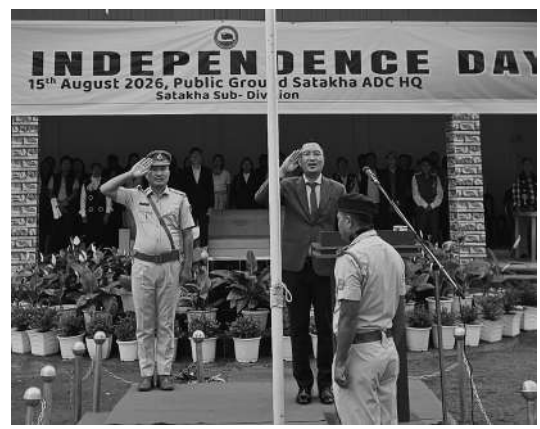
The programme concluded with the Beating of Retreat in the evening.

SATAKHA:

The 80th Independence Day was celebrated at Public Ground, Satakha. The celebration commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag and Rashtriya Salute by ADC Satakha followed by the National song and National Anthem.

The celebration featured a march-past by various contingents, along with cultural and sporting activities, including a tug-of-war between Town GBs and Satakha Town Council.

As part of the outreach programme, officers and a medical team from Satakha visited the Children's Home. The celebrations concluded with the Beating of Retreat by the 111th Battalion of the BSF, Satakha.



ADC Satakha, Meyazungba Jamir, NCS taking the Rashtriya Salute during the 80th Independence Day celebration at Satakha, Zunheboto on 15th August 2026.

Wokha:

Wokha District celebrated the 80th Independence Day at the Public Ground, Wokha with Advisor for Agriculture, Government of Nagaland, Mhathung

Yanthan, gracing the occasion as Special Guest.

The National Song was played, followed by the hoisting of the National Flag by Advisor Mhathung Yanthan, who took the Rashtriya Salute as the National Anthem resounded. He then inspected the parade contingents and delivered an Independence Day Speech. The National Song and Anthem were played once more, after which district awards and commendation certificates were conferred upon deserving individuals. The march past and cultural programme added grandeur to the celebration.

The 13 parade contingents were commanded by SDPO Wokha, Sangthing Khiam, NPS. The cultural segment featured a folk song, Lijon Rojon Enyan, presented by the Female Cultural Club of Wokha Village, and a folk and victory dance (Ekhyo Sharü), performed by Fernbrook School, Wokha.

District awards were presented to two individuals while Commendation certificates were awarded to four individuals.

Advisor Yanthan also inaugurated the exhibition stalls showcasing products and services from various departments.

Officials carried out institutional visits, reaching out to the Senior Citizens Home under Wokha IRCS, the Founding Harbour Children's Home supported by Team Metamorphosis, the Morning Star Children's Home under WDCCI, the District Jail through Lotha Eloe Hoho, and Dr. Motsuo Memorial District Hospital where SBI Wokha (Main Branch) extended its presence.

The celebration concluded with the Beating of Retreat by DEF Wokha, bringing the day's events to a dignified close.

BHANDARI:

The Bhandari sub division celebrated the 80th Independence Day with Achumbemo Kikon, MLA & Advisor SCERT and Food Processing, and Chairman SDPDB Bhandari, as the Chief Guest at the Public Ground, Bhandari.

The Chief Guest hoisted the National Flag which was followed by singing of the National song and the National Anthem, after which he received the Rashtriya Salute and delivered the Independence Day speech.

The lone parade contingent from the 7th NAP Bn was led by ABI, Tiatemjen Ao as the parade Commander.

The Chief Guest also inaugurated and inspected the exhibition stalls put up by the Nagaland State Seed Farm Merapani, Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) Bhandari, Sub District Industries Centre (SDIC) Department of Industries, Veterinary Department of Animal Husbandry Services and Siyen Openro Self-Help Group (SHG) Bhandari village.

PEREN:

The 80th Independence Day was celebrated at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex, Peren, on 15th August 2026.

The programme commenced with the singing of the National Song, followed by the hoisting of the National Flag by Deputy Chief Minister, National Highways, Planning and Transformation, T.R. Zeliang, who attended the celebration as the special guest. The flag-hoisting ceremony was followed by the Rashtriya Salute and singing of the National Anthem. T.R. Zeliang thereafter inspected the parade contingents and delivered the Independence Day address. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the National Song, Rashtriya Salute and National Anthem.

The parade was commanded by Dy. SP, 9th NAP (IR), Saijang, Ronvungthung Yanthan, with ABI, DEF Peren, Toviho Sema, as the Parade 2nd-in-Command. The

contingents comprised personnel from DEF Peren, 9th NAP (IR), Saijang and the Ex-Servicemen League, Peren.

District Commendation Awards were presented to 3 individuals in recognition of outstanding contributions and achievements.

ATMA Awards were also presented to Veineihoi Sitlhou of Ahthibung Village for piggery farming; Imlinungla Imti and Athini of Jalukie Town for Integrated Farming System; Hezumbuing Ngaubui of Ndunglwa Village for ginger cultivation under Peren Block; and Namik Chewang of Tening Village for Mithun farming.

Zeliang also inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up as part of the celebration.

Following the main programme, institutional visits were undertaken to the District Jail, Peren; District Hospital, Peren; and Children Home, Peren. The visit to the District Jail was coordinated by Peren Town Council, the visit to the District Hospital by IRCS, Peren, and the visit to the Children Home by DHEW and SBI, Peren.

The day-long celebration concluded with ceremonial retreat by the DEF Peren.

TENING:

The 80th Independence Day was celebrated at Tening, Peren with ADC Tening, Neilezo Tep, NCS hoisting the National flag with the National Song, followed by Rashtriya Salute and the National Anthem. He also delivered the Independence Day address,

The celebration witnessed the participation of government officials, personnel and members of the public, reflecting the spirit of patriotism, unity and collective commitment.

MOKOKCHUNG:

The 80th Independence Day was celebrated at the Imkongmeren Sports Complex in Mokokchung on 15th August 2026.



ADC Tuli, Imsenperong Wati, NCS delivering the Independence Day speech on the 80th Independence Day celebration held at Tuli Sub-Division, Mokokchung on 15th August 2026.

Metsubo Jamir, Minister for Rural Development (RD) and State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), Government of Nagaland, graced the occasion as the Special Guest. Upon his arrival, the national song was played. The Minister then unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya salute from the marching parade contingents, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. He also delivered the Independence Day speech.

To mark the special day, the Minister handed out the District Commendation Awards to nine individuals. These citizens were recognized for their exceptional dedication, outstanding achievements, innovation, leadership, and meaningful service to the Mokokchung district and its people.

The impressive march past was commanded by Zareni Yanthan, NPS (Asstt. Commandant, 2nd NAP Bn. Alichen), with ABI Tekatemjen SM (RHQ Mokokchung) as the second-in-command. The Band Party from the 12th Assam Rifles provided the musical rhythm for 11 diverse contingents.

The marching contingents included: DEF Mokokchung, 2nd NAP Bn. Alichen, Home Guards, Mokokchung, Ex-Servicemen, NCC, Fazl Ali College, NCC, PM Shri MGHSS, Scouts & Guides, QMHSS, Jubilee Memorial School, Scouts & Guides, Sumi GHS, Scouts & Guides N.I. Jamir GHSS, Mokokchung District BS&G.

Following the formal proceedings, the Special Guest inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up by various government departments. The celebration also featured vibrant, colourful cultural dances and performances by the Mangmetong Cultural Club, the Gorkha Union Mokokchung, and Longtrok Senden Ungma.

The evening session brought sports excitement to the stadium with an exhibition football match played between the DC XI and SP XI, alongside a thrilling penalty shootout event. The historic 80th Independence Day celebrations in Mokokchung concluded beautifully with the traditional Beating of the Retreat ceremony.

CHANGTONGYA:

The 80th Independence Day was celebrated at Changtongya sub-division, Mokokchung with SDO (C), Changtongya, Sangpangchang as the Special Guest.

The Programme started with singing of the National song. SDO, Sangpangchang hoisted the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute from OC Police Station, Changtongya followed by National Anthem and Independence Day speech.

TULI:

Tuli Sub-Division, Mokokchung, celebrated the 80th Independence Day 2026 at ADC's Office premises with ADC, Tuli, Imsenperong Wati NCS.

ADC Tuli, hoisted the National Flag, took Rashtriya Salute and delivered the Independence Day speech.

MANGKOLEMBA:

At Mangkolemba subdivision, the 80th Independence Day was celebrated at Mangkolemba Sub-Division, Mokokchung, with ADC Mangkolemba, Moakumzük Tsudir, hoisting the National Flag and taking the Rashtriya Salute.

The ADC inspected the Parade Contingent and delivered the Independence Day Speech.

Later, the ADC, inaugurated the exhibition stalls being set up by Agri & Allied departments and SHGs.

MON:

Deputy Chief Minister & Border Affairs, Government of Nagaland, Yanthungo Patton, graced the 80th Independence Day celebration 2026, at Local Ground, Mon as a special guest.

The programme begins with the singing of the National Song. The special guest unfurled the National Flag, followed by the National Anthem. Thereafter the special guest inspected the Parade contingents and read out the Independence Day message. Singing of National Song and National Anthem followed with a March Past by 10 parade contingents. Later, he inaugurated the Stalls set up by different societies and departments.

Mankap T Konyak, NPS, Asst. Comdt. 'D' Coy 11th NAP (IR) Bn was the Parade Commander for the ten marching contingents.

As a part of the celebration, National flags were Hoisted in all Government Offices & Educational Institutions and Parade Review by the Superintendent of Police, Mon.

Other activities include institution visits to District jail by 100 RCC GREF; District

Hospital Mon by NHIDCL; Orphanage Home by Water Resource Department, Mon; Old Age Home by F & CS (Supply) Office, Mon; District De-Addiction Centre, KBBB by NHIDCL.

The daylong celebration culminated with Prize Distribution followed by Display of band and Beating of Retreat Ceremony by the 6th NAP Pipe Band.

PHOMCHING:

In Phomching sub-division, Mon the 80th Independence Day was celebrated at Local ground on 15th August 2026.

SDO (C) Phomching, Vejoyo Swuro graced the Occasion as a special Guest. He hoisted the National Flag and took Rashtriya Salute from the Village Guards. Officers, DBs, GBs, Civil Societies, and general public of Phomching town attend the Celebration.

TOBU:

In Tobu ADC Headquarter, the 80th Indian Independence Day was celebrated with ADC Tobu, L. Samuel as the special guest at local ground, Tobu.

The Special Guest hoisted the national flag, read out the Independence Day speech, and took Rashtriya Salute from 9 parade contingents.

Hoisting of National Flag in all Government offices, Educational Institutions, Private Buildings, Shops and Business Establishment; Patriotic Drill Display by Tobu Town Students' Union; Cultural Folk Dance by KNSK Tobu unit; Inauguration of the Exhibition Stalls by the Special Guest; and Men's Tug of War Competition by all the 9 wards were other highlights of the daylong celebration.

TIZIT:

The 80th Indian Independence Day was celebrated at the ADC's Office Premises, Tizit, Mon, with ADC Tizit, C. Phuniang, as the Special Guest.

He hoisted the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute. The celebration featured an Independence Day speech, the National Anthem by Wangnao Yato and a patriotic performance by Mendan Konyak.

National Flags were also hoisted at government offices, educational institutions, and private institutions across the area.

MONYAKSHU:

At Monyaksu Sub-division, the 80th Independence Day was also observed at the SDO (C) office premise, Monyakshu Hq. Mon. The SDO (civil) Monyakshu, C. Wangan hoisted the National flag, took the Rashtriya Salute presented by NVG, Changlangshu village and read out the Independence Day speech.

The program was attended by the Government employees, GBs, DBs, and general public.

ABOI:

The 80th Indian Independence Day was celebrated at Local ground, Aboi, Mon with ADC Aboi, MS Thangpong, NCS as special guest. Government officials, civil society members, students, and uniformed personnel



ADC Aboi, MS Thangpong, NCS delivering the Independence Day Speech during the 80th Independence Day celebration at Aboi, Mon on 15th August 2026.

participated to mark the auspicious occasion.

Earlier, the ADC Aboi hoisted the National Flag, delivered an Independence Day speech, and received the Rashtriya salute from the contingents.

The programme also featured cultural performances and the inauguration of exhibition stalls. The event concluded with the Beating of Retreat by PS Aboi.

NAGINIMORA:

The 80th Independence Day celebration was observed at Naginimora sub-division, Mon with ADC Naginimora, N. Zubenthung Ngullie, NCS as special guest.

The ADC hoisted the National flag, took Rashtriya Salute and read out the Independence Day Speech. The program was attended by the Government employees, GBs, DB, and the general public.

SHAMATOR:

Shamator celebrated the 80th Independence Day with Bashangmongba Chang, Minister, Housing, Mechanical Engineering, Government of Nagaland as special guest. After the National song, the Minister hoisted the National Flag, followed by inspection of the parade contingents, and delivered the Independence Day speech followed by National Song and National Anthem. Later the Minister inaugurated the stalls set up by different departments.

The March pass was led by Parade Commander, Pitovi Sema, Assistant Commandant, 3rd NAP Battalion. The parade contingents comprise of DEF Shamator, NVG, GHSS Shamator, GHSS Shamator, CHS Shamator, St. Xavier Higher Secondary School Shamator, 32 Assam Rifles Pipe Band.

The Minister also presented the district awards to eleven individuals. Other highlights of the programme included cultural and entertainment presentations from Kihoto Theological College Cultural Troupe, Emerald Academy School, Lünsoberü Club, Mongtsüwong Cultural Troupe and Alipok Cultural Troupe.

TSEMINYU:

The 80th Independence Day was celebrated at RSA Ground, Tseminyu with P. Paiwang Konyak, Minister for Health & Family Welfare, as special guest. The Minister hoisted the National Flag and took salute from two parade contingents composed of 4th NAP (B coy) and Ex-servicemen, Tseminyu, and delivered the Independence Day speech.

The highlights of the function include folk song by La Kethyu Logwa, presentation of District Award to Nyenlo Seb, (Soil & Water Conservation), Kaini Semp, Senior Bill Assistant (Power Department) and Tesilo Kath Sectional Asst. PWD (R&B) Department.

The special guest also inaugurated exhibition stalls setup by various departments.

MELURI:

The 80th Independence Day was celebrated at the Local Ground, Meluri, with Advisor, NSDMA and Inland Waterways, Z Nyusietho Nyuthe, as the Chief Guest.

The celebration commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag by the Chief Guest, followed by the Rashtriya Salute, National Song and National Anthem. The Chief Guest inspected the parade contingents and addressed the gathering.

The ceremonial parade was led by Parade Commander Vedupe Lasuh, NPS, Assistant Commandant, 5th NAP Meluri and Rovi Krocha, ABI, 5th NAP Meluri, as the Parade 2nd-in-Command.

The parade contingents comprised

Village Guards of Phor Sector, Ex-servicemen; Village Guards of Lephori Sector and the NVG Pipe Band of Meluri.

On the occasion, the MLA & Advisor also administered the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan pledge, the pledge reaffirmed the collective commitment to preventing drug abuse, promoting awareness and supporting the vision of a Nasha Mukt Bharat (Drug-Free India).

MLA, Dr. Neisatuo Mero, accompanying the Chief Guest, inaugurated the exhibition stalls set up by various departments.

As part of the day's programme, The Meluri Town Council visited CHC Meluri, and "Hope Children Home" facilitated by Sakhi-One Stop Centre.

NAGALAND HOUSE, NEW DELHI:

The 80th Independence Day was celebrated at Nagaland House, 29-Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi on 15th August 2026 with Deputy Speaker of Nagaland Legislative Assembly, S. Toiho Yeptho gracing the occasion as special guest. Joint Resident Commissioner, NH New Delhi, Sharon Longchari led the celebration which was attended by officers and staff of Nagaland House.

Deputy Speaker, S. Toiho Yeptho after hoisting the national flag received the Rashtriya Salute from 3rd NAP Police. Addressing the gathering, he highlighted some of the progress and developments that are taking place in the State. Earlier during the day, to commemorate the special event, the Deputy Speaker along with the staff of Nagaland House planted tree saplings at Nagaland State Guest House, R. K. Puram, New Delhi.

NEC SECRETARIAT, SHILLONG:

The North Eastern Council (NEC), under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), Government of India, celebrated the 80th Independence Day at the NEC Secretariat, Nongrim Hills, Shillong, on 15th August 2026.

The celebration was led by the Secretary, NEC, and attended by officers and staff of the Secretariat. The programme commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag, followed by the National Anthem and an



NLA Deputy Speaker, S. Toiho Yeptho along with senior officers and staff of NH, New Delhi during the celebration of 80th Independence Day at Nagaland House, New Delhi on 15th August 2026.

address by the Secretary.

As part of the spirit of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, officers and staff actively participated in various Tiranga-related activities, promoting the message of patriotism and national unity.

GOVERNOR'S AWARD IN THE FIELD OF ARTS, MUSIC AND LITERATURE 2026 CONFERRED

As part of the 80th Independence Day at Home reception held at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Lok Bhavan, Kohima, on 15 August 2026, Governor of Nagaland Nand Kishore Yadav conferred the Governor's Award in Arts, Music and Literature 2026 on five distinguished awardees Aku Zeliang and Bendang Walling for Arts, and Divine Connection, Imkonglemba and Joey Woch for Music.

Congratulating the awardees, the Governor said their achievements represented years of dedication, creativity, discipline and perseverance and reflected the rich cultural spirit of Nagaland. He observed that arts, music and literature are much more than forms of creative expression, as they enable society to remember its past, understand its present and imagine its future.

Addressing artists, the Governor encouraged them to explore new techniques and ideas while drawing inspiration from Nagaland's landscapes, traditions and lived experiences. He also emphasised the responsibility of the creative community in ensuring that modernisation does not result in cultural amnesia.

Referring to the vision of a Viksit Bharat, the Governor said Nagaland has an important contribution to make, he described the cultural heritage of Nagaland as a bridge between the State and the rest of the country, enabling the people of Nagaland to share their distinctive stories while contributing to the larger Indian narrative. The Governor urged the awardees to regard the recognition not as the culmination of their creative journeys but as an encouragement to reach greater heights and inspire the next generation.

The programme was attended by Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, Advisors, MLAs, senior government officials, awardees and invited guests.

NAGALAND TAEKWONDO TEAM WINS SILVER AND BRONZE AT 5th INDIA TAEKWONDO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Nagaland Taekwondo Association (NTA) has secured two medals at the 5th India Taekwondo National Championship 2026, held in Pune, Maharashtra, from August 16 to 21.

Nagaland was represented by four players in the Cadet Boys category, with Sudeh Lamliu winning a Silver Medal in the Cadet Boys Under 33 kg category and Rishi Doimary securing a Bronze Medal in the Cadet Boys Under 45 kg category.

The team was led by T. Alem Aier as Team Manager and Seyievili Angami as Team Coach.

GOVERNOR NAND KISHORE YADAV VISITS MON DISTRICT

Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav accompanied by Commissioner & Secretary to Governor, Thavaseelan K. IAS, Fiirhesie Nyuwi, and other officials visited Longwa Village at Mon district on 18th August 2026. He was received by DC Mon, Wennyei Konyak, NCS, MP Rajya Sabha, Phangnon Konyak, Advisor, Konngam Konyak and Tonyei Konyak, the Chief Angh of Longwa at COB Longwa 42 Assam Rifles helipad, Mon District.

Addressing the gathering at the Longwa Chief Angh's Residence, the Governor expressed his privilege in interacting with the people of the Konyak community. He expressed condolences to the families affected by the recent disaster in Mon and acknowledged the extensive loss of lives and damage caused by heavy rainfall, floods and landslides. He appreciated the efforts of government agencies, security forces, civil society organisations, churches, youth groups and volunteers in rescue, relief and restoration operations.

He stressed that rehabilitation and reconstruction, including the restoration of roads and infrastructure and rebuilding of livelihoods, should now be prioritised. He called for disaster-resilient infrastructure, environmental protection, adherence to safety regulations and greater preparedness in vulnerable areas.

The Governor encouraged the youth and local communities to actively participate in disaster preparedness and response. Highlighting the Konyak community's resilience and unity, he urged the people to use the experience of the disaster to rebuild Mon into a safer and stronger district. He assured that both the Central and State Governments would continue supporting relief, rehabilitation and recovery efforts through cooperation with local institutions and the people.

Konyak Union President, Yamao Konyak expressed his gratitude to the Governor and his team for their visit, and gave a brief note on the loss and damages caused by the landslide and flood on 19th July 2026. Konyak Students' Union (KSU)President, Temwang Konyak, in his short speech stated that 7 Schools and 318 students were affected by the recent landslide and flood.

The Chief Angh of Longwa Village, Tonyei Konyak appreciated the Governor and his team for their visit. In his vote of thanks, he mentioned that one of the biggest challenges would be rebuilding the infrastructure of Longwa Village, therefore he requested the government for road upgradation.

'LIVING MORUNG' SHARES CONCEPTS OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

Under the 'Living Morung', initiative, a two-day programme to share the concept of traditional and cultural heritage was organised by the Department of Art and Culture at the State Academy of Music and Dance, Kohima, on 19th August 2026.

Special guest and Director, NEZCC, Alobo Naga, in his inaugural speech, said that the theme 'Sharing on Concepts of Traditional Knowledge and Cultural



Director NEZCC, Alobo Naga along with senior officials of Art and Culture department and others at the inaugural of Living Morung Initiative Programme held at State Academy of Music and Dance, Kohima on 19th August 2026.

Heritage' is deeply relevant today because culture is not something to be preserved, but something to be kept alive. He said tradition and modernity do not have to compete; rather, technology and contemporary creativity can be embraced while remaining firmly rooted in heritage. He expressed his optimism that 'Living Morung' would become a bridge between elders and youth, tradition and modernity, and the Northeast, so that heritage continues to be preserved, diversity celebrated, and knowledge passed on from one generation to the next.

Director of Art and Culture, Adela Moa, in her welcome address, said that the Department has been implementing the Living Morung Programme in villages across all districts of Nagaland, where participants and cultural practitioners from different parts of the state come together to experience and learn about their rich cultural.

The programme featured exhibitions and demonstrations of various traditional weaving and handicraft-making techniques, along with cultural performances.

90.8 HILLS FM AND DIMAPUR FOREST DIVISION SIGN MoU FOR SIX-MONTH PARTNERSHIP

Dimapur Forest Division and 90.8 Hills FM have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to continue their collaborative efforts towards public awareness and communication on forests, wildlife and environmental conservation.

The MoU was signed on 20th August 2026 at the office of the Dimapur Forest Division, marking the beginning of a renewed six-month partnership from August 2026 to January 2027.

Through the partnership, 90.8 Hills FM and the Dimapur Forest Division will work together to strengthen public communication around forest and wildlife conservation, biodiversity, environmental awareness and other relevant initiatives of the Forest Division. The collaboration will use community radio and digital communication to help share information and conservation

messages with the wider community.

The renewed partnership builds on the collaboration between the two organizations, with both sides continuing to explore meaningful ways of bringing forest and environmental issues closer to the public through accessible and engaging communication.

The MoU signing was attended by representatives of the Dimapur Forest Division and 90.8 Hills FM. The 90.8 Hills FM - The Voice of Change is Nagaland's first community radio station, using radio.

SIGNING OF PPA FOR 20 MW SOLAR POWER PLANT HELD AT KOHIMA

A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) was signed between Department of Power Nagaland and M/s.Tvaksas Renewable Pvt. Ltd. for development of 20 MW Solar Power Plant at Tizit. It was held at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Conference Hall and attended by Principal Secretary, Power, Chief Engineer (T&G), Chief Engineer (D&R), Officers of Power Department, Finance Department, Law & Justice Department and the representatives of M/s. Tvaksas Renewable Pvt. Ltd.

The Chief Engineer (T&G), Er. Nitovi A. Wotsa highlighted that the present peak demand of the State is 203 MW which is expected to reach 482 MW by 2034-35. Accordingly, the State is making plans to enhance generation capacity to meet this demand. He also said that in addition to developing generation projects through State own resources, the State is also encouraging private- sector participation to meet the growing electricity demand.

The Principal Secretary, Power highlighted the need to quickly enhance the generation capacity of the State. He stated that Nagaland is in the sub-tropical region and the quality of solar availability is reasonably good and therefore solar generation is suitable for the State of Nagaland. Since solar projects can be implemented very fast, he requested the Developer to complete the project at the earliest. He further stated that this will not only contribute to augmenting the State's renewable energy generation capacity but will also aid the State in meeting its Renewable Consumption Obligations (RCO).

The Directors of M/s. Tvaksas Renewable Pvt. Ltd., Bhakti Dave, Hardik Dave and Nayaan Ratandhayara presented the detailed project implementation plans.

This 20 MW Solar project by M/s. Tvaksas Renewable Pvt. will be the fourth private initiative in the State and the project is proposed to be set up at Lapa Lampong Village, Tizit, Mon District.

VARTA ON CYBER SURAKSHA ABHIYAN: PROTECTING CITIZENS FROM DIGITAL FRAUD HELD IN KOHIMA

The Press Information Bureau (PIB), Kohima, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, organised a one-day media workshop, Varta on "Cyber Suraksha Abhiyan: Protecting Citizens from Digital Fraud" at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 21st August 2026. The workshop featured experts from NIELIT, Kohima,

including Atoshe Lohe, Principal and Forensic Analyst, and Visezo Dahou, Faculty, Cyber Security.

Speaking at the workshop, Atoshe Lohe outlined the Money Restoration and Grievance Redressal modules on the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal, launched in April 2026 by the Ministry of Home Affairs. He cautioned citizens about the increasing misuse of social media platforms and digital applications by cyber fraudsters. He said fraudsters are increasingly using fake investment schemes and impersonating banks and financial institutions to deceive users.

Highlighting the importance of prompt reporting, Lohe stressed the significance of the "golden hours" following a financial cyber fraud, stating that early reporting increases the possibility of tracing and recovering lost funds. He urged victims to immediately report financial cyber fraud through the National Cyber Crime Helpline 1930 and the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal.

Visezo Dahou, Faculty, Cyber Security, highlighted the scale of financial losses caused by cyber fraud in the country. He urged citizens to follow the simple approach of "Pause, Verify, Report" before responding to suspicious calls, messages, links or investment offers.

Emphasising the importance of immediate action, Dahou cited that ₹11,158 crore had been saved across more than 32.80 lakh complaints through the Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System, with figures up to June 30, 2026.

The media workshop witnessed participation from local media houses, members of the Kohima Press Club, Akashvani Kohima, Doordarshan Kendra Kohima, PTI, as well as students from St. Joseph's College and Nagaland University.

CM MEETS NAGALAND SEPAKTAKRAW PLAYERS, COACHES SELECTED FOR ASIAN GAMES

A send-off ceremony for Nagaland's representatives to the 20th Asian Games, Japan 2026, was held at the Conference Room of Nagaland Cricket Association, Sovima, Chumoukedima on August 24, 2026. The Nagaland representatives to the Asian Games included women players Menenu Tsukru and Seyiekhrieno Tepa, and coaches Puleno Neikha and Pungotolu Puro. They were selected to be part of the Indian Women's Sepaktakraw Team for the 20th Asian Games, scheduled to be held from September 19 to October 4, 2026, at Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

Speaking at the programme, Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio congratulated the players and coaches on their selection to represent India at the Asian Games. He said their talent, hard work and dedication had earned them the opportunity to represent the country at the national and international levels.

The Chief Minister assured the sportspersons of continued support from the State Government and encouraged the youth of Nagaland to work hard and pursue sports with commitment so as to represent the State and the country at the highest level.

Advisor to Chief Minister & Chairman, IDAN, Abu Metha, in his address highlighted the progress being made in sports in Nagaland, including improvements in

infrastructure and the development of the sports ecosystem. He encouraged the sportspersons to set higher targets, including the upcoming Commonwealth Games and the Olympics, and continue working towards achieving them.

The selection marked the fifth consecutive Asian Games since 2010 in which Nagaland's Sepaktakraw players and coaches had represented India.

90.8 HILLS FM AND INTANKI NATIONAL PARK SIGN MoU FOR CONSERVATION AWARENESS DIMAPUR, NAGALAND



Officials from 90.8 Hills FM and Intanki National Park during the signing of MoU to strengthen public awareness and community participation in forest and wildlife conservation on 25th August 2026.

90.8 Hills FM - The Voice of Change and Intanki National Park have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen public awareness and community participation in forest and wildlife conservation.

The MoU was signed on 25th August 2026 and will come into effect from September 2026 for a period of six months, marking a collaborative effort to bring conservation-related information and awareness closer to the community through radio and digital platforms.

Under the partnership, 90.8 Hills FM will support the dissemination of awareness content focusing on forest protection, wildlife conservation, biodiversity, responsible human-wildlife interaction and the importance of protecting Intanki National Park.

The collaboration will include radio-based awareness initiatives, public-interest messages and digital content aimed at making conservation issues more accessible and engaging for listeners. It will also provide a platform to highlight the work being undertaken for the protection of the park and its rich natural heritage.

The MoU will remain in effect for six months from September 2026 to February 2027, during which 90.8 Hills FM and Intanki National Park will work together on agreed conservation awareness initiatives.

2nd MILLET FESTIVAL HELD AT KEZOMA

Kezoma Village celebrated the 2nd Edition of Millet Festival at Zake Ground, Kezoma, on 26th August '2026.

Addressing the event as the special guest, Dr. Zasekuolie Chusi, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC) and Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture and Land Revenue, stressed the importance of millet cultivation in the country, in view of its climate resilience and suitability to the State's terrain. He said that millet, once cultivated abundantly, has regained global

attention due to its ability to withstand changing climatic conditions.

Dr. Chusi further stated that millet can grow well even in soils and areas unsuitable for many other crops. In the context of Nagaland, he said, millet is especially important for its high nutritional value and its proven medicinal benefits.

In his speech, Director of Agriculture Sanuzo Nienu highlighted the nutritional benefits of millets.

Short speech was delivered by Kekhrieletuo Yhome, DAO Kohima, and a folk tune was presented by the Kezoma Village Women Society.

The festival was conceptualised and organised by the Kezoma Village Council in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and its allied sectors, Government of Nagaland.

NAGA ENTREPRENEURS RECEIVES AWARD AT IDEABAAZ STARTUP FEST 2026

Two entrepreneurs from Nagaland, D. Ledia Awomi and L. Chuba Lkr won awards in the category for Best Cultural Performance and Best Aromatic Plant, respectively at the Ideabaaz Startup Fest 2026 in association with Film Expo India, held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi from 26th - 30th August 2026.

D. Ledia Awomi, President, Ethnic Group of Nagaland (EGON), curated an ethnic fashion show during the event to showcase the ethnic attire and handlooms of Nagaland. While Entrepreneur, L. Chuba Lkr is the proprietor of M/s L.C. Longkumer Agar Processing Unit, who has decades of hands-on experience in cultivation, sourcing, processing and distillation of agarwood oil.

TRIBAL ARTISANS' EMPANELMENT MELA HELD

A Tribal Artisans Empanelment Mela (TAeM) organised by the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED) under the Ministry of Tribal Affair was conducted at Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Kohima on 27th August 2026.

Joint Director, Industries and Commerce, Hojeto K Suqhe in his address said that the collaboration has provided a platform for PM Vishwakarma artisans to showcased their handicrafts and an exposure in understanding the market demand.

He informed that under the PM Vishwakarma scheme, 2000 artisans from the state have been registered and trained in six trades, and stated that the TAeM program have leverages the core trade programs under the Ministry of MSME and Ministry of Tribal Affairs in combining capacity building and market demand so that this improved mechanism can directly plug into the nationwide build market channels, ensuring sustainable livelihoods and global visibility for regional craftsmanship.

Calling on the artisans for their participation, Suqhe urged them to take this opportunity to expand their activities for sustainable livelihood and also asked them to gain access through TRIFED commercial network so that the core objective to identify, register and direct source handicraft products from indigenous artisans can be materialize without middlemen, intermediaries, and

market care constraint.

In his address, Senior Programme Executive, TRIFED, Asif Ekbal Hussain Senior Programme Executive, TRIFED, Asif Ekbal Hussain, highlighted TRIFED's role in promoting tribal livelihoods through various schemes and marketing platforms. He noted that the Northeast accounts for around 3,500 of TRIFED's 5,000 registered artisans across India and explained that registration provides artisans access to wider markets and potential bulk purchases. He advised artisans to adopt reasonable wholesale pricing, accurately calculate production costs and maintain profitability while promoting their traditional and cultural products.

State Programme Management Unit, PM Vishwakarma, Suneptula Jamir chaired the programme and also proposed the welcome address during the programme.

FIRST CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON CAPACITY BUILDING OF VILLAGE LEVEL FUNCTIONARIES HELD AT ATI

The first consultative meeting on the Capacity Building of Village Level Functionaries (VLFs) was held on 28th August 2026 at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Nagaland, Kohima.

Seven representatives, comprising Village Council Chairmen, VDB Secretaries and representatives of other village-level authorities from seven districts—Tuensang, Peren, Phek, Wokha, Tseminyu, Chümoukedima and Kohima participated in the program.

The inaugural programme was addressed by V. Shashank Shekhar, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary and Director General, ATI, who highlighted that, with a significant proportion of Nagaland's population residing in villages, Village Level Functionaries have an important role in ensuring that government schemes and programmes reach the intended beneficiaries. He also emphasised their role in disseminating information and facilitating coordination between the government and the villagers.

The inaugural session was chaired by Asalie Lese, NCS, Deputy Secretary, P&AR Department. An overview of the VLF Capacity Building Training Programme was presented by Bendanglila, NCS Additional Director, ATI. Dr. Hovithal Sothu, Deputy Director. ATI conducted some sessions including transparency and ethics.

During the meeting, representatives from various departments made presentations on the schemes and programmes implemented by their respective departments. The participants also raised queries and shared feedback during the panel discussions, particularly on issues relating to the dissemination and implementation of government schemes and services at the village level.

The lively discussions and interactions were found useful by all stakeholders.

RIO HIGHLIGHTS TECHNOLOGY, GAMING AND DIGITAL STORYTELLING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NAGALAND YOUTH

The Tech X Gaming Expo (TXG) 2026, organised by the Nagaland Esports Society (NES), was held on August 28 and 29 at the NBCC Convention Hall, Kohima, bringing

gaming, technology, artificial intelligence, esports, digital creativity and entertainment under one roof.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Tech X Gaming Expo 2026 (TXG Expo 2026) Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio said that the Expo marked the convergence of technology, gaming, innovation, education and the aspirations of Nagaland's youth.

He particularly highlighted the Kohima Time Trials of the F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026, saying it was the first time the national talent search had come to the Northeast. He said gaming and e-sports should not be viewed merely as recreational activities but as gateways to future careers in areas such as race engineering, game development, data analysis, streaming and digital content. Referring to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, Rio said technology could help Nagaland overcome geographical constraints and connect its young talent with national and global opportunities without requiring them to leave the State.

The Chief Minister highlighted several government initiatives in GIS, drone technology, e-sports, IT, start-ups and artificial intelligence, including the STPI centre in Kohima, the upcoming Nagaland Innovation Hub for Startups at Chumoukedima and the proposed AI Centre of Excellence.

Rio also underlined the important role of the Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) in the digital age, saying communication today is not simply about disseminating government information but also about telling Nagaland's story to the world. He said Nagaland has a remarkable story to tell through its culture, creativity, entrepreneurship, music, sports, innovation and young talent.

Rio also welcomed the proposed collaboration with Google, involving an investment of more than ₹100 million in school education, describing it as an important step towards strengthening learning outcomes and equipping students with 21st century skills.

Addressing the youth, Rio urged them not to limit their dreams because of where they come from and encouraged them to explore fields such as gaming, coding, AI, music, design, robotics, sports and entrepreneurship, backed by discipline, hard work and continuous learning. "Nagaland is no longer merely a spectator in the digital transformation. We are ready to participate. We are ready to innovate. We are ready to compete. And we are ready to lead," Rio said. He expressed hope that TXG Expo 2026 would contribute to establishing Nagaland as a recognized hub for technology, innovation, gaming, e-sports and digital talent in the Northeast.

The two-day expo included esports tournaments, gaming competitions, cosplay, digital art and AI creative challenges, a 48-hour Game Jam, workshops, panel discussions, technology exhibitions, live entertainment and food and vendor experiences.

A key attraction was the Kohima Round of the F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026, organised in collaboration with Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited. The event provided aspiring racers and technology enthusiasts from Nagaland and the Northeast an opportunity to compete in sim racing as part of a national championship pathway.

TXG 2026 also featured industry experts and speakers discussing gaming, AI, technology, digital careers and entrepreneurship, with a focus on emerging opportunities for young people.

24th ANNUAL MEETING OF RAJYA SAINIK BOARD, NAGALAND HELD IN LOK BHAVAN, KOHIMA

The 24th Annual General Meeting of the Rajya Sainik Board (RSB), Nagaland, was held on 31st August 2026, at Lok Bhavan, Kohima to review matters concerning the welfare, rehabilitation and resettlement of Ex-Servicemen, Veer Naris, widows and their dependents in the State.

The meeting was attended by Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav, Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, senior representatives of the Government of Nagaland, the Armed Forces, Kendriya Sainik Board and the Rajya Sainik Board, along with representatives of the Ex-Servicemen community. The meeting also marked the welcoming of new members to the Rajya Sainik Board.

The meeting reviewed the progress made on decisions taken during the previous Annual RSB Meeting and deliberated on a number of important issues aimed at strengthening welfare mechanisms for the Ex-Servicemen community.

The Meeting was chaired by Director, Rajya Sainik Board, Nagaland, Retired Captain (IN) Lalsuonglien Tonsing, and vote of thanks was delivered by Home Commissioner Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha.

NAGALAND'S CMHIS GAINS INTEREST FROM SIKKIM FOR POSSIBLE REPLICATION

A four-member Sikkim delegation paid a courtesy call on Development Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema at his office chamber at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima, on August 31 2026, during its two-day visit to Nagaland to study the implementation of the Nagaland Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS).

Interacting with the visiting team, Development Commissioner, Y. Kikheto Sema highlighted the evolution of CMHIS from the initial implementation of the Central Government Health Insurance Scheme. He informed that more than 70 hospitals across the country are currently empanelled under the scheme, including hospitals frequently accessed by patients from Nagaland in cities such as Delhi, Kolkata and Guwahati. Government and private hospitals within the State are also part of the network, he added.

He further stated that around 64,000 beneficiaries had been registered under CMHIS and that approximately Rs. 252 crore had been paid towards treatment under the scheme over a period of nearly four years.

Sema also stated that a significant number of Nagaland residents not covered under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) had been brought under CMHIS. The combined coverage under the two schemes, he said, has been an important step towards ensuring access to cashless healthcare for the people of the State.

Speaking on behalf of the delegation, Secretary to the Chief Minister of Sikkim, Karma N. Bhutia, recalled that the decision to study the Nagaland model followed an interaction with Development Commissioner at NITI Aayog meeting on June 12, 2026 during which Nagaland's achievements in

health insurance and other sectors were highlighted. Following the interaction, the Sikkim State leadership directed the officials to visit Nagaland and examine the implementation of CMHIS, he added. He also expressed appreciation for Nagaland's health coverage and cashless healthcare initiatives, saying the CMHIS model had attracted interest because it provided accessible and cashless treatment to beneficiaries, including at empanelled hospitals outside the State. Bhutia said Sikkim intended to adopt the Nagaland model and requested technical guidance and continued cooperation from the Nagaland Government.

The interaction concluded with a commitment to strengthen cooperation, exchange best practices and promote mutual learning between Nagaland and Sikkim.

LONGSA VILLAGE CELEBRATES TSÜNGREMMUNG FESTIVAL 2026 WITH CALLS FOR NAGA UNITY AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Longsa Village vibrantly celebrated the Tsüngremmung Festival on 1st August 2026 under the patronage of the Department of Tourism, Government of Nagaland. The event was graced by Metsübo Jamir, Minister for Rural Development, SIRD, as the Chief Host, while S. Keoshu Yimchunger, MLA & Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports, and G. Ikuto Zhimomi, MLA & Advisor for Land Resources as the Guest of Honours.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Host, Metsübo Jamir extended warm Tsüngremmung greetings and expressed his gratitude to the organizers and the citizens of Longsa for fostering community bonding. Jamir also thanked neighboring villages for their presence, emphasizing the necessity of living in unity during both joyous festivals and challenging times, while urging everyone to remain thankful for divine blessings.

Tongpang Ozüküm, Advisor for Water Resources, highlighted the deep significance of the festival. He noted that while Tsüngremmung is traditionally celebrated to thank God for a bountiful harvest, its broader meaning lies in building strong relationships and fostering deep friendships within the village and with neighboring communities.

Guest of Honour G. Ikuto Zhimomi spoke on the shared identity of the Naga people. He emphasized that cultural festivals serve as vital platforms to promote and revitalize traditional arts, crafts, and music. Zhimomi encouraged the youth to take pride in their heritage, as it forms the bedrock of their identity. He also paid tribute to late N.I. Jamir of Longsa Village, acknowledging his historic contribution as the first administrative officer of Aghunato Town.

Honoured Guest S. Keoshu Yimchunger underscored the common threads connecting all Naga festivals, noting that while celebration times vary, core values like sharing and building bonds remain identical. He advised the youth to cherish the good legacy of their ancestors while discarding outdated, non-compatible practices. Drawing a comparison to the past, Yimchunger lamented that modern Naga society has become fragmented into various organizations despite advancements in education, governance, and technology. Likening this fragmentation to a single body with parts working toward conflicting objectives, he appealed to the gathering to uphold the spirit of Naga unity and come together as one family.

The celebration featured a rich array of traditional performances and indigenous sports.

DISTRICT STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATION ON MRMA 2.0 HELD AT TSEMINYU

The District Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting under Mera Resham Mera Abhimaan (MRMA) 2.0, the National Mega Sericulture Technology Transfer Campaign of the Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, was held at the DC's Conference Hall, Tseminyu, on 31st July 2026.



DC Tseminyu, Japheth Woch and officials during the District Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting held at the DC's Conference Hall, Tseminyu on 31st July 2026.

Deputy Commissioner, Tseminyu, Japheth Woch, NCS, graced the programme and highlighted the importance of interdepartmental coordination and active stakeholder participation in strengthening the sericulture sector in the district.

The consultation brought together progressive farmers, farmer groups, entrepreneurs, self-help groups (SHGs), youth, women stakeholders and other key stakeholders to deliberate on the strategic implementation of MRMA 2.0 in Tseminyu district.

Delivering a detailed presentation, Dr. Kaiho Kaisa outlined the vision, objectives and expected outcomes of MRMA 2.0, emphasising the role of scientific technology transfer in enhancing raw silk production, improving productivity and increasing farmers' income.

The meeting focused on the objectives and framework of MRMA 2.0, stakeholder roles and responsibilities, implementation strategies, institutional coordination, resource requirements, timelines and convergence mechanisms for effective execution of the campaign.

An interactive discussion also provided stakeholders with an opportunity to share field-level experiences, identify district-specific challenges and opportunities, suggest practical solutions and finalise immediate action points for the successful implementation of MRMA 2.0 in the district.

The recommendations and insights generated during the consultation will serve as key inputs for the preparation of the District Sericulture Development Plan (DSDP) and the district-specific action plan under MRMA 2.0.

DISTRICT RED RUN 2026 SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED IN LONGLENG

The District Red Run 2026 was successfully organized in Longleng District under the aegis of the Nagaland State AIDS Control Society (NSACS), as part of the state wide campaign to promote awareness on HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) on 3rd August 2026.

Prior to the commencement of the run, District AIDS Control Officer (DACO) Longleng, Dr. Temsusashi, addressed the

participants and delivered an awareness talk on HIV/AIDS and STIs.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from eligible young men and women aged 17–25 years, reflecting the commitment of the youth towards spreading awareness and promoting healthy lifestyles. The District Red Run carried the theme, "Every Step Counts Against HIV and STIs," reinforcing the message that collective action can make a significant difference in the fight against HIV.

The winners of the District Red Run Male Category were: Katlong Phom, A. Phekmei Phom and N. Tenkom Phom, were placed in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd position respectively. While in Female Category: C. Lingoi, Wanyong D. Phom and Oyau Phom bagged 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placed respectively.

METÜMNYO FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AT KOHIMA

Metümnyo, one of the most celebrated and cherished festivals of the Yimkhiung people is traditionally observed for five days from 4th -8th August which is held post millet harvest. The festival was celebrated at RCEMPA, Jotsoma, Kohima organised by Yimkhiung Union Kohima on 8th August 2026.

Extending his greeting to the Yimkhiung people, Deputy Chief Minister, T.R Zeliang expressed that any Festivals are more than occasions of celebration, they are the living expressions of our identity and our shared heritage. He highlighted that Metümnyo, celebrated after the millet harvest, is a beautiful reminder of the Yimkhiung people's rich culture, resilience, and deep connection with nature.

He was also contented to note that the Yimkhiung Tribe and the Zeliang Tribe have recently strengthened and celebrated the spirit of brotherhood between the communities stating that this was a significant milestone that deserves appreciation and such initiatives build trust and lasting bonds that benefit not only the two tribes but the entire Naga family.

He mentioned that Metümnyo is a festival of thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest but beyond the harvest from our fields. It also symbolizes the harvest of our lives, the joy and contentment that come from living in harmony with our families, neighbours, and communities.

He reminded that this festival should inspire us to sow the seeds of unity, kindness, hard work, and compassion, so that we may continue to reap rich harvests, not only in our fields but also in our homes, our society, and our relationships. At a time when our Naga society is witnessing increasing fragmentation, festivals remind us of the importance of coming together. They remind us that our diversity should be our strength, not our weakness. It is therefore important that we strengthen the bonds between tribes and communities rather than allow differences to widen. He also wished the people to celebrate with renewed determination to build bridges instead of barriers, and to work together for a peaceful, prosperous, and a united Nagaland.

In the programme Advisor, Kuzholuzo Nienu and President Angami Public Organisation, Thejao Vihienuo also greeted the Yimkhiung people and spoke on the occasion.

ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING HELD

The District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of August was held on 5th August 2026 at the DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto, under the chairmanship of Vice Chairman, DPDB & Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Dharam Raj, IAS.

The Deputy Commissioner welcomed the new member to the Board before reviewing the minutes and action taken report of the previous DPDB meeting.

During the meeting, the Board reviewed several development proposals that had already been approved and forwarded to the Government. These included the Green Initiatives proposal, the establishment of a Fire and Emergency Services Station at Akuluto, the setting up of a Public Health Engineering (PHE) office at Satakha, and the construction of the District Welfare Office at Zunheboto.

The Board also approved the organisation of the 13th Intra-Departmental Tournament, which will be held from September 17 to 19, 2026, featuring six sporting events aimed at promoting healthy competition among government departments.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner Zunheboto, Shaying Sheu, NCS presented the departmental work distribution and responsibilities for the smooth conduct of the forthcoming Independence Day celebrations.

A presentation on the VB G-RAM -G Scheme was delivered by the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), highlighting the objectives, implementation strategy, and expected benefits of the programme in strengthening rural development and improving grassroots governance.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON WASTE SEGREGATION AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT HELD AT NIULAND

Niuland district administration organised an awareness programme on four - way waste segregation and solid waste management rules 2026, at DC Conference Hall, Niuland on 5th August 2026.

Resource persons, Yanathung Kithan, Scientist - B from Nagaland Polution Control Board and Kaiho Achumi, Asst. Technology Manager, (ATMA) Dept of Agriculture gave a comprehensive presentation on waste segregation and solid waste management.

Kithan, while elaborating on the segregation problem, mentioned that segregation of waste from the source is vital, where the role of individual citizens' responsibility becomes important. While highlighting the methods of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, Kithan said improper waste management has devastating consequences which is a major cause of environmental degradation.

Kaiho Achumi also gave a comprehensive presentation on solid waste management and composting methods.

The meeting was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Niuland, Athsangla.

PEREN DPDB MEETING HELD

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

Delivering the welcome address, the Deputy Commissioner informed the members that MLA & Chairman, DPDB Peren, Namri Nchang, could not attend the meeting due to unavoidable engagements.

During the agenda discussion, the Deputy Commissioner informed the members that a mass social work would be conducted on August 7, 2026 at Deputy Commissioner Office Complex, as part of the preparations for the forthcoming Independence Day celebration. He requested all Heads of Departments to motivate their staff and ensure their participation for the successful conduct of the programme.

On the construction of government office buildings in the district headquarters, the Deputy Commissioner informed that Dobashis had been deputed to verify the status of the ongoing works. He also advised the Heads of Offices to regularly supervise and monitor the construction of their respective office buildings.

The Deputy Commissioner expressed concern over the order issued by the School Education Department regarding the closure of Government Primary School, Libemphai. During the discussion, the Senior SDEO informed the house that although the school had been functioning smoothly since its inception, no government teacher had ever been posted there and the institution had been managed by community teachers. It was further informed that despite the closure order, the school continues to function under community teachers with an enrolment of 26 students. After deliberation, the house decided to write to the department requesting a review of the closure order and the immediate posting of government teachers.

Speaking on disaster preparedness, the Deputy Commissioner urged all members to remain vigilant and promptly report any disaster-related incidents to the concerned authorities.

The house also discussed the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP), during which the Deputy Commissioner requested all Heads of Departments of line departments to actively participate and remain well-informed at the village level while preparing the GPDP. The board also approved the LADP/ ICONIC Schemes for 6 Tening and 7 Peren Assembly Constituencies. The registration of the Affected Land Owner Association of National Highway-129A, Package-1A, was also approved.

Following the agenda deliberations, Chief Technical Officer, KVK Jalukie, L. Babita Devi, presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation highlighting the activities and programmes of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jalukie.

TSEMINYU DPDB MEETING HELD

The Tseminyu District Planning & Development Board was held on 6th August 2026 at DC's Conference Hall, Tseminyu. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Tseminyu Japheth Woch, NCS. The DC welcomed the members

present and review the last meeting minutes.

During the meeting, the work distribution for Independence Day celebration were assigned to various departments and stakeholders in the district.

Assistant Urban Development Officer Tseminyu, L. Rokovono presented the sensitisation on solid waste management 2026. In this regard, the DC apprised the members to ensure that timely preparation is required to come up with local action plans in the district on solid waste management, policy and strategy comprising of various stakeholders, departments, civil bodies, NGOs etc. He asserted that collectively responsible is necessary to have a proper waste management system in the district.

The department of horticulture gave a detailed presentation on their activities undertaken in the district. The meeting concluded with a vote of appreciation from the chair.

LONGLENG DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for the month of August 2026, was held on 6th August 2026, at DPDB Hall, Longleng. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner & Vice-Chairma DPDB Longleng, W. Manpai Phom NCS, who welcome the board members present in the meeting.

In his introductory note, the chairman apprised the members that the district has faced a massive disaster after incessant rain cutting off road connectivity, Telecom line, affecting Villages, farmlands, forest and houses across the district. Several villages were cut off and inaccessible till date. He informed the Agri and Allied departments to collect the details assessment report of the damage farmlands and fields and destruction of Telecom line in the district.

After the review of the previous meeting minutes, the board deliberated on district awards, where ADC Longleng, Thungchanbemo Tungoe NCS, briefed the house on the new criteria setup by the committee members, which includes CSOs, NGOs and other Institutions for the awards besides the Government employees. The District Commandant, Home Guard, Chibeni Ezung, briefed the house regarding the need of Civil Defence in the district, and submitted a proposal for establishment of Civil Defence in the district. Executive Engineer Transmission Mokokchung, Er. Hokaito Assumi, briefly highlighted on 132/133 KV substation at Pongo village. He informed the house that the department faced difficulties with the land owners during the time of vegetation clearance, and appealed the house to extend cooperation and support during such challenging times.

The house also delibersted on the proposal submitted by the Eastern Naga Women Organisation, for drainage infrastructure development. In this regard the chairman urged the concerned department to come up with a comprehensive field assistant of all blocks.

Assistant Programmer Coordinator DRDA, Y. Tongpang Phom, presented the departmental programmes and activities of the department in the meeting. The house also discussed on preparation for the forthcoming India Independence Day celebration in the district. The house also decided to conduct a mass social work on 8th August 2026.

The chairman entrusted the Education Department to present their activities during the next DPDB meeting. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the chair.

PUGHOBOTO SDPDB RECOMMENDS KEY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES AT AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting of the Pughoboto Sub-Divisional Planning and Development Board (SDPDB) was held on Thursday, 6th August 2026, at the Office of the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Pughoboto, chaired by Dr. Sukhato A. Sema, MLA and Chairman, SDPDB Pughoboto.

The House reviewed and confirmed the minutes of the previous SDPDB meeting before taking up several developmental agendas.

On the issue of financial assistance for the maintenance of the Pughoboto Helipad, the Board considered a proposal submitted by the Bible Society of India, Pughoboto Branch. Acknowledging the organization's commendable efforts in maintaining the helipad, approach road, sanitation, and surrounding areas, the House resolved to approach the concerned department for necessary support, recognizing the helipad's significance as a tourist attraction and public asset.

The Board also deliberated on the Town Cemetery land, which had reportedly been reclaimed by the original land donors after being earlier allocated to the district administration. The House constituted a two-member committee comprising the Extra Assistant Commissioner (EAC), Pughoboto Headquarters, and the Personal Assistant (PA) to the Deputy Commissioner to study the issue and submit a detailed report for further action.

The proposal for construction of an amphitheatre at Pughoboto Headquarter was also approved for recommendation to the Government. The project was viewed as having potential to promote and preserve local culture and identity, foster unity and provide a platform for public engagement.

The Board further discussed Grant-in-Aid to private schools, particularly Pughoboto Mission School and New Foundation School, and agreed to recommend the proposal to the concerned department in recognition of their contribution to education in the sub-division.

Another major proposal approved for recommendation was the construction of a football ground at Asukiqa, with the Board noting its potential to strengthen sports infrastructure, promote grassroots talent and encourage greater participation in sports.

During the departmental presentation, the Department of Power presented its activities, ongoing schemes and achievements through a PowerPoint presentation.

TUENSANG DPDB MEETING HELD

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

After reviewing the previous month's meeting minutes, the Chairman thanked all departments, wards, churches, business establishments and students for actively participating in mass social work which was organised in the town. The DC also



DC Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa chairing the DPDB meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 7th August 2026.

highlighted brief reports on the disasters due to incessant rainfall across the District, where 197 houses were damaged by landslides, 56 families evacuated, a total cutoff of the National Highway 202, damages of terrace farming, and water supply effected since 19th of July 2026.

In the meeting the board also discussed on the work distribution for the coming Independence Day celebration at Tuensang and the Chairman requested to all the departments to actively participate in taking pledge at 18th August 2026 on Nasha Mukti in the District.

BBBP SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES FELICITATED IN KOHIMA

The District Administration Kohima, in collaboration with SANKALP – District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW), Social Welfare Department, organised the felicitation programme for the "Educate Her, Empower Her" Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scholarship Awardees at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kohima, on August 7, 2026.

Delivering the keynote address, Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, District Level Committee, Mission Shakti, Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, NCS, congratulated the scholarship recipients and encouraged them to value the recognition bestowed upon them. He said the certificates should serve as a reminder that the district administration believes in their potential and expressed hope that they would one day give back to society. He urged the students to remain true to themselves, stay curious, keep an open mind and look beyond textbooks while pursuing their goals.

A total of 20 girl students were felicitated under the "Educate Her, Empower Her" BBBP Scholarship based on academic excellence and other prescribed criteria. Each awardee received a certificate and a cash award of Rs. 10,000 in recognition of their perseverance and achievements.

Following the felicitation programme, the quarterly District Level Committee meeting on BBBP was held.

Vidilhounuo Solo, Specialist in Financial Literacy, DHEW Kohima, presented the

activities undertaken during the first quarter of FY 2026–27. The presentation highlighted awareness and sensitisation programmes on Mission Shakti, menstrual hygiene, child rights, child protection, POCSO Act, mental health, financial literacy and Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), besides skill development and counselling programmes for women, tree plantation drives, distribution of sanitary pads, school bags, stationery and BBBP T-shirts, and life skills training for adolescent girls conducted across various institutions and villages in the district.

Kesoneinuo, Gender Specialist, DHEW Kohima, presented the action plan for FY 2026–27, outlining sectoral activities to be carried out in coordination with departments including Women and Child Development, School Education, Sports and Youth Affairs, Home and Police, Rural Development and Agriculture & Allied sectors. The plan includes orientation and sensitisation programmes, outreach activities, IEC campaigns and skill development initiatives in line with the BBBP calendar.

The meeting concluded with remarks and suggestions from the District Level Committee members on strengthening the implementation of BBBP activities in the district.

NASHA MUKT YUVA FOR VIKSIT BHARAT

The "Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat" campaign was organised in Mon, Chumoukedima and Dimapur in August 2026 to raise awareness among young people about substance abuse and promote a healthy, responsible and drug-free society.

MON

MY Bharat, in collaboration with the Yuching Students' Union, organised cultural competitions including folk song, drama, music, speeches, poetry, slogan writing, reel-making and painting on 7th August 2026, at the Yuching Village Council Hall.

Youth took the Nasha Mukt Bharat Pledge, followed by a Swachhata Pakhwada rally and cleanliness pledge. Participants were also encouraged to register on the MY Bharat portal and engage in activities supporting their skills and the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

CHUMOUKEDIMA

MY Bharat Kendra and Patkai Christian College conducted a district-level programme focusing on the harmful effects of substance and alcohol abuse at Patkai Christian College, Chumoukedima on August 11, 2026.

Speakers stressed prevention, counselling, medical support, community involvement and reducing stigma around addiction. Students were encouraged to use their talents creatively and make healthy choices. The programme concluded with the Nasha Mukt Yuva pledge.

DIMAPUR

MY Bharat Kendra, NECU, the District Administration and Social Welfare Department organised a youth awareness programme at Dr. Peter Armacost Hall, NECU, Dimapur, on 13th August 2026.

Speakers highlighted the impact of substance abuse on individuals, families and society, while urging youth to resist peer pressure and choose sports, creative activities and other constructive pursuits. The programme called for coordinated efforts by government, families, educational institutions and communities to prevent drug abuse and support those affected.

PUNGRO SDPDB MEETING HELD

The Sub Divisional Planning and Development Board (SDPDB) meeting for the month of August was held at the SDPDB conference Hall, Pungro on 10th August 2026.

In his address, Chairman of SDPDB Pungro and Advisor Fire and Emergency Services, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Relief and Rehabilitation, S. Kiusumew Yimchunger requested the members to be diligent and efficient and help in the growth of the Sub-division. He also requested them to bring to bring forth any proposals with proper research which will help in the benefit of the citizens.

Vice chairman of SDPDB and ADC Pungro, Hotolu Sema, NCS, reviewed the last meeting minutes and put forward agendas for the day. After detailed discussion and deliberation the house unanimously passed three proposals:

1) proposal for construction of Assembly shade at GHSS Pungro,

2) proposal for connection of tap water facilities at Khongsa Town,

3) proposal for resumption of NST Service from Kiphire to Pungro ADC Hq.

In his concluding remarks the ADC notified the HODs to prepare detailed presentations of their respective departments at the next SDPDB meeting.

PHEK DPDB DELIBERATES ON ROAD SECTOR FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC DURING MONSOON SEASON

Phek DPDB held its monthly meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Phek on 10th August 2026, Chaired by DC & Vice Chairman DPDB Phek, Rhosietho Nguori, NCS.

The meeting reviewed road conditions during the monsoon, with PWD officials reporting that vehicular movement in Phek district remains smooth; the DC appreciated their efforts and urged continued maintenance for uninterrupted traffic ahead of Independence Day celebrations.

The proposal for establishment of Kendra Vidyalaya Sangathan in Phek district was discussed during the meeting. After a brief deliberation, the house unanimously agreed for recommendation to higher authority for final approval.

The meeting also discussed on LADP schemes for the current financial year 2026-27, and constituted a verification committee for all the four Assembly Constituencies in the district. The ADC Pfutsero will be the convenor for 16-Pfutsero A/C; SDO (c) Chizami for 17-Chizami A/C; ADC Chozuba for 18-Chizami A/C, and ADC Phek Hq. for 19-Phek A/C.

The departmental activities were made by the Land Resources and Art & Culture departments during the meeting. The DPO, LRD Phek, Agnes W. Phewhuo highlighted various development schemes undertaking in Phek and shared the challenges face by the department.

DCO Phek, Zhosa Sabo also highlighted the primary functions and Cultural outreach programs of the department enumerated the various ongoing schemes in the district.

PM VISHWAKARMA AWARENESS WORKSHOPS HELD IN THREE DISTRICTS



Officials and participants during an Awareness Workshop on Branding and Marketing under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme held at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire on 11th August 2026.

KIPHIRE:

The MSME Development and Facilitation Office (MSME-DFO), Dimapur, in collaboration with DIC Kiphire, organised an Awareness Workshop on Branding and Marketing under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall on August 11, 2026.

More than 140 artisans participated. Sessions covered product packaging, labelling and design, export development, financial literacy, Artificial Intelligence, business growth, QR-code generation and e-commerce onboarding. SBI representatives also addressed queries on loans and financial assistance.

TUENSANG:

A similar workshop was held at ENPO Conference Hall, Tuensang, on August 25, 2026, in collaboration with DIC Tuensang.

The programme was chaired by Nokeduto Savi, Project Associate, RAMP, with a welcome address by Khumchopi Sangtam, Functional Manager, DIC Tuensang. A total of 52 artisans and craftsmen attended the programme, which focused on financial literacy, business development, packaging, labelling, AI, e-commerce and QR-code generation.

PHEK:

MSME-DFO Dimapur, in association with DIC Phek, conducted the workshop at the DC's Conference Hall on August 28, 2026. Deputy Commissioner Rhosietho Nguori highlighted the importance of ideas, skills and marketing for sustainable livelihoods.

Sessions covered packaging and FSSAI labelling, financial literacy, PM Vishwakarma benefits, loan procedures, export development and QR-code generation. The programme also featured interaction with technical experts and display of handmade products by local artisans.

DPDB CHAIRMAN WOKHA DIRECTS NHIDCL TO COMPLETE WOKHA - MERAPANI HIGHWAY WITHIN THREE MONTHS

The District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting for August was held at the DC's Conference Hall, Wokha on 11th August 2026, chaired by DPDB Chairman

and Advisor, Mhathung Yanthan, cochaired by Vice Chairman & Deputy Commissioner Wokha, K. Mhathung Tsanglao, and attended by MLA Mhonbemo Humtsoe.

The meeting began with a review of the previous month's agendas. Advisor Mhathung Yanthan expressed appreciation and gratitude for the successful conduct of the Cabinet meeting at Doyang Tribal Circuit on August 6, 2026, thanking the District Administration and allied departments for their support.

A major discussion centred on the condition of the Wokha–Merapani National Highway under NHIDCL. The house noted that the road condition was unsatisfactory, with contractors questioned on delays and shortcomings. NHIDCL officials cited funding and maintenance challenges but assured that efforts would be made to keep the highway potholefree. Issues such as mudslides and landslides disrupting smooth traffic flow were also deliberated. Advisor Mhathung Yanthan directed NHIDCL engineers and contractors to ensure that the highway is cleared and completed within three months. He further instructed that progress updates be submitted regularly and that NHIDCL officials and contractors will be called again in October for a final review to ensure the road meets satisfactory standards.

ADC Wokha, Renbomo Ezung, presented the committee's identified location for the proposed District Hospital, which was placed before the house. The meeting also approved the LADP 202627 fund.

Discussion on the Banana Festival 2026 was held, where it was decided that the festival will be organized on a biannual basis, meaning it will be held only next year.

Several departments presented PowerPoint reports. The Excise and Prohibition Department, through Superintendent of Excise Wokha, reviewed cases detected during 202526, reporting 96 registered cases, 98 arrests, and fines amounting to approximately ₹1.29 lakh. The Tourism Department highlighted opportunities and schemes to enhance tourist experiences in Wokha, while the Nagaland Khadi and Village Industries Board presented its training programmes and activities.

The Urban Department, represented by Er. Kesoweu Wetsah, deliberated on solid waste management, focusing on segregation and recycling practices in Wokha. Officials from Lotha Hoho addressed the failure of water supply in Wokha Town, warning of its impact on multiple sectors and establishments. A detailed project report was submitted to MLA Mhonbemo Humtsoe for further consideration and assessment at the higher level.

Following the meeting, the DPDB Chairman and members undertook institutional visits to the District Jail Wokha and Government Higher Secondary School Wokha.

BHANDARI SDPDB DELIBERATES ON POWER SUPPLY TO YANMHON AREA AND NEED OF SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER AT CHC, BHANDARI

The SDPDB Bhandari which held its meeting at the conference hall of the Summer House-Cum-Guest House, Bhandari, on 12th August 2026 reiterated on the need of Senior Medical Officer at CHC, Bhandari and resolved to pursue the matter through the concerned department.

Medical Officer, Ayush, Dr. Lydia,

while highlighting on the present status of functioning of the Community Health Centre (CHC) Bhandari, appraised the house that it is functioning without Chief Medical Officer since replacement has not come in place of the transferred officer, further adding that the Centre is also facing shortage of staff. She also stated that a gynaecologist is needed for women who come to the health centre from near and far of the vast sub division.

Dr. Lydia informed the house that a programme on sensitization on vector borne diseases was also held recently at Bhandari, under the National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme, (NVBDCP) and apprised that presently there was no reported case relating to vector borne diseases.

Requesting for upgradation of existing 11KV to 33KV power supply, and to maintain equilibrium in demand-and- supply of energy to the public, President, Yanmhon Area Public Organization (YAPO), N.Thungdemo Tungoe, through a representation cited that owing to the insufficient capacity of the existing energy supply, 20 villages under Yanmhon area face excessive load shedding and power cuts which also affects over all activities such as households, education, farming, essential services, business and commercial activities.

In response, ADC and Vice Chairman SDPDB Bhandari, Longasen Lotha NCS, gave a directive to prepare a rationalization and feasibility report and present it to the house in the upcoming meeting in order to take up the matter further. commenting on the successful completion of the Census exercise 2027, he lauded the pro-active role of the Census officials, the departmental officers, CSOs and Bhandari town council for their support. Longasen Lotha also urged the members to carry out assigned duties and to participate in the upcoming Independence Day Celebration with full cooperation.

GREEN CAMPUS INITIATIVE LAUNCHED AT ZUNHEBOTO

The Green Campus Initiative, a pilot initiative under the Community Social Responsibility (ComSR) model, was launched at Zunheboto Government College on 12th August 2026.The initiative was jointly organised by Zunheboto Government College and the Zunheboto Forest Division.

Divisional Forest Officer, Zunheboto Forest Division, Obed Bohovi Swu, in his introductory remarks emphasised the importance of community participation in addressing local issues. He said government assistance alone cannot provide solutions to every challenge and stressed that communities must come together and take responsibility for helping themselves. He added that the programme would not only help create a greener campus but also improve the image of the institution while giving students and faculty an opportunity to embrace environmental conservation as a form of social responsibility.

Launching the initiative, Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Dharam Raj, IAS,

said the initiative should be viewed through a holistic approach and not merely as an effort to increase forest cover. He stressed that conservation and development must go hand in hand. Citing the Chipko Movement as an example, he said tribal communities have traditionally understood the value of

forests and have been at the forefront of protecting them. He expressed happiness that people in the district remain closely connected with the preservation of forests and the environment. Appealing particularly to the younger generation and Gen Z, he encouraged them to actively participate in the Green Campus Initiative and make environmental conservation a part of their daily lives.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by, IQAC Coordinator Tiasunep Ozukum. A commemorative native tree plantation was subsequently carried out, marking a significant step towards strengthening the college's commitment to environmental conservation and the promotion of native species.

LICENSING & REGISTRATION CAMP HELD IN ABOI

Licensing & Registration camp was held at ADC's Conference Hall, Aboi on 11th August 2026, under the initiative of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India organised by the Food Safety & Administration, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland.

ADC Aboi, Thangpong, NCS, proposed the welcome address, while the resource person, Dr. Tiaienla FSO, CMO Office, Mon spoke on the needs and importance of the camp. The programme was attended by the officials, Civil Society Organisation, and NGOs.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY 2026 IN NAGALAND

International Youth Day 2026 was observed on 12th August 2026 across Mokokchung, Mon and Longleng under the theme "Different Contexts, Common Aspirations." The programmes focused on youth empowerment, health awareness, HIV/AIDS and STI prevention, social responsibility, and meaningful youth participation.

MOKOKCHUNG:

Jubilee Memorial College, in collaboration with DISHA and the Red Ribbon Club organised the celebration in Mokokchung.

The special invitee EAC Mokokchung, Kewimesin Nriame encouraged students to pursue their dreams, choose positive friendships, use social media responsibly, accept failures as part of life, and promote local arts and crafts. The programme concluded with the flag-off of the "Youth on Wheels" initiative.

MON:

DISHA, in collaboration with Wangkhao Government College's Red Ribbon Club and with support from NSACS, launched an Intensified IEC Campaign. Dr Supongmenla Walling, CMO, Mon highlighted shared aspirations among youth, including education, employment, dignity, opportunities and a sustainable future.

The programme also focused on HIV/AIDS and STI awareness, testing and treatment. Village and college-level awareness activities are planned as part of the campaign.

LONGLENG:

International Youth Day was observed at Yingli College alongside the launch of the Intensified IEC Campaign 2026. Speakers

stressed informed health choices, HIV/AIDS prevention, youth participation and social responsibility. An awareness session on HIV transmission was followed by the official flag-off of the campaign by Dr. T. Temsu Imti, Principal, Yingli College, Longleng. and a screening session.

DPDB KIPHIRE DISCUSSES TB MUKT AND DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

The monthly meeting of the Kiphire District Planning & Development Board was convened on the 12th of August 2026 at the DC's Conference Hall, Kiphire under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer, NCS.

Deliberating on the Proposal for Development and Improvement of Drainage Infrastructure within the district, the concerned line department such as the PWD (R & B), National Highway and Urban Development have been directed to take note for necessary action plans. The proposal for registration of Azikhe Amulung Society, Kiphire Town was approved and recommended to the concern department for final approval.

The board members deliberated on TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan - National TB Free India Campaign. In this regard, EAC Takatemjen requested all concerned to carry out their respective task and submit the action taken report at the earliest. While on Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign 2026, Takatemjen informed all area administrative officers / heads of offices and all concerned to observe the campaign as directed by the Government and submit the action taken report mentioning the numbers of flag used. The EAC also reminded the heads of offices for constitute a committee for Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) in the work places.

Earlier, DC appealed all heads of offices to coordinate with the area administrative officers while executing their respective duties. ADC Seyochung, Chumlamo Humtsoe appraised the grievances over poor BSNL call facilities and network connectivity in Seyochung. The board members deliberated and requested the concerned department to take immediate steps to improve the services.

3rd NATIONAL SPACE DAY PRE-CELEBRATION HELD AT PEREN

The District Administration, Peren, in collaboration with the North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC), ISRO and Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre (NGISRSC), Planning & Transformation Department, Govt. of Nagaland, organized a pre-celebration programme of the 3rd National Space Day at the DC's Conference Hall, Peren, on 12th August 2026.

Dr. Victor Saikhom, Scientist/ Engineer-SF, NESAC, Department of Space, Umiam, Meghalaya, gave an overview of the programme and highlighted the objectives and significance of the National Space Day pre-celebration. While Rajeswari, Scientist/ Engineer-SG, SCG, URSC, ISRO, Bengaluru, delivered a presentation on India's space programme and its applications.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Hiazu Meru stated that the occasion celebrates India's achievements in space science, honours the contribution

of ISRO scientists, engineers and workers, and inspires young students to pursue STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields. He encouraged students to develop a scientific bent of mind based on critical thinking, objective observation and evidence-based reasoning, which he said are essential for progress, prosperity, unity and national integrity.

The second session featured a quiz competition aimed at enhancing students' knowledge and interest in space science, India's space missions and related developments.

The third session included a drone demonstration and exhibition by NGISRSC, providing participants with practical exposure to geospatial technology and remote sensing applications for developmental purposes. This was followed by technical presentations by Abu Sahin, NESAC, Department of Space, Umiam, Meghalaya, and Chubawati, Senior Analyst, NGISRSC, Planning & Transformation Department, on "From Space to Society: How Geospatial Technology is Transforming Nagaland".

The programme concluded with a valedictory session, where awards and certificates were presented to the quiz winners and participants, followed by closing remarks.

The programme was attended by officials from the District Administration, NGISRSC, ISRO, NESAC and other government departments, along with students, teachers and other stakeholders.

MON DPDB MEETING HELD

The monthly meeting of the Mon District Planning & Development Board was held on 13th August 2026 at DC's Conference Hall, Mon.

The Deputy Commissioner Mon and Vice Chairman of DPDB, Wennyei Konyak, NCS, presided over the meeting. He welcomed the members and expressed appreciation for their cooperation and support during the landslide and flood disasters in the district.

The proposal for the construction of Airstrip at Lokhipahar, Tizit submitted by the Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Paiwang Konyak was discussed and forwarded to the higher authority. The proposal put forward by the Eastern Nagaland Women Organisation (ENWO) for Drainage infrastructure Development in eastern areas was also discussed and forwarded to the higher authority for approval.

The House discussed preparations for the Independence Day celebration, with the Deputy Commissioner urging all officers, government employees, and NGOs to responsibly carry out their assigned duties.

A PowerPoint presentation on the sensitization and implementation of the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules, 2026, was presented by Thungdemo Humtsoe, AUDO, Urban Development, Mon.

DISTRICT - LEVEL PANCH SAMMELAN ON VB-G RAM G ACT HELD IN DIMAPUR

A District-Level Panch Sammelan on the newly enacted Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 (VB-G RAM G) was held at Lotha Hoho Ki, Dimapur, on 13th August, 2026, bringing together village functionaries and officials

from various departments of Dimapur, Chümoukedima and Niuland districts.

Project Director, DRDA Dimapur, Limameren Yaden, delivering his welcome address, underscored the importance of grassroots development in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat–2047. He said transforming India into a developed nation would require collective responsibility and active participation at the grassroots level.

Highlighting the VB-G RAM G Act, Yaden said the mission seeks to promote stable employment and sustainable livelihoods while improving rural economic conditions. He added that the immediate objective of the gathering was to create awareness and prepare stakeholders for effective implementation of the mission.

A technical presentation by Temsusoba Jamir, DBM, DRDA Dimapur, covered the key features of the VB-G RAM G scheme, which replaces MGNREGA.

Seyiekhrielie Rio, BDO and PO, RD Block Chümoukedima, and Jacob Zeliang, BDO and PO, RD Block West Dimapur, briefed participants on the 16th Finance Commission, Solid Waste Management, asset management, Aadhaar/e-KYC, deletion and work demand.

The session concluded with remarks by Bohoto, BDO and PO, RD Block Kuhuboto.

YHOME CALLS FOR COORDINATED ACTION ON WASTE MANAGEMENT AND URBAN ISSUES

During the Kohima District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) meeting held at the DPDB Hall, Kohima, on August 17, 2026, Advisor for School Education, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, called for coordinated efforts among departments to address water supply, waste management and other pressing urban issues in Kohima.

Dr. Yhome directed the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) to submit a report on proposed water-treatment initiatives. He also called for preparedness by the Urban Affairs and Municipal Affairs departments in view of the Supreme Court directive on waste management.

He noted that waste-management plans have been initiated in areas including Lerie and Landfill site in Kohima, and stressed the need for timely and coordinated implementation.

Referring to Externally Aided Projects (EAPs), Dr Yhome asked departments to coordinate with their respective Heads of Departments and prepare details of sectoral outlays, particularly for solid and liquid waste management in Kohima, for presentation at the next monthly meeting.

He further called for presentations by relevant agencies on urban development and directed departments concerned with rural development, urban engineering and disaster management to conduct a quick survey of major issues affecting communities and submit a brief report.

The meeting was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, Ruopfükuotuo Noudi, NCS.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR VILLAGE LEVEL CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE HELD AT AKULUTO



Officials and students during an awareness and sensitization programme for the Village Level Child Protection Committee held at Hill to Children Home School, Akuluto Town, Zunheboto on 18th August 2026.

The District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Zunheboto, Department of Social Welfare conducted an awareness and sensitization programme for the Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC) at Akuluto Town on 18th August 2026.

The programme focused on child rights and legislation, child protection mechanisms, child helpline 1098 services and the role and responsibilities of the VLCPC in safeguarding children. The DCPO, Ruzonuo Rita Rutsa; Lauying Konyak LCPO; Omekali, Childhelpline Supervisor and Tokato, Childhelpline Case Worker as the resource persons

The DCPU and Child helpline also conducted awareness programmes at Highland School, GHSS School colony Satakha, GMS old town Satakha, Royal School Akuluto, GHSS Akuluto and Hill to Children Home School, Akuluto sensitizing students on importance of child protection issues, including: Safe and unsafe touch, Child Helpline Services – 1098, Bullying and Cyberbullying, Child Rights and Protection Laws, and available Child Protection Mechanisms and Support Services.

The programmes aimed to empower children, teachers, and community-level stakeholders with knowledge on preventing abuse, identifying risks, and ensuring the safety, dignity, and protection of every child.

MOKOKCHUNG HOSTS ODOP WORKSHOP ON COFFEE TO BOOST LOCAL ECONOMY AND GLOBAL REACH

A one-day workshop on the "One District One Product" (ODOP) initiative for coffee was successfully held at the Sangtemla Community Hall in Mokokchung on 19th August 2026. Organized by the District Industries Centre (DIC), Mokokchung,

under the theme "Branding, Packaging, Marketing," the event aimed to strengthen local products, boost entrepreneurship, and create better market opportunities for the region.

The special guest, Ajit Kumar Verma IAS, DC Mokokchung, in his keynote address commended the DIC for organizing the event and explained that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched the ODOP initiative to transform local farmers and small businesses into international brands. Stressing the importance of training, market access, and global reach, Verma urged local coffee farmers and producers to actively participate, learn new skills, and focus on product quality, processing, and certification to make Mokokchung coffee a recognized global brand.

The event was smoothly conducted across multiple sessions to give farmers practical business knowledge. The inaugural session was chaired by Renbenthung Kikon, Inspector of Industries at DIC Mokokchung, while B. Asangla, General Manager of DIC Mokokchung, welcomed the gathering. Following the opening ceremony, a detailed technical session took place featuring expert speakers.

Er. T. Imlisunep Ao, Principal of GITI Mokokchung, shared valuable insights on marketing opportunities and channels. General branding and packaging strategies were covered by Atipong Aier, CEO of Aier Bakery and Co-Owner of Body Balance, while Aliamoa S. Longkumer, Proprietor of Mascot Store & Café, focused specifically on coffee branding and packaging.

The workshop concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, allowing local farmers and entrepreneurs to discuss ideas directly with the experts.

DISHA MEETINGS REVIEW DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES IN DIMAPUR, ZUNHEBOTO

District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meetings in Dimapur and Zunheboto districts reviewed the implementation of various Central Government schemes and development programmes, with emphasis on monitoring, inter-departmental coordination, accountability and timely delivery of benefits to the people.

DIMAPUR:

In Dimapur, the DISHA meeting was held at the DC's Conference Hall on 19th August, 2026 under the chairmanship of Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), S. Supongmeren Jamir. Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, NCS, along with heads of departments and officials, attended the meeting.

The meeting reviewed the progress of the Urban Development Department, Public Health Engineering Department, Lead Bank, Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Labour Department and District Agriculture Office. The Departments presented the status of schemes and activities and discussed measures to improve implementation and ensure that benefits reach the intended beneficiaries.

ZUNHEBOTO:

In Zunheboto, the DISHA meeting was held at the Deputy Commissioner's Hall under the chairmanship of S. Supongmeren Jamir, with MLA Dr. Sukhato A. Sema, Deputy Commissioner and Member Secretary of

DISHA Dharam Raj, IAS, and heads of offices and departmental officials in attendance.

Addressing the meeting, Jamir stressed the importance of officers remaining at their respective places of posting and working with dedication for the welfare and development of the district. He urged departmental heads to go beyond their routine responsibilities when necessary to address issues affecting the people and to exercise the authority entrusted to them responsibly.

MLA Dr. Sukhato A. Sema said his participation was aimed at taking stock of the implementation of key Central Government schemes and assessing development programmes at the grassroots level. He stressed the need for coordination among elected representatives, the district administration and government departments for effective implementation and improved delivery of public services.

Dr. Sema also raised the issue of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) godown constructed in the district at an estimated cost of ₹20 crore. He stated that the project had been sanctioned by the Government of India and that the sanctioned amount had reportedly been fully drawn. He urged that the facility be utilised for its intended purpose and benefit the people of Zunheboto, and appealed to the Deputy Commissioner to look into the matter.

The meeting reviewed the implementation of various Central Government schemes and development activities in Zunheboto. Presentations were made by the Labour Department, Agriculture Department and Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services on their respective activities in the district.

WORSHOP ON CHILD SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR PM SHRI SCHOOLS IN KIPHIRE

A one-day workshop on Child Safety and Security for PM SHRI Schools in Kiphire District was conducted at DPDB Hall, Kiphire, on 21st August 2026.

The workshop emphasised on emergency evacuation procedures, basic first aid, fire safety, assembly and evacuation protocols, and the roles and responsibilities of teachers, and schools staff during disasters. It also stressed on Child Safety and protection, psychological first aid, stress and trauma management, and appropriate psychological support for children in the aftermath of disasters and other emergencies was conducted during the session.

Brief highlight on child safety and security for PM SHRI Schools was highlighted by T. Lichumse Sangtam Asst. District Coordinator, DMA Samagra Shiksha, Kiphire. Narola Longkumer, District Education Officer (DEO) also attended the program.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Zavito Ltu, EAC Kiphire.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR INDUSTRIAL UNITS UNDER NCAP HELD IN DIMAPUR

A special awareness and sensitization programme for industrial units under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) was organised by the District Industries Centre (DIC), Dimapur, in association with the Nagaland Pollution Control Board (NPCB),

at the Conference Hall of Hotel Saramati, Dimapur, on August 24, 2026.

Delivering the keynote address, N Abeno Lotha, Functional Manager, DIC, Dimapur, highlighted the importance of balancing industrial development with environmental protection. She emphasised that industries have an important role in maintaining clean air and urged industrial operators to adopt environmentally sustainable practices, comply with prescribed regulations and work in close coordination with the concerned departments.

Speaking on "Ambient Air Quality and Its Impact", Yanathung Kithan, Scientist-B, NPCB, explained the meaning and importance of ambient air quality and outlined the major sources of air pollution. He highlighted the harmful effects of particulate matter and other pollutants on human health and the environment. He stressed that maintaining good air quality requires collective responsibility and active participation from industries, government agencies and the public.

During the technical session on "Environmental Compliance of Industries", Aghali A Swu, Senior Environmental Engineer, NPCB, explained the major environmental requirements applicable to industries. She also highlighted the need for adequate pollution-control measures, regular monitoring, proper maintenance of pollution-control equipment and effective waste management.

The programme was chaired by Lucy Ngouri, Functional Manager, DIC, Dimapur, and was attended by representatives of industrial units and other stakeholders.

PAN-INDIA RESCUE AND REHABILITATION CAMPAIGN 4.0 LAUNCHED IN KOHIMA

The Kohima District Task Force (DTF) on Child Labour launched the Pan-India Rescue and Rehabilitation Campaign 4.0 on August 24, 2026, as part of the nationwide initiative of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).

As part of the campaign, an intensive awareness programme was conducted across schools in Kohima District from August 24 to 28, sensitising students and teachers on child labour, child rights and the importance of education.

The programme highlighted the provisions of the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, particularly the prohibition of employment of children below 14 years and adolescents aged 14–18 years in hazardous occupations and processes. Participants were also sensitised on the penalties, including imprisonment and fines, for employers violating the provisions of the Act.

Teachers were encouraged to closely monitor school attendance and report cases where a child remains absent from school consecutively for 15 days to the concerned authorities for timely intervention.

Following the awareness campaign, the Kohima DTF will undertake inspections and rescue operations to identify children and adolescents engaged in prohibited employment and facilitate appropriate rehabilitation and follow-up action.

The DTF appealed to the public, schools, parents and communities to actively support the campaign and report suspected cases of child labour, with the collective objective of making Kohima a child-labour-free district.

CHUMOUKEDIMA TOWN COUNCIL INTRODUCES 'SWACHH HUNTERS' TO PROMOTE CLEAN AND LITTER-FREE TOWN

In compliance with the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules, 2026 and the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2026, the Chumoukedima Town Council (CTC) introduced the 'Swachh Hunters' initiative on 24th of August, 2026, with the objective of making Chumoukedima Town litter-free, plastic-free and garbage-free.

Under the initiative, the Self-Employed Women Association (SEWA), Chumoukedima, and the Chumoukedima Town Youth Organization have been notified as 'Swachh Hunters'. They will work towards improving cleanliness and creating greater public awareness on responsible waste management across the town.

The Swachh Hunters will undertake regular patrols in busy areas, including NH-29 along Chumoukedima Town and major roads under the jurisdiction of the CTC, using tongs to pick up litter as a visible demonstration to citizens and visitors.

As part of their surveillance duties, the Swachh Hunters will walk through assigned street grids to identify littering, overflowing bins, blocked storm-water drains, illegal dumping and garbage accumulation. Repeated violations and problem areas will be reported to the CTC office for necessary action.

The initiative will also focus on public engagement and behavioural change. With the objective of inculcating the spirit of "mindfulness in each citizen," the Swachh Hunters will promote moment-to-moment awareness of one's surroundings and responsibility towards cleanliness. Street shows and other engaging activities will be used to attract public attention and present cleanliness as a collective and enjoyable responsibility rather than a burden.

The Swachh Hunters will operate on the philosophy of "Hate the crime, not the person," with the primary objective of encouraging residents and tourists to take personal responsibility for the waste they generate and dispose it properly.

Sharing the vision of the Chumoukedima Town Council, the ADC & Executive Officer, CTC, stated that the goal is to transform Chumoukedima into a spit-free and litter-free town. She, however, emphasized that the vision can be achieved only through the full cooperation and participation of citizens and tourists.

The Swachh Hunters initiative is expected to strengthen community participation in cleanliness efforts and encourage a culture of responsible waste management across Chumoukedima Town.

DISTRICT LEVEL BIKE OUTREACH LAUNCH AT MON

The district-level introduction and launching programme for the Bike Outreach Worker allocated to the DISHA Unit in Mon was held on August 24, 2026 at the CMO office complex, Mon in the presence of ADC, Pakon Phom and Dr. Cheyale Kath, DVBO, Mon. It was mentioned that the new Bike Outreach Worker will be attached to the TI, JACAOA, Tobu.

The ADC expressed sincere gratitude



ADC Mon, Pakon Phom and Dr. Cheyale Kath, DVBO, Mon with other officials during the launching of Bike Outreach Worker allocated to the DISHA Unit in Mon at CMO office complex, Mon on 24th August 2026.

to NSACS for prioritizing Mon district and encouraged the DISHA team to utilize the Bike Outreach programme to deliver vital HIV and STI prevention, testing, counseling, and basic health services to remote and hard-to-reach areas within the district.

MELURI DPDB DELIBERATES ON SANITATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

The monthly District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting of Meluri District was held at the DB's Court, DC's Office, Meluri, on 25th August 2026. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Commissioner, Meluri, Phuleshe K. Yepthomi, NCS.

One of the major agenda items was sanitation and waste management, particularly the proper management and segregation of single-use plastics and plastic bottles. The Deputy Commissioner highlighted the importance of adhering to the new government guidelines on sanitation management at the four categories. He stressed the need for proper segregation and disposal of single-use plastics and urged all departments to coordinate and work collectively towards maintaining cleanliness and effective waste management in the district.

The meeting also discussed the proposal for visits to Government Higher Secondary Schools in Meluri District by different departments. It was proposed that one department would visit the schools once a month to interact with students and share information about its activities, programmes and services. The initiative is aimed at creating greater awareness among students about various government departments and their roles in public service.

The Deputy Commissioner called upon all departments to strengthen inter-departmental coordination and work together towards the overall welfare and development of Meluri District. He emphasized that collective efforts and active participation from all departments are essential for achieving sustainable development and effective delivery of government programmes.

During the meeting, SDO, PWD (R&B), Khontsa Perry delivered a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the activities and achievements of the PWD (R&B) department.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB APPROVES NEW SOCIETY REGISTRATIONS AND SCHOOL UPGRADES; PLANS INTER-DEPARTMENTAL SPORTS MEET

The monthly meeting of the Mokokchung District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) was successfully conducted on 27th August 2026 at the Deputy Commissioner's conference hall.

The session was chaired by Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman of DPDB Mokokchung, Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS. The proceedings commenced with a thorough review of the minutes from the previous meeting, followed by an official discussion on the Action Taken Report.

During the session, the board officially approved the registration of two local societies namely, the Chuchuyimpang Students Union Society and the Woods Foundation based in Kumlong Ward.

Additionally, the house approved the change of nomenclature for Hills Night High School, which will now be known as Hills High School. Alongside the name change, the board cleared the shifting of the school from Arkong ward to Nokra Compound in Chuchuyimpang.

Briefing the board on upcoming activities, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Atsungba Walling shared details regarding the upcoming Inter-Departmental sports meet. The tournament is scheduled to take place from September 29 to October 1, 2026. The ADC informed the house that a 24-member committee has already been set up to supervise and manage the sports event.

The meeting also featured a detailed PowerPoint presentation by the District Project Officer (DPO) of Land Resources Development (LRD), highlighting various departmental activities and achievements. It was decided that the Horticulture Department will present its departmental activities in the next monthly meeting.

YINGLI COLLEGE LONGLENG CELEBRATES NATIONAL SPORTS DAY 2026

The NSS Wing, Yingli College, Longleng successfully celebrated National Sports Day on 27th August 2026 at Borgohain Hall, Longleng. The programme was organized by the NSS Wing in collaboration with Yingli College Students' Union (YCSU) and in association with Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India, MY Bharat, Khelo India Dialogue - Khel Ki Baat, PM Modi Ke Sath.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Vice-Principal of the college Dr. B. Henshet Phom, followed by a talk on the significance of National Sports Day. A live screening and discussion on the Khelo India Dialogue was also held on 24th August, 2026. Students and faculty took the NASHA MUKTH ABIYAN Pledge during the program.

The programme was attended by

students of Yingli College including NSS Volunteers, NCC Cadets, non-volunteer students, teaching and non-teaching staff, MY Bharat volunteers, youth of Longleng District, invitees from the DSO and DYO office. A total of 305 participants attended the programme.

SKILL TRAINING FOR RURAL YOUTH HELD AT PHEK DISTRICT

The Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Chizami block, Phek, organised a Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) on Bonsai Making and a Demonstration cum Farmers' Scientist Interaction Programme on Horticultural crops from 27th to 29th August 2026 at Zhavame, Zelome and Tsupfume village.

The STRY on Bonsai Making was conducted with Letso Mekro, Proprietor of Nagami Bonsai as the resource person. The training provided participants with practical knowledge on Bonsai Making including selection of suitable plants, potting, shaping, pruning and maintenance. The hands-on training aimed to equip rural youth with useful skills and encourage entrepreneurship and self-employment opportunities in the ornamental horticulture sector.

A Demonstration cum Farmer Scientist Interaction Programme on Horticultural crops was conducted with Manjunath K.S, Subject Matter Specialist (SMS), KVK Porba, Phek as the resource person.

The programme focused particularly on scientific cultivation and management of kiwi. Participants were given detailed information on suitable climate and soil requirements, important Kiwi varieties, training and pruning techniques, grafting methods, maturity indices for harvesting, pest and disease management, weed management and other important management practices.

The programme enabled the participants to gain a better understanding of kiwi production and the importance of adopting scientific orchard management practices for improved productivity and quality.

LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME HELD AT ZUKETSA

Nagaland State Legal Services Authority in collaboration with Phek District Legal Service Authority (DLSA), Controller of Legal Metrology and Consumer Protection, Nagaland and Zuketsa Area Public Organization (ZAPO) organized legal awareness programme at ZAPO Hall, Zuketsa on 29th August 2026.

Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) Member Secretary Neiko Akami, NJS, emphasized that free legal services are essential to ensuring equal access to justice for disadvantaged people. He highlighted that Front Offices are functioning in all 11 districts, with Panel Lawyers and Para-Legal Volunteers providing free assistance, including help with legal rights, documents and remedies. He also noted that inmates in jails receive legal aid through schemes such as the Legal Aid Defense Counsel (LADC) and Under-Trial Review Committee (UTRC). Lok Adalats have helped settle more than 600 cases during the year through speedy and amicable dispute resolution. Akami

further stressed the importance of victim compensation, including support for those affected by human-wildlife conflict and motor vehicle accidents.

MFC-cum-Secretary, DLSA Phek, Kilemsungla Jamir explained that offences under the POCSO Act include various forms of sexual abuse and urged the public to remain vigilant, report suspected cases and pay attention to warning signs in children.

Chief LADC Phek, Vethothi Vero, raised concern over increasing drug abuse among youths and stressed the need for community involvement, compassionate rehabilitation and reporting of drug-related activities. He also highlighted the stringent provisions of the NDPS Act and the availability of de-addiction services.

Legal Metrology & Consumer Protection Inspector Er. Juwe Pojar advised traders to comply with weighing, packaging and labelling requirements, while reminding consumers of their rights regarding MRP and verified weighing instruments.

Retainer Lawyer DLSA Phek, Sekhotso Rokha, highlighted consumer rights to safety, information and redressal, urging people to preserve bills, check product labels and expiry dates, and remain alert to unlawful charges.

The programme, attended by around 150 community leaders, including women, youth and students, was chaired by ZAPO General Secretary Nyitso Therie, with ZAPO President Keduitsolhi Wetsah delivering the welcome address.

MCTE INAUGURATES NEW ACADEMIC BUILDING: MINISTER TEMJEN IMNA ALONG CALLS IT AN ACHIEVEMENT FOR NAGALAND

The Mokokchung College of Teacher Education (MCTE) officially inaugurated its new academic building with Temjen Imna Along, Minister for Higher Education & Tourism, Government of Nagaland, as the Special Guest.

In his inaugural address, Minister Imna Along termed MCTE a major achievement for the state, noting that students from both within and outside Nagaland will join the college to receive quality education. Expressing strong hope for the institution's future growth, the Minister highlighted upcoming development projects by the Higher Education Department, including a 40-bedded Girls Hostel at MCTE under the PM-USHA scheme, a new Model College in Mangkolemba, and various other projects across multiple districts. He also made a strong appeal for unity among the Naga tribes, urging them to come together for a common agenda to ensure the betterment and growth of the state. Concluding his speech, he paid rich tributes to past and present teachers, describing them as "soldiers" who sacrifice their time, hands, and thoughts to mould students and build the future of our communities.

Earlier in the day, the formal programme commenced after the Minister officially unveiled the inaugural plaque. The event was chaired by Sekulu Nienu, Assistant Professor at MCTE, and began with a dedicatory prayer offered by Rev. Temsuwati, Pastor of MTBA

Short speeches were delivered by Dr. Hukato Swu, Joint Director (Planning, Budget & Accounts) from the Directorate of Higher Education, and a technical report was presented by the Executive Engineer of PWD (Housing), Education Division, Kohima.



Minister for Higher Education & Tourism, Temjen Imna Along with other officials during the inauguration of Mokokchung College of Teacher Education new academic building, at Mokokchung on 14th August 2026.

GREEN PEREN STORE INAUGURATED AT JALUKIE

Deputy Commissioner, Peren, Hiazu Meru inaugurated the Green Peren store under the banner of 'Our land nourishes us. Our hands grow it. Our pride shares it. And our future sustains it' at the Jalukie Town, Peren on 6th August 2026.

DC, Hiazu Meru in his inaugural speech said that it has been the dream of the District Planning & Development Board of Peren to have such store which the board have discussed and planned for two years has been significantly fulfilled for the benefit of the farmers of Peren district. He also opined that Agri. & Allied department, Rural Development and others departments have taken many initiatives in various intervention to come up with such market. The DC said it needs to upskill with materials and resources with what they have.

Meru encouraged the Kingdom Steward for taken up the challenge to market the products and apprised them to be based on business model though it is a risk-taking business. He also encouraged the youth who are involved in these ventures to dedicate their services and try to master it, and to work with enthusiasm and let the venture be a successful one. Expressing his happiness the DC concluded that the initiative has come into reality.

ADVISOR ACHUMBEMO KIKON INAUGURATES OLD RALAN COMMUNITY HALL

Advisor for SCERT & Food Processing, Government of Nagaland and Chairman SDPDB, Bhandari, Achumbemo Kikon inaugurated a Community Hall constructed under Local Area Development Programme (LADP) at Old Ralan, Wokha on 15th August 2026.

While lauding the public for supporting his initiatives in bringing development to the villages at the grassroot level, he also urged them to be responsible guardians of the community assets and work together for collective progress in the region.

SDO (C) Ralan, Tsenthungo E. Ngullie NCS, and Ezanthung Patton, Village Council chairman, Old Ralan also spoke at the programme. They expressed gratitude to the MLA for providing the community hall, which will serve as a village facility centre and fulfil the long-standing need of the community.

It was dedicated with a prayer by Renbomo Ovung, Pastor, Baptist Church Old Ralan. Kikon was accompanied by host of public leaders and officers from Bhandari.

UCO BANK HANDS OVER SCOOTIES TO DC'S OFFICE, KOHIMA UNDER CSR INITIATIVE

As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative for FY 2026–27, UCO Bank, Kohima Branch, handed over scooties to the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Kohima, on 19th August 2026.

The scooties were formally handed over in the presence of Deputy Commissioner, Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, NCS, Resources Head, UCO Jorhat Headquarter, Acharya Sonowal and officials of District

Administration and UCO Bank at the DC's Office Chamber.

Deputy Commissioner B. Henok Buchem expressed gratitude to UCO Bank for its CSR initiative, noting that the contribution of movable assets would support administrative work and public service delivery, particularly field activities. He hoped the initiative would lead to a long-term partnership and encourage similar CSR efforts by other banks.

UCO Bank Branch Head, Kohima, Timothy, highlighted the bank's presence in Nagaland and its commitment to financial inclusion and grassroots development. He stated that the bank's CSR activities focus on community upliftment, financial inclusion, environmental sustainability, and rural development, and expressed hope for continued collaboration with the district administration for public welfare.

SBI DONATES EXECUTIVE OFFICE CHAIRS TO MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

The State Bank of India donated executive office chairs to the Municipal Affairs Department, Kohima on 20th August 2026 under the Corporate Social Responsibility 2026-2027.

Director, Municipal Affairs, Temjenrenla Kechu, expressed her appreciation to the SBI for the gesture and conveyed her gratitude to the institution. During the interaction, they discussed various services offered by the SBI, including housing loans and other schemes, and agreed to explore opportunities for collaboration in the interest of the general public. Kechu also emphasized the importance of installing solar streetlights and providing waste disposal trucks in towns, and requested the SBI to consider supporting these initiatives under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes in the future, if feasible.

The handing taking was undertaken by DGM (B&O) SBI Jorhat, Narendra Pratap Singh, officials from SBI and Director, Temjenrenla Kechu and other officials from Municipal Affairs.

KUDA VILLAGE LEADS THE WAY IN COMMUNITY-DRIVEN WASTE MANAGEMENT

At a time when solid waste management has emerged as one of the greatest environmental challenges facing urban, peri-urban and rural communities in Nagaland, Kuda Village in Dimapur District is setting an inspiring example through a community-led sanitation movement that combines public participation, indigenous innovation and long-term environmental planning.

The Kuda Waste Management Committee, functioning under the Kuda Village Council, has unveiled an ambitious village-wide sanitation project for 2026 aimed at creating a sustainable and self-reliant waste management system. The initiative builds upon more than two decades of experience in waste collection, recycling and community participation.

Formerly known as Nagarjan Village, it was officially renamed Kuda Village following a Ministry of Home Affairs notification dated July 11, 2008. The village comprises three Khels - Kuda A, Kuda B and Kuda C - and had approximately 3,000 house tax-paying households as of March 2026.

A Turning Point

The need for a dedicated waste processing and disposal facility became urgent after the Dimapur Municipal Council's dumping site stopped accepting waste from several neighbouring colonies and village councils, including the East Dimapur Town Committee, in early 2026. The development prompted Kuda Village to accelerate plans for establishing its own scientifically managed waste processing facility.

Following extensive surveys, several locations were examined before Seithekima was selected as the most suitable site due to its remoteness from human settlements, favourable terrain and accessibility. Demonstrating remarkable community commitment, Kuda Village purchased approximately 50 puras of land at Seithekima for Rs. 82 lakhs entirely through community resources.

The proposed site is connected by an existing approach road and is located about 25 kilometres from Kuda Village via the Patkai four-lane highway, making it ideal for long-term waste processing and scientific disposal.

Building on Two Decades of Experience

The present initiative is rooted in the pioneering work undertaken in Kuda C Khel. As early as 1998, concerned citizen Alhoulie Belho initiated to organised waste collection using a handcart. The effort gradually evolved into a structured sanitation programme. In 2003, the Kuda Village Council formally constituted the Waste Management Committee, which began trial waste collection services in Kuda C Khel. Monthly sanitation fees collected from households enabled the committee to operate a pickup vehicle with dedicated sanitation workers, providing door-to-door waste collection services.

The committee soon realised that merely collecting and dumping waste was not a sustainable solution. This understanding led to experiments in waste processing, recycling and resource recovery. Among its early initiatives were vermicomposting of biodegradable waste, collection of kitchen waste for pig farming and conversion of waste plastics into fuel through small-scale

pyrolysis. The experience gained in Kuda C Khel later served as a model for sanitation initiatives introduced in Kohima Municipal Council wards during 2009-10 under the Chief Minister's Corpus Fund.

Indigenous Innovation in Waste Processing

One of the most remarkable aspects of the Kuda model is its emphasis on local innovation.

In late 2020, two local innovators - Er. Kelhousesi Angami and Mhiesilhouto Savino - volunteered to design and fabricate indigenous waste-processing equipment using locally available materials, with financial support from the Kuda Village Council. Guided by the principles of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle (3R), the Kuda Village Waste Processing Facility today operates several locally developed machines that significantly reduce the amount of waste requiring final disposal.

The facility currently handles nearly one truckload of waste every day, processing approximately 2950 Kgs of waste daily.

The indigenously developed equipment includes a segregator for separating mixed waste; a manual baler for compressing plastic waste into transportable bundles; a mini pyrolysis unit that converts waste plastics into combustible oil; a glass crusher producing glass sand for manufacturing construction blocks; a thermocol shredder that converts discarded thermocol into material for lightweight building blocks; and a plastic bottle cutter that transforms discarded bottles into durable broom fibres.

These innovations have significantly improved waste recovery while reducing the volume of waste requiring final disposal.

Vision for the Future

Speaking on the evolution of Kuda Village's waste management initiative, waste management expert Er. Kelhousesi Angami recalled that the community had initially purchased a 90 ft by 100 ft plot at Master Colony in Dimapur to serve as a waste disposal site. Over time, however, the site became overwhelmed with accumulated legacy waste, the removal of which cost several lakhs of rupees. Beyond the financial burden, the unmanaged waste also posed environmental and public health concerns for families living in the surrounding area.

"That experience taught us an important lesson-not to simply dump waste but to lay the groundwork for long-term planning through recycling and proper disposal," he said.

Angami said the committee subsequently conceptualize the Waste Processing Facility at Seithekima, located about three kilometres away from human settlements, with a vision of developing a sustainable waste management system. Plans are also underway to develop the site as an Integrated Resource Recovery, Agro Forestry and Eco Learning Park.

He noted that students and educational institutions frequently request visits to the facility for practical learning, but the present site at Kuda lacks adequate infrastructure to accommodate such programmes.

"The new site will take that into account. We want it to become a place where people, especially students, can learn through hands-on experience," he said.

Expressing optimism about the project, Angami said, "We should give our best to make this project a success and make Seithekima Village proud to host such a facility. We hope villages across Nagaland

will be inspired by this project."

While acknowledging the role of the government, he stressed that public participation remains the cornerstone of successful waste management. "The government may help, but ultimately the success of such a project depends on the residents of the village," he remarked.

Advocating a more sustainable approach to waste management, Angami said greater emphasis should be placed on recycling rather than merely banning plastics. Referring to the principle of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), he stated that manufacturers should be made responsible for taking back and managing the waste generated from their own products.

He also pointed out that although government agencies distribute dustbins, they often become full within a few days without an effective system for collection and disposal.

"Ultimately, it is the people who will pay the price, so people must develop the responsibility to tackle the waste problem," he said, adding that banning the burning of waste under the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 would have little meaning without practical alternatives for waste disposal.

Stressing the need for coordinated efforts, Angami said convergence among all stakeholder departments is essential for effective waste management. Citing the example of Black Soldier Fly experiment, he explained that kitchen waste (wet waste) can be converted into protein-rich feed for fish and poultry through the BSF, demonstrating the potential of resource recovery.

"Even if entrepreneurs are willing to invest in waste recycling, they cannot succeed unless people provide the raw material through proper segregation. The government can handhold the sector by supporting the procurement of recycled products," he added.

The newly acquired Seithekima site is envisioned as much more than a dumping ground. Future development plans include scientific waste segregation units, improved internal road connectivity, plantation of bamboo, fruit and commercial tree species, and the development of agro-horti-forestry demonstration plots. The village also plans to involve youth by allocating cultivation plots where sustainable farming practices can be demonstrated, promoting environmental awareness and the dignity of labour.

The committee is also planning the phased procurement of additional tipper trucks and smaller collection vehicles to strengthen village-wide door-to-door waste collection services.

Sustainable Financing

To ensure long-term sustainability, the Village Council has proposed a structured sanitation financing model.

A one-time contribution towards the acquisition and development of the waste processing site has been proposed from households, institutions and commercial establishments, followed by regular monthly sanitation fees to support waste collection, transportation, vehicle maintenance and payment of sanitation workers.

Digital payment facilities, QR code-enabled transactions, separate receipt systems and weekly monitoring mechanisms have also been proposed to enhance transparency and accountability. The committee believes the model will generate sufficient resources not only to sustain operations but also to gradually expand waste management infrastructure.

The initiative is also in line with the Supreme Court's emphasis on effective implementation of the Solid Waste Management Rules and is expected to benefit from funding opportunities under the Sixteenth Finance Commission for rural and urban local bodies.

A Model for Community Partnership

Chairman of the Kuda Village Council (Waste Management Committee), Ajabu Meru, informed that while all the proposed waste management machinery may not be installed immediately, the committee plans to operationalise the basic facilities within the next couple of months.

"All the machinery may not be set up at once, but the basic requirements are expected to be put in place within the next couple of months and made operational. We will gradually scale up the recycling facilities with the support of Er. Kelhousesi Angami and Mhiesilhouto Savino, who are the brains behind this initiative," Meru said.

He added that the committee is currently focused on completing the final approach road within the site and securing electricity connectivity to enable the facility to commence operations at the earliest.

The Kuda Village Sanitation Project demonstrates how community participation, local leadership and indigenous innovation can together create practical solutions to environmental challenges. By combining scientific waste management with strong community ownership and local innovation, the village has transformed what began as a local sanitation initiative into a promising model of sustainable development.

As the proposed Integrated Resource Recovery, Agro Forestry and Eco Learning Park take shape at the Seithekima site, Kuda Village is demonstrating that sustainable waste management is not merely a government responsibility but a collective community endeavour. With sustained public participation, institutional support and strategic partnerships, the initiative has the potential to become one of Nagaland's most replicable models for village-led waste management.



Medal winners Sudeh Lamliu and Rishi Doimary with coaches at the 5th India Taekwondo National Championship 2026 at Pune, Maharashtra on 19th August 2026.



Development Commissioner, Nagaland, Y. Kikheto Sema with delegation from Sikkim Government led by Karma N. Bhutia, Secretary to the Chief Minister of Sikkim during their visit to Nagaland at Development Commissioner's office chamber at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima, on 31st August 2026.



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio launching the Nagaland Integrated Information System (NIIS) in the presence of Advisor, IPR and S&WC, Daochier I Imchen, Commissioner & Secretary, Orenthung Lotha and Director, Dzüvinuo Theünuo during the 80th Independence Day celebration at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 15th August 2026.

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Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers, GoI, Jagat Prakash Nadda, along with other dignitaries during his visit to landslide affected areas at Mon Town on 5th August 2026.



Attendees taking part in the F1 SIM Racing India Open Time Trials as part of the ongoing TXG Expo Nagaland 2026 held at NBCC Convention Centre, Kohima on 28th August 2026.



Advisor, S Kiusumew Yimchunger with cultural troupe during the celebration of Metümnyo festival at Multipurpose Hall, Pungro Town on 8th August 2026.



DC Chumoukedima, Polan John, NCS, along with other officials during the introduction of the Swachh Hunters to Promote Clean and Litter-Free Town held at DC's office, Chumoukedima on 24th August 2026.



Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Village Guards, C. L. John, inspecting the parade contingents during the 80th Independence Day celebration at Chumoukedima on 15th August 2026.



Minister for Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse, inspecting the parade contingents at the 80th Independence Day celebration at Dimapur on 15th August 2026.



Advisor, Department of Science & Technology, Kuzholuzo Nienu, inspecting the parade contingents during the 80th Independence Day celebration at Kiphire, on 15th August 2026.



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio inspecting the parade contingents during the 80th Independence Day celebration at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on 15th August 2026.



Minister for Roads & Bridges, G. Kaito Aye, delivering the Independence Day Speech at Longleng on 15th August 2026.



Advisor for NSDMA and Inland Waterways, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe hoisting the National Flag on the occasion of 80th Independence Day celebration at Meluri, on 15th August 2026.



Minister for Rural Development and SIRD, Metsubo Jamir inspecting the Parade contingents during the 80th Independence Day celebration at Mokokchung on 15th August 2026.



Deputy Chief Minister, Yanthungo Patton, inspecting the Parade contingents during the 80th Independence Day celebration at Mon, on 15th August 2026.

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Advisor for School Education, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome inspecting the Parade contingents during the 80th Independence Day celebration at Niuland, on 15th August 2026.



Advisor for Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak inspecting the parade contingents during the 80th Independence Day celebration at Noklak on 15th August 2026.



Deputy Chief Minister, T.R. Zeliang, taking the Rashtriya Salute on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day Celebration at Peren on 15th August 2026.



Advisor for Water Resources, Tongpang Ozukum inspecting the parade contingents during the 80th Independence Day celebration at Phek, on 15th August 2026.



Minister for Housing & Mechanical Engineering, Bashangmongba Chang delivering the Independence Day speech at the 80th Independence Day celebration at Shamator on 15th August 2026.



Minister for Health & Family Welfare, P. Paiwang Konyak taking the Rashtriya Salute on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day celebration at Tseminyu, on 15th August 2026.



Minister for Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along delivering the Independence Day Speech during the 80th Independence Day celebration at Tuensang, on 15th August 2026.



Advisor for Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan inspecting the parade contingents during the 80th Independence Day celebration at Wokha on 15th August 2026.



Minister for Public Health Engineering and Cooperation, Jacob Zhimomi delivering the Independence Day Speech at Zunheboto on 15th August 2026.