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Chief Minister, Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio and his lady wife with the outgoing Chief Secretary, Dr. J Alam IAS and his lady wife at the farewell programme of the latter at the State Banquet Hall, Chief Minister's Residential Complex Kohima on 31st July 2025.



Outgoing Chief Secretary, Dr. J Alam with senior government officials during the farewell programme held in his honour at Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 31st July 2025.



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio along with other dignitaries during the World Expo 2025 held at Osaka, Japan on 10th July 2025.



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DoH & FW NOTIFIES ON NURSING

Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima has notified for general information that starting from academic session 2025-26, there will be no more General Nurse and Midwife (GNM) course as previously conducted by the Department of Health & Family Welfare.

With the upgradation of the 3 (three) Schools of Nursing to College of Nursing, namely; College of Nursing, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima, College of Nursing, District Hospital, Dimapur, College of Nursing, Dr. Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital, Mokokchung.

The new course of B.Sc (Nursing) for these colleges will begin from the academic session of 2025-26. The entrance exam will be through the Combined University Entrance Test (CUET- UG) and the seats for the colleges can be availed through the Directorate of Technical Education upon their notification and updates.

The total number of seats per college are as shown:

SN	Name of the College/Institute	Total seats
1	Naga Hospital Authority Kohima	20
2	District Hospital Dimapur	40
3	Dr. Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital Mokokchung	40
Total		100

Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima has notified for general information that starting Candidates have been advised to take note of these changes and visit the necessary websites in due course for information and updates.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION CSS-POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR ST STUDENTS

Based on the revised guidelines of the CSS-Post Matric Scholarship for ST students (dated 01-04-2022), the Scheme Implementing Agency, the department of Higher Education has informed the general public and the student community that, as per guideline P-12, Sl.No. 6. Note 1: which reads *“Self-declarations or affidavits of self-assessment of income shall not be accepted”*. Henceforth, with effect from the Academic Session 2025-26, the Department shall strictly adhere to the guidelines of the Funding Agency available at the Directorate’s website.

Further, every income declaration should carry the caption “FAMILY INCOME CERTIFICATE”. All concerned are to take note of this change. The approved notifications by the State Govt. vide NO.HTE/MISC/SCHO/1-150/2019/1532, dated the 25th November, 2024 is available at the Directorate’s website: www.highereducation.nagaland.gov.in

Non-compliance with the directive shall lead to the rejection of the application.

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RC NAGALAND HOUSE NEW DELHI NOMINATES OFFICERS UNDER RTI ACT

In pursuance of Section 5(1) and (2) and Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the following officers are hereby designated as Appellate Authority (AA), Public Information Officer (PIO) and Assistant Public Information Officer (APIO) in respect of the Office of the Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House, New Delhi.

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NHPS ANNOUNCES HOSPITALS RE-EMPANELLED UNDER PM-JAY & CMHIS

The Nagaland Health Protection Society (NHPS) has announced that the following hospitals have been re-empanelled under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) and the Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS):

1. Eden Medical Centre, Dimapur
2. Olive Christian Hospital and Research Centre, Dimapur
3. Bethel Medical Centre, Kohima

The newly re-empanelled hospitals for the financial year 2025-2026 are:

1. Christian Institute of Health Sciences & Research (CIHSR), Chumoukedima
2. Faith Hospital and Institute of Medical Sciences, Dimapur
3. Nikos Hospital, Dimapur

It has been informed that beneficiaries of AB PM-JAY and CMHIS can now avail cashless treatment at these hospitals. Further, beneficiaries have also been requested to visit <https://cmhis.nagaland.gov.in/hospitalah/2> to view the latest list of empanelled hospitals in Nagaland and list of specialty services of each empanelled hospital.

NHPS has been working actively to re-empanel more private hospitals across Nagaland. Updates will be shared as the process progresses, the press release reported.

For any queries or further information, one may contact the toll-free Helpline No: 1800-202-3380.

IT&C INFORMS ON ADOPTION OF 1600 NUMBER SERIES FOR GOVERNMENT OUTREACH

The Department of Information Technology and Communications has informed that in pursuance to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)'s letter No.G-6/(2)/2025-QoS (E-15876), dated 06.05.25, to address the problem of unsolicited and fraudulent communications which have become a serious challenge in preserving public trust and

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ensuring effective delivery of legitimate information, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has assigned “1600 number series” to the Government (Centre/State) entities for making service and transactional voice calls to the citizens, such as applications for passport, birth/death certificates, driving license, tax reminders, etc, to enable citizens to easily recognize, trust and answer such calls.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has notified the second amendment to the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations (TCCCPR), 2018, vide Regulations 22.(i).(i).(A) (enclosed) has also instructed Telecom Service providers to allocate this series promptly to authorized entities.

In this regard, all the concerned Departments under the State Government are requested to ensure early adoption of “1600 number series” for all future government service and transactional calls to ensure a secure and citizen-friendly telecom ecosystem while enhancing the credibility, outreach and effectiveness of Government programs.

DoSE NOTIFIES ON SMILE APP IMPLEMENTATION

The Department of School Education, Kohima, has notified that the Smart Attendance Management & Informative Leaves (SMILE), also known as Teacher Attendance Monitoring System (TAMS), is a pioneering initiative under the NECTAR project, implemented by the Department of School Education, Nagaland, with the support of the World Bank. It employs advanced facial authentication technology coupled with geo-fencing to ensure that employees mark their attendance within the designated school and establishment premises. This system aims to improve accountability, transparency, and accuracy in attendance tracking throughout the state.

To strengthen the initiative, the Department, through the NECTAR project, has provided tablet devices for all government schools and education establishments at the Blocks, Sub-Divisions and District Headquarters. These devices serve as dedicated kiosks for marking attendance. The App also works on all Android and iOS smartphones.

Furthermore, the SMILE app is equipped with an offline attendance feature, enabling users in network-deficient areas to mark attendance without active internet connectivity. The app can store offline data for up to 30 days, which gets synchronized automatically upon network availability. Additionally, the application includes an attendance regularisation feature that allows users to request correction of attendance for days they were unable to mark due to technical reasons or official duties.

The SMILE APP went live on 1 February 2025, making it mandatory for all employees under the School Education to mark their attendance using the SMILE app. During the initial rollout, users experienced several issues, including poor application performance, high dependence on internet connectivity and long loading times due to heavy server traffic. As a result, users often had to make multiple attempts to mark attendance with a low success rate.

Since February, the SMILE app development team has been actively addressing the issues by continually optimising the application to enhance user experience and reliability.

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Technical issues faced by users have largely been resolved, and the SMILE app has undergone significant improvements in recent months. As with any IT-enabled system, the SMILE app may occasionally face technical glitches, which should not discourage its usage.

From 1 February to 30 June, out of a total of 2,002 schools and establishments (data as of 1-7-2025), 132 schools and 5 establishments have achieved attendance above 80%. However, it has been observed that 27 schools have not marked any attendance, and 1,525 teachers and employees have not marked attendance even once during the same period. The number of schools and establishments with below 50% attendance is 1,071. It has also been observed that many employees have attempted to mark their attendance using methods that fall under the “suspicious” category.

Taking cognisance of the above issues, the Department notifies that attendance is being closely monitored; therefore, it urges all teachers and staff to diligently use the SMILE app. It should be noted that action will be initiated against defaulting employees and schools. In this regard, heads of institutions are directed to be more vigilant to ensure regular usage. In areas where there is no internet connectivity, the SMILE app Coordinator must take the kiosk tablet to a networked area every 30 days. For redressal of any issue, users may avail these helplines: 8974102488 / 6909644519.

CENTRE ISSUES DIRECTIVE TO STATES ON PROPER USE OF NATIONAL EMBLEM

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India, has issued a directive to all State Governments, Union Territories, and Central Ministries to ensure strict compliance with regulations governing the display and use of the State Emblem of India. The directive follows recent observations by the High Court of Karnataka regarding the unauthorized and improper use of national symbols, emblems, and names at various public and private venues.

The emblem, depicting three lions from the Lion Capital, with a galloping horse and bull on either side and the Ashoka Chakra in the center, along with the motto “Satyameva Jayate” in Devanagari script, is the official seal of the Government of India. Its use is governed by the State Emblem of India (Prohibition of Improper Use) Act, 2005, and the associated Rules notified in 2007 (amended in 2010).

The MHA has reiterated earlier advisories issued on 4 August 2016, 5 February 2019, and 3 February 2025, calling for widespread awareness and enforcement of these provisions. The recent directive, in light of the High Court’s order dated 4 April 2025 in Writ Petition No. 4635 of 2024, lays out specific measures for immediate implementation.

The High Court, while hearing a PIL filed by the High Court Legal Services Committee, expressed concern over the rampant misuse of national and state emblems on private vehicles and in public spaces. The court noted that names and logos of constitutional bodies and commissions were being wrongly displayed by individuals and organizations without authorization. It emphasized that such symbols carry deep significance—representing power, truth, and governance—and must not be diluted by misuse or improper display.

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Accordingly, the Court directed authorities to remove unauthorized flags, emblems, seals, and stickers within four weeks and to sensitize officials and implementing agencies to prevent further violations. The Ministry's advisory reflects these directions.

Key instructions issued include:

1. Removal of unauthorized emblems, logos, and symbols through public notices;
2. Sensitization of officials and implementing agencies;
3. Legal action against offenders;
4. Involvement of schools and law students in awareness drives;
5. Framing of penalties and regulations, especially under transport laws;
6. Special training for traffic police to detect and respond to misuse.

The ministry has urged government departments to educate the public through print and digital media and take action against officials and private individuals displaying the emblem incorrectly or without authority.

The circular has been dispatched to all Chief Secretaries, Administrators, and Central Ministries. It has also been copied to key constitutional offices including the President's Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, Election Commission, and both Houses of Parliament.

The Centre has underlined the need for immediate and coordinated steps to uphold the dignity of national symbols and prevent their unauthorized use.

NAGALAND GOVERNMENT ISSUES ADVISORY TO IDENTIFY AND ENROLL CHILDREN INVOLVED IN BEGGING INTO SCHOOLS

In a significant move aimed at protecting the rights of underprivileged children, the Directorate of School Education, Government of Nagaland, has issued an official advisory to identify and enroll children involved in begging into government schools. The notification, dated 17th June 2025, follows the advisory issued by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) for the protection and rehabilitation of impoverished, uneducated children, women, and differently-abled individuals engaged in begging.

The advisory, signed by the Principal Director, Shashank Pratap Singh, IAS, has called upon members of NGOs, Municipal/town/village councils, churches, student unions and the general public to report details of such children to the Child Helpline 1098 enabling their enrollment in the nearest government schools.

The Department of School Education specifically seeks to identify:

1. Out-of-school children aged 6–14 years who are not enrolled or have dropped out of school before completing elementary education, including those found begging.
2. Children aged 3–6 years whose parents are engaged in begging and are not enrolled in pre-school, Anganwadi, or Balvatika centers.

All District Education Officers (DEOs), Sub-Divisional Education Officers (SDEOs), and Senior SDEOs under Zunheboto district have been instructed to coordinate with the concerned District Child Protection Units and Child Welfare Committees to facilitate the admission of such children as per the provisions of the Right to Education Act, 2009.

NAGALAND ENTERS PHASE 2 OF PIONEERING SCHOOL SAFETY COMPLIANCE COURSE

The Government of Nagaland, in partnership with the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), the Department of School Education (DoSE), and NagaEd, has officially launched Phase 2 of the Nagaland Disaster Management School Safety Policy (NDMSSP) Compliance Course. The course is a mandatory digital training program aimed at equipping teachers across government and private schools with critical disaster preparedness and school safety skills.

The NSDMA SSP Compliance Course, launched on December 1, 2023, by the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, witnessed 7,567 teachers register in Phase 1, with 3,193 educators already certified, showing strong early interest.

Phase 2 Now Live – A Call for Full Participation; aiming for all teachers to complete the course and to bring in new participants.

Key Highlights of Phase 2:

- **Deadline for Completion (Phase 1 Registrants):** Teachers who enrolled in Phase 1 but have not completed the course are strongly urged to finish it by June 30, 2025.
- **New Registrations:** Teachers who have not yet signed up must register during Phase 2 and complete the course to receive their certificate.
- **Peer Support:** Teachers who have already completed the course are encouraged to support their peers in registering and completing the course.
- **Final Deadline for All Participants:** October 31, 2025.

- **Recognition:** Schools with the highest number of certified teachers will receive special recognition.

How to Register and Access the Course:

1. Visit: <https://education.nagaland.gov.in>
2. Search for NDMSSP Course and click 'Read more'.
3. Click on 'Click here to Register' to sign up
4. Click on 'Click here to Login' to access the course.
5. After completing the course, download your certificate from the dashboard.

Support and Assistance

- Contact your EBRC Coordinator for block-level guidance.
- Call +91 9863869718 for technical or registration support.

Commitment to a Safe Learning Environment

The Compliance Course is a comprehensive, self-paced digital training program, equips teachers with crucial safety skills through interactive videos, quizzes, and real-life case studies without affecting regular teaching schedules.

“Ensuring school safety is not just a mandate, it is a moral responsibility. Our collective effort in digitising safety training ensures that no teacher, child, and school are left behind, regardless of location,” said Johnny Ruangmei, Joint CEO, NSDMA.

“This initiative reaffirms Nagaland’s commitment to school safety and showcases the power of digital learning to reach every educator, even in the most remote areas,”

said Kevisato Sanyü, Co-Founder of NagaEd. education.

As Nagaland moves towards full compliance, this program stands as a model for how technology and partnership can bring about meaningful transformation in

Over 7,500 Teachers Registered in Phase 1 – Government Calls for Statewide Completion by October 31, 2025.

NAGALAND OBSERVES GST DAY 2025 IN DIMAPUR

The Office of the Commissioner of State Taxes, in collaboration with the Commissioner of Central GST, observed GST Day 2025 on 1st July at the Conference Hall, Taxes Colony, Lengrijan, Dimapur. The event marked eight years since the rollout of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) under the theme “GST: Simplifying Taxes; Empowering Citizens.”

Additional Commissioner of CGST, Sashi Wapang Lanu, highlighted GST’s transformative impact in Nagaland, calling it a “game-changer” that boosted revenue, promoted digital compliance, and integrated the state into the national economy. He noted the Northeastern states recorded a 27% compound annual growth in GST revenue from 2017 to 2023, with Nagaland contributing its second-highest collection in April 2025. The state now generates up to 70% of its tax revenue from GST, enabling investment in critical sectors. Lanu also shared upcoming plans to launch a certificate course via NACIN Shillong to train local GST professionals as “GST Mitras.”

Certificates were awarded to officers, technicians, taxpayers, and a chartered accountant for exemplary compliance. Amongst the awardees, Rohan Abraham, Jesmina Zeliang and representatives from Symbios Creations Pvt. Ltd. shared their experiences with GST compliance and appreciated the digital transparency it offers.

Special Commissioner of State Taxes, Mhathung Murray, in his closing remarks, praised the awardees as role models for responsible tax practices, while the event was chaired by Deputy Commissioner of State Taxes (Hq), Tokatoli Sohe.



Special Commissioner of State Taxes, Mhathung Murry, along with officials and awardees during the GST Day celebrations at the Conference Hall, Office of the Commissioner of State Taxes, Dimapur on 1st July 2025.

CHIEF MINISTER EXPRESSES URGENCY TO EXPEDITE DEVELOPMENT OF DIMAPUR AIRPORT

Nagaland Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio has called for urgent action to expedite the long-pending expansion of Dimapur Airport, the state's only airport serving Nagaland and nearby areas of Assam and Manipur. Despite its strategic importance and increasing passenger traffic, the project has stalled due to unresolved land issues.

While the State Government has cleared 17.9 acres of encroached land and the CRPF has vacated 8.4 acres, 18.8 acres under Assam Rifles' occupation remains untransferred, delaying Phase I of the airport's development, despite an alternate land was allotted to Assam Rifles at Shokhuvi village, Chümoukedima district.

A high-level meeting chaired by Abhijit Sinah, IAS, Additional Secretary (Police II), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on July 1, 2025, was convened to resolve the issue.

Representatives present in the meeting included Myingthungo Ababe Ezung, OSD, Transport Department, Government of Nagaland, Moa Pongen, Director, Dimapur Airport, Deputy General Manager (Civil Engineering), AAI and representative from Assam Rifles. The Chief Minister and Chief Secretary Dr. J. Alam have made appeals to the Union Home Ministry, stressing that Assam Rifles has a fully operational facility at Shokhuvi and should vacate the current land. They argued that since this is a transfer between two central agencies, Assam Rifles and AAI, structural compensation isn't applicable.

The State Government continues to push for MHA's directive to facilitate the immediate land transfer, emphasizing the urgency of expanding this critical infrastructure.

ONE-DAY TRAINING ON FREE DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES FOR LABORATORY TECHNICIAN HELD

One-day training in two batches, for Lab Technicians on Free Diagnostic Service from the Districts under the State was held on 3rd of July 2025 at the Conference Hall of Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima. The training was organized in collaboration with the Regional Resource Center- North East, Guwahati (RRC-NE).

Dr. Raj Prabha Moktan, Director of RRC-NE, Guwahati, emphasized the critical role of lab services in both clinical and preventive public health. Highlighting the need for focused improvement, she said RRC-NE is supporting capacity building in this area. With the upcoming National Health Mission (2025–2030), there will be

increased emphasis on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and e-Health, requiring lab services to advance accordingly.

She urged the State to strengthen lab services across all health levels as per IPHS standards. Dr. Raj praised the State's low infant mortality rate of 7 (SRS 2022), fewer anemia cases among pregnant women compared to national figures, and the strong performance of Health & Wellness Centres—78% functional, with 83% offering full services. She also acknowledged the State's strong community involvement, leadership in Health Units on National Quality Assurance Standard (NQAS) certification, and expressed confidence in

achieving 50% certification by 2025 and 100% by December 2026. Additionally, she commended the State's rational transfer and posting policy.

Dr. Mereninla Senlem, Principal Director, DoHFW appreciated the Director, RRC-NE, Guwahati for her support, especially towards Nagaland's Aspiration Districts and Blocks. She emphasized the vital role of lab technicians in ensuring accurate diagnoses, which are key to proper treatment and encouraged them to continually upgrade their skills through trainings. She also mentioned that the State's Paramedical Institute has started B. Sc program in Lab. Technology to support career advancement.

Dr. Avile Zao, Mission, Director, National Health Mission (NHM) encouraged the Lab. Technicians to actively participate in the training, highlighting it as a valuable opportunity to enhance their skills. She emphasized that well-trained lab technicians are essential for improving diagnostic accuracy and overall quality of lab services in the State.

Dr. Sentimeren Aonok, Director,

DoHFW emphasized the goal of providing accessible, affordable, quality and timely health care. He noted the importance of such training in the state and thanked the RRC-NE and NHM, Nagaland team for their initiative.

Dr. Manyau Phom, Deputy Director, NHM gave an overview of Free Diagnostic Service Initiative (FDSI) in the State. The participants were trained in two batches, on the 3rd of July, Lab. Technicians from the Districts of Mon, Noklak, Peren, Phek, Tuensang, Wokha, Zunheboto and Longleng and the rest of the Districts of Kohima, Dimapur, Mokokchung and Kiphire on the 4th of July 2025. They were trained on Free Diagnostic Service Initiative (FDSI), Internal Quality Control, EQAS and hands on training.

Resource persons for the training included Bhaswat Kumar Das, Senior Consultant, RRC-NE; Pumani Kalita, Consultant, CP-CPHC (RRC-NE) and personnel from Trimed with which NHM has a MoU for maintenance of Medical Equipments across the State and OEM on Equipment.

NBSE HSSLC ACHIEVERS FELICITATED WITH CASH AWARDS AT USTM CAREER WORKSHOP

The University of Science & Technology Meghalaya (USTM) felicitated top achievers of the NBSE HSSLC Examination 2025 with cash awards and certificates during a "Career Opportunities Workshop in the context of NEP 2020" held at Livingstone Foundation International School, Dimapur on 4th July 2025.

The event was attended by several eminent dignitaries including former Nagaland Chief Secretary Alemtemshi Jamir (IAS Retd.), Vice Chancellor of North

East Christian University Dr. Darlando T. Khathing, Prof. Pauline Alila of Nagaland University, USTM Chancellor Mahbubul Hoque, USTM VC Prof. G.D. Sharma, and former Nagaland Home Minister Thenucho Tunyi.

Speaking at the event, Alemtemshi Jamir, IAS (Retd.) and former Chief Secretary of Nagaland, praised USTM for its mission and vision. He commended the university for being a model of diversity and inclusivity, attracting students from across

the Northeast and beyond. Highlighting its emphasis on skill development, innovation, and real-world readiness, he noted that USTM embodies the spirit of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

“NEP 2020 is more than a policy change; it’s a philosophical reimagining of education for the 21st century,” he stated. He stressed the importance of equipping youth with skills, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary learning to build a self-reliant and progressive India. Jamir also encouraged institutions like USTM to lead the way in adopting holistic, learner-centric education models.

Prof. Pauline Alila highlighted how NEP 2020 promotes multidisciplinary, practical, and tech-integrated learning, fostering innovation and global competitiveness.

The workshop featured interactive

sessions on career planning, emerging fields, and the impact of NEP 2020 on higher education and employment trends. Students, parents, school teachers, and educationists from across the region took part.

Dr. Kughatoli Aye, Head of Sociology thanked all guests and participants for making the event impactful. More than 150 students have successfully cleared the UGC/CSIR NET examinations this year from the university. The USTM, an ‘A’-graded NAAC university, has been ranked among India’s Top 200 by NIRF for three consecutive years. With over 6,500 students—many from rural and tribal backgrounds—it offers significant scholarships. This year, USTM announced 50 full scholarships for meritorious and underprivileged students from Nagaland, along with free UPSC coaching support for five deserving candidates annually.

NAGALAND GOVERNMENT DELEGATION ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO JAPAN TO FOSTER COLLABORATIONS AND DEVELOPMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS

A high-level delegation from the Government of Nagaland on an official visit to Japan to explore avenues for collaborations, partnerships, and developmental initiatives with a wide range of stakeholders, including government bodies, private corporations, and civil society organisations. The delegation is led by the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, and includes Chairman Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), Abu Metha, Advisor Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu, Commission & Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Kumar Ramnikant and other senior officers.

Ahead of the Chief Minister’s arrival, the Investment and Development Authority

of Nagaland (IDAN) and the Department of Industries & Commerce have conducted a series of high-level meetings in Tokyo on 4th July 2025. The meetings were led by Abu



Chairman IDAN, Abu Metha; Advisor Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu and Commissioner & Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Kumar Ramnikant with Senior Executives of Nippon Yusen Kabushiki (NYK Line) in Tokyo, Japan on 4th July 2025.

Metha and Hekani Jakhalu.

Building on the strong historical and cultural ties between Nagaland and Japan—particularly through shared World War II heritage and ongoing people-to-people engagements—the delegation held fruitful discussions with key organisations including Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha (NYK Line), the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF), Konnekt Asia, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The deliberations covered a wide range of collaborative opportunities, particularly in the fields of human resource development across sectors such as agriculture and allied services, hospitality, healthcare, tourism, arts and culture, sports, and film.

The Sasakawa Peace Foundation shared insights into its ongoing projects in the North Eastern States of India, with a focus on people-to-people contact, Track Two diplomacy, peacebuilding, and knowledge exchange. Metha emphasised the shared wartime legacy between Japan and Nagaland and highlighted the importance of transforming the painful memories of war into constructive partnerships for peace and cooperation.

JICA expressed interest in expanding human resource exchange programmes by linking Japanese industry requirements with Indian talent pools. The Chairman of IDAN conveyed appreciation for JICA's ongoing

work in Nagaland and discussed potential areas of further collaboration.

With NYK Line, discussions centred on the company's contributions to Nagaland and the scope for expanding engagements, particularly in the services and hospitality sector, to generate employment and capacity-building opportunities for the youth.

The delegation also visited Kochi Prefecture, where detailed deliberations were held on joint initiatives related to human resource development, skill enhancement, capacity building, and technology transfer in sectors such as food processing, agriculture, and allied industries. The teams explored the possibility of signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of Nagaland and the Government of Kochi, a Japanese Prefecture.

Nagaland's high literacy rate, English proficiency, and strong social and cultural capital were highlighted as key strengths. The State Government also presented its new Industrial Policy, which offers incentives and a conducive environment for investment and responsible business practices.

These exploratory meetings serve as a foundation for the official engagements scheduled during the Hon'ble Chief Minister's visit to Japan, where the discussions are expected to be further consolidated and formalised.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE DAY CELEBRATED AT MERIEMA

The Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS) Officers and Staff celebrated the International Cooperative Day (Coops Days) under the theme "Driving Inclusive and Sustainable Solutions for better World" on 5th

July 2025 at RCS's Office, Meriema, Kohima.

Minister for PHED and Cooperation, Jacob Zhimomi congratulated various Cooperative Societies, Agri. and Allied Department and Cooperative Department

for their achievements. He emphasized the importance of shared responsibility and collective efforts in strengthening the Cooperative movement in Nagaland, encouraging all to work diligently for the rural upliftment.

Commissioner Secretary, Cooperation and IPR, Orenthung Lotha in his keynote address, highlighted the significance of the day as a celebration of the people behind

the Cooperative movement. He described cooperatives as a resilient and fair model amidst global challenges and urged participants to continue working towards transforming rural communities through cooperation.

Various Cooperative Societies shared their experiences, initiatives and success stories during the occasion.

CHIEF MINISTER DR. NEIPHIU RIO LEADS HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO JAPAN, SIGNS KEY MoUs AND STRENGTHENS BILATERAL TIES

Nagaland Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio reaffirmed the deep-rooted historical and cultural bonds between India and Japan, describing them as “civilizational connections founded on shared democratic values, religious harmony, and a commitment to peace and humanity.”

Speaking during a series of high-level engagements in Tokyo, Dr. Rio emphasised the unique affinity between the people of Nagaland and Japan, stating: “Our shared history and experiences have laid the foundation for a special bond. Today, we are not only remembering the past - we are collaborating to shape a peaceful and progressive future for our youth and future generations.”

Dr. Rio thanked the India Embassy in Tokyo, commending Ambassador H.E. Sibi George and his team for their proactive role in building strong ties between Indian states and Japanese prefectures, calling their efforts “exemplary”.

Key Engagements and Strategic Partnerships during Japan Visit

Dr. Neiphiu Rio arrived in Tokyo on 5th July 2025, accompanied by a high-level

delegation comprising Abu Metha, Advisor to the Chief Minister and Chairman of the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), and Hekani Jakhalu, Advisor, Industries & Commerce. The delegation was received by Ambassador Sibi George and hosted at the Indian Embassy.

During the visit, several significant meetings and agreements were concluded:

1. MoU with Kochi Prefecture: Focused on human resource exchange, employment opportunities for Naga youth in Japan, capacity building, and agri-technology transfer.
2. MoU with ARMS Incorporation: In a meeting with Masayoshi Hamajima, Chairman and Founder of ARMS Incorporation, Dr. Rio discussed enhancing cooperation in human resource development and sports. An MoU between IDAN and ARMS was signed to facilitate long-term collaboration and engagement with local stakeholders in Nagaland.

Dr. Rio also highlighted the Centre of Excellence for Foreign Languages in Nagaland, which trains youth

- in Japanese to expand their global employability.
3. **Deliberations with Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF):** In discussions with Dr. Nobuko Kayashima, Executive Director, the two sides reviewed ongoing collaboration and explored future student and youth leadership exchanges. Dr. Kayashima extended an invitation to Dr. Rio to participate in upcoming policy dialogues in Japan.
 4. **Engagement with Japanese Anime and Creative Industry:** Meetings were held with animation leaders including Erié Watanabe and Taeaki Tanaka of AXON and Toyonaga Hitomi, CEO of Eclat Animal. Famed artist, Toshiyuki Honda, creator of Doraemon, presented his artwork to the Chief Minister and expressed interest in collaborative projects in animation and creative education, especially with Nagaland.
 5. **Interaction with Japan-India Friendship Association (Nagano Prefecture):** Jun Matsumoto, former MP from Nagano, along with officials Masaki Yoshida and Kenichi Kawani, expressed interest

- in agriculture sector cooperation and workforce exchange. Representatives from Nomura Securities Co. Ltd also participated and expressed readiness to explore investment avenues in Nagaland.
6. **Additional Letters of Intent (LoIs):** Agreements were exchanged in the areas of sports, establishment of an engineering college, student and policy-level exchanges, peace-building, and other multi-sectoral initiatives.

All meetings were attended by officials from the Embassy of India and supported by Government of India representatives.

In concluding remarks, Chief Minister Dr. Rio extended heartfelt appreciation to all Japanese stakeholders for their warmth and commitment towards Nagaland. He reiterated the State Government's full support and willingness to build enduring partnerships across sectors.

He stated, "Nagaland is ready to engage globally. Our youth are eager, our people are capable, and our government is committed to forging meaningful, future-oriented partnerships. Japan will always find a special partner in Nagaland."

NAGA ORGANIC OUTLET OPENS IN DELHI

To provide premium organic food products sourced from the farms of Nagaland to customers and food enthusiasts scouring for Naga organic food products in Delhi, an outlet was inaugurated by Joint Resident Commissioner, Nagaland House New Delhi, Sharon Longchari on 9th July 2025 at Humayunpur Village, Safdarjung, New Delhi.

The 'Naga Organic' outlet at Safdarjung, Delhi will act as a delivery point and display

hub of organic products, an initiative under Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER), by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to promote organic farming in NE states.

Longchari said that setting up the outlet in Delhi is a significant milestone connecting Nagaland's farms to the markets of Delhi, enabling buyers to assess organic produce and receive orders directly from



JRC. Nagaland House, New Delhi, Sharon Longchari, with officials at the inauguration of Naga Organic Food Products Outlet at Humayunpur Village, Safdarjung, New Delhi on 9th July 2025.

Nagaland ensuring freshness, authenticity and seamless delivery. She commended the Green Caravan a market linkage and resource institution, and empanelled service provider under the Department of Agriculture, Government of Nagaland, for their support in training, certification, infrastructure and market linkages, calling the venture not just a business but a step toward empowering farmers, strengthening local economies and promoting sustainable organic farming. She added that such initiative will help North East farmers become entrepreneurs with direct access to urban markets like Delhi.

At the store, one can get a variety of food products sourced from 17 Farmer Producer

Company from Nagaland. Some products available are – Dried Naga King Chilli from Peren and Niuland district; ginger candy from Longleng district; single-origin Arabica coffee from Tuophema village; foxtail sticky millet from Meluri and Mon district; Naga Jobsteas from Tseminyu district; Schezwan pepper, sumac powder, turmeric powder from Mokokchung district; soybeans and perilla paste from Tuensang district and wild apple candy from Khonoma village.

The outlet also plans to include more products in the near future. The outlet is located at House No. 71D, Nanz Store Ground Floor, Humayunpur Village, New Delhi – 29.

JICA DELEGATION VISITS NAGALAND

A delegation from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), comprising Arima, Senior Representative; Aditi Puri, Additional Chief Development Specialist; and Mahua Mukherjee, Additional Lead Project Officer visited Nagaland from 7-9th July 2025 to review the progress of the “Project for the Establishment of the Medical College Hospital at Nagaland Institute of

Medical Sciences and Research (NIMSR), Kohima.” The project is being implemented by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland, with financial assistance under the Official Development Assistance (ODA) Loan Agreement No. ID-P322, signed between JICA and the Government of India on February 20, 2024.

During their visit, the JICA team held detailed discussions with officials from the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland. Representatives from the Project Management Consultant (PMC) were also present at the meeting. The delegation visited the proposed project construction site at NIMSR, Kohima, and reviewed preparatory activities for

implementation, as construction work is yet to be initiated.

The visit reflects JICA's dedication to partnering with the Government of Nagaland in building resilient healthcare systems and advancing medical education infrastructure to serve the people of the state more effectively.

DR. NEIPHIU RIO SHOWCASES NAGALAND'S PROMISE AT WORLD EXPO 2025, OSAKA, JAPAN; HISTORIC FIRST PARTICIPATION HIGHLIGHTS INVESTMENT, TOURISM AND YOUTH POTENTIAL

In a landmark moment for the state, the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, delivered the keynote address at a special session of the World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan, on 10th July 2025 marking Nagaland's first-ever official participation at the prestigious global event.

Speaking on the theme "Investment, Tourism and Human Resource Opportunities in Nagaland", Dr. Rio highlighted the state's unique strengths as an emerging destination for sustainable investment and global tourism. He outlined Nagaland's strategic location in Northeast India—serving as a gateway to the ASEAN region—and emphasized the government's strong commitment to creating a secure, transparent, and investor-friendly environment.

"Nagaland offers first-mover advantage across multiple sectors, from agribusiness and eco-tourism to artisanal crafts, technology and creative industries, supported by single-window clearances, best practices, and high implementation standards," Dr. Rio stated.

He also underlined Nagaland's high literacy rate, youthful population, and cultural richness as key enablers of growth.

Significantly, the Chief Minister assured global partners of Nagaland's record of safety and stability, especially highlighting its reputation for women's security and a peaceful social fabric, making it an ideal destination for both tourists and investors.

The World Expo, first held in 1851, is one of the oldest and most significant international exhibitions, hosted every five years with participation from countries across the globe. It serves as a platform for nations to showcase their culture, innovation, and developmental vision to an international audience. The 2025 edition in Osaka, themed "Designing Future Society for Our Lives", focuses on collaboration, technology, sustainability, and inclusive growth. Nagaland's participation at this iconic global platform marks a historic milestone—elevating its visibility, fostering international partnerships, and placing it firmly on the global map as a vibrant, opportunity-rich region.

Following the keynote, a compelling presentation titled "Nagaland – The Land of Festivals: Celebrating Culture, Creating Futures" was delivered by Abu Metha, Advisor to the Chief Minister and Chairman of the

Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN). His presentation brought to the fore Nagaland's vibrant ecosystem, youthful energy, and untapped economic potential.

Metha highlighted the richness of Nagaland's ethnic mosaic, the dynamism of its youth, and the strategic policies in place to drive investment and innovation. He spoke of the internationally renowned Hornbill Festival, the state's growing global recognition in music, arts and sports, and the emergence of Nagaland's creative economy—from gaming start-ups to film production. He also emphasized the robust tertiary sector, abundant natural resources, and a progressive start-up ecosystem supported by state policies such as the Nagaland Start-Up Policy, Tourism Policy 2024, and UNNATI Scheme 2024.

He also emphasised on the agriculture and allied sector, the possibilities for collaborations, transfer of technology and the vast potentials of skilled and talented Human Resources who can bring positive contributions in multiple verticals.

The Nagaland delegation also included Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Government of Nagaland, Hekani Jakhalu who played a key role in coordinating the

state's engagements with international stakeholders.

During the B2B meetings and deliberations with business representatives, Nagaland's Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu, highlighted the state's strong potential for industrial development, particularly in sectors such as food processing, agricultural technologies, and the growing start-up ecosystem. She emphasized the investor-friendly policies of the Nagaland government, the conducive environment for partnerships, and the high skill levels of the state's human resources. Jakhalu also spoke about the vibrant, energetic, and creative youth of Nagaland, expressing confidence that their talent and innovation can significantly contribute to the strengthening of bilateral collaborations.

The session was attended by dignitaries from the Government of Japan, Osaka Prefecture, representatives from country pavilions, and global corporate leaders, further strengthening the message that Nagaland is ready for the world.

This historic debut at the World Expo signals Nagaland's arrival on the global stage—showcasing a confident, creative, and investment-ready state deeply rooted in its heritage and poised for the future.

S. PHANGNON KONYAK CHAIRS STATE LEVEL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF FCI

A meeting of the State Level Consultative Committee (SLCC) of the Food Corporation of India (FCI), chaired by MP (Rajya Sabha) and Chairperson of SLCC, FCI, S. Phangnon Konyak, was held on July 11, 2025, at Hotel Acacia, Dimapur. The meeting was attended by members of the SLCC, officials from the Food & Civil Supplies Department,

Government of Nagaland, and the FCI Regional Office, Nagaland.

S. Phangnon Konyak praised the Food Corporation of India for embracing digital transformation through its app and online portal, enhancing transparency in food distribution system. She noted that Nagaland has consistently received sufficient

rice allocations from the Government of India, while wheat-based allocations are managed by the Social Welfare Department. Commenting the 100% lifting of allotted food grains, she highlighted effective coordination between the State Government and FCI, ensuring beneficiaries across the state receive their entitlements. Konyak emphasized the need to maintain transparency, efficiency, and coordination to ensure that no beneficiary is left behind.

An in-depth presentation highlighted FCI's objectives, procurement and distribution systems, food security schemes, IT initiatives, preventive mechanisms in

place and operations in Nagaland.

The SLCC reviewed agendas like, procurement, quality, storage, transit and storage losses, coordination with the State on Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) including allocation, offtake, and actual distribution for Antyodaya, BPL, and APL families and various Central or State welfare schemes, sale and disposal of stocks, and matter referred by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution or FCI.

Queries from the participants were addressed during the session, with representatives from the State Government and FCI providing relevant clarifications.

ROZGAR MELA HELD IN DIMAPUR; APPOINTMENT LETTERS DISTRIBUTED

The Rozgar Mela, aimed at boosting job opportunities, was held at Town Hall, Dimapur on July 12, 2025. Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of Minority Affairs, Kiren Rijiju, attended as Chief Guest and distributed appointment letters to new recruits from various government departments.

In his address, Rijiju congratulated the appointees, describing their roles as a responsibility to serve the nation. He stressed peace and development in the Northeast, noting its importance to India's growth, and highlighted the country's global stature.

The ceremony included the traditional lighting of the lamp, where MP Rajya Sabha, S Phangnon Konyak and Deputy Chief

Minister of Nagaland, Y. Patton also took part. The programme also featured welcome speeches, and a live telecast of the Prime Minister's address, during which the Rozgar Mela was formally launched. Kiren Rijiju handed over more than 30 appointment letters to selected candidates while the rest were handed over by senior officials.

The 16th Rozgar Mela was held at 47 locations across the country. More than 10 lakh recruitment letters have been issued so far through the Rozgar Melas across the country. The recruitments are taking place across Central Government Ministries such as Railways, Home Affairs, Health & Family Welfare, Labour & Employment and Departments of Posts and Financial Services.

NAGALAND AT BHARAT UTSAV 2025 IN MOSCOW, CM RIO HIGHLIGHTS INDIA-RUSSIA STRATEGIC RELATIONS

Nagaland state participated at Bharat Utsav 2025 – Festival of India, held from 5th

to 13th July 2025, at the iconic Manezhnaya Square in Moscow, Russia. Organized by the

Indian Embassy in Moscow with support from the Moscow City Government, the festival celebrates India's rich cultural heritage and growing entrepreneurial landscape on a global platform.

Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio, as the Chief Guest at the Closing Ceremony of Bharat Utsav 2025 on 13th July 2025 in Moscow, highlighted the enduring and strategic partnership between India and Russia.

Addressing the gathering at the historic Manezhnaya Square, Dr. Rio stated that the festival's grand success has brought India and Russia closer, showcasing the "magic of Indian culture, music, dance, yoga, and cuisine." The event featured special highlights from Nagaland and Gujarat, with vibrant cultural performances and exhibitions.

Speaking about Nagaland, Dr. Rio described the state as "a land of breathtaking beauty and profound cultural richness." He invited the people of Russia to visit Nagaland, experience its deep-rooted indigenous traditions, and witness the creativity of its artisans through its arts, crafts, and textiles. Dr. Rio praised the Indian Embassy in Moscow, led by Ambassador, Vinay Kumar, for organising the festival and acknowledged the support of the Moscow City Government. He extended a personal invitation to the Moscow Government to attend Nagaland's renowned Hornbill Festival.

Nagaland was featured prominently throughout Bharat Utsav 2025. The Department of Tourism, under the leadership of Minister, Temjen Imna Along, promoted the state as a premier tourist destination through the Incredible India campaign. The delegation, which included the Tourism Director, conducted multimedia presentations, distributed literature, and

held interactions to boost interest in travel to Nagaland.

Additionally, the Department of Industries & Commerce, led by Advisor, Hekani Jakhalu, showcased "Made in Nagaland" products at the dedicated Nagaland Pavilion. The exhibit featured traditional textiles, handicrafts, agricultural products, Nagaland Coffee and handloom products, attracting significant interest.

The cultural segment of the closing ceremony featured performances by artists from Gujarat and Nagaland. The 25-member Nagaland delegation, curated by the Task Force for Music & Arts (TAFMA) under Chairman, Theja Meru, enthralled audiences with folk music, traditional dances, fusion music, and a stirring rendition of a popular Russian song, receiving widespread appreciation.

Indian Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Vinay Kumar, the Special Guest of the evening, lauded the enthusiastic response from the people of Moscow and acknowledged the efforts of all participating states. He made special mention of Nagaland's captivating performances and participation, which he said reflected the rich and diverse fabric of India.

He emphasised that Bharat Utsav 2025 reaffirmed the deep-rooted friendship between India and Russia and expressed confidence that the event would further strengthen bilateral ties and people-to-people connections.

In his itinerary, the Chief Minister met various representatives of the Indian community and diaspora, interacted with business representatives and addressed a joint press conference along with the Indian Ambassador. Dr. Rio also participated in an exclusive interview and discussion with

Russia Today television at the headquarters of Russia Today in Moscow, where he also met and interacted with officials of the media

organisation, after which he took a tour of its headquarters.

3-DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME ON 'SPRINGSHEDED MANAGEMENT' HELD

A 3-Day training programme on 'Springshed Management' was held from 15th – 17th July 2025, organised by Water Resources Department, Nagaland in collaboration with Central Ground Water Board, North Eastern Region, Guwahati Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India at the Conference Hall, Chief Engineer's Office, Water Resources Department.

During the inaugural programme, Additional Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Er. Sobu Angami highlighted that the Northern and North-eastern regions of India depend heavily on springs water and glaciers for domestic, livestock, and agricultural needs. In Nagaland too, most water comes from springs, with streams and rivers from these sources supporting irrigation. However, he warned that springs water sources are rapidly depleting due to population growth, land use, climate change,

unplanned development activities and several other factors.

Stressing on Springshed Management, Angami urged action at both policy and field levels. He noted that the government is conducting spring, irrigation and water bodies censuses, with the Brahmaputra Board implementing related schemes in the region. Calling Springshed Management a dormant but technical subject for the department, he called upon the participants to study intervention required, gain knowledge from the resource persons during the three-day training, and work towards implementing projects across all districts.

Resource persons Shashinlo Kent, Anenuo Pienyu and Mophi Mili shared insights on spring studies, springshed management and conducted discussion, interaction and field visits.

A TWO-DAY WORKSHOP ON PAI 2.0 VERSION & THEMATIC GPDP HELD AT SIRD

A two- day SIRD State Level Workshop on PAI 2.0 Version & Thematic GPDP in collaboration with MoPR & NIC, New Delhi was held on 17th & 18th July 2025 at SIRD, Kohima, Nagaland.

In his inaugural address, Commissioner & Secretary, RD & SIRD, Thavaseelan K, IAS underscored the critical importance of implementing Thematic Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) and launching

of Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) Version 2.0 across the State. He emphasized that the successful rollout of these initiatives would enable structured, inclusive village development aligned with the Local Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs). He urged full utilization of the eGram Swaraj Portal as to strengthen transparency and streamline financial governance.

Director SIRD, Vesato delivered the

welcome address while a course briefing was given by Project Manager NIC, New Delhi, Yogesh Kumar. Officials from SPMU,

DPMU, RD and SIRD attended the first day workshop.

WORKSHOP ON DIGILOCKER AND PROCUREMENT SYSTEM HELD IN KOHIMA

The Department of Information Technology & Communication, Government of Nagaland, in collaboration with the National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, conducted a one-day workshop on “DigiLocker (User Experience for Government Application)” and “e-Procurement and eTendering System” on July 18, 2025, at the conference hall of the Directorate of Information Technology and Communication, Kohima.

As Special Guest, Advisor for IT&C, Economics & Statistics, and Evaluation, Sethrongkyu Sangtam, highlighted DigiLocker and the eProcurement system as key tools for transparent, efficient governance in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Digital India vision. He thanked MeitY for supporting Nagaland’s integration into the national digital framework and noted the workshop’s significance for cooperative federalism. Sangtam also launched new DigiLocker e-services, including birth and death certificates, CMHIS cards, and

government ID cards, enabling citizens to securely access official documents online.

Commissioner & Secretary, IT&C, Arenla Jamir, called the workshop a milestone in raising awareness and launching DigiLocker-integrated e-services for secure, paperless exchange. She described DigiLocker as a symbol of efficiency, transparency, and empowerment, and said the eProcurement system can boost competitiveness and accountability. She urged departments to adopt these platforms to drive Nagaland’s digital transformation.

Director IT&C, Er. Sabou Yashu, welcomed participants, noting DigiLocker’s role in providing citizens access to official documents anytime and promoting transparency and efficiency.

Additional Director, NeGD, MeitY, Ajay Kumar, assured departmental support, highlighting benefits for sectors like education, MSMEs, and electricity boards, including reduced paperwork and improved governance.

NAGALAND TAEKWONDO TEAM SHINES AT SEONGNAM OPEN INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN SOUTH KOREA

The Nagaland Taekwondo team brought laurels to the state and the country by securing three gold medals at the prestigious Seongnam Open International Taekwondo Championships held in South Korea from July 18 to 20, 2025.

Led by Kethosituo Sekhose, Director of Youth Resources and Sports, and accompanied by Pele Khezhe, President of the Nagaland Taekwondo Association, Theja Keretsu, Team Manager, and Visabiu Peseyie, Coach, the team delivered an exceptional

performance in a highly competitive event that saw participation from 21 countries.

The gold medal winners from Nagaland are: P. Athongti – Gold in Under 49 kg category; Sentimoa Ozukum – Gold in Under 55 kg category and Vilabizo Nagi – Gold in Under 68 kg category.

The team expressed gratitude to the Government of Nagaland under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio,

and the Department of Youth Resources and Sports under Advisor S. Keoshu Yimkhiung, for the opportunity and support extended to the Nagaland Taekwondo Association and the sporting fraternity as a whole.

The delegation plans to meet with sports leaders and representatives from World Taekwondo to explore avenues for future collaboration and development of the sport in the state.

NAGALAND OFFICIALS DISCUSS AIR CONNECTIVITY WITH CIVIL AVIATION MINISTRY

A delegation from the Transport Department, Government of Nagaland, led by Robert Longchari, Commissioner & Secretary, visited the Ministry of Civil Aviation in New Delhi on July 21, 2025 to discuss key infrastructure and connectivity issues related to air transport in the state.

A detailed meeting was held with Asangba Chuba Ao, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, and officials from MoCA, DGCA, and the Airports Authority of India. The talks focused on airstrip development, heliport

construction, the upgradation of Dimapur Airport, and the expansion of helicopter services under the NSOP Plus scheme.

The delegation included Additional Secretary Sentiwapang Aier, Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to the Chief Minister Hatpha Wangnoa, OSD Transport M. Ababe Ezung, and Deputy General Manager, Nagaland State Transport (NST), Thomas Kiutsangmong. The meeting involved productive discussions and a shared commitment to improving air connectivity in the state of Nagaland.

CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON BARAK RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN HELD AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT KOHIMA

A Consultative meeting on Barak River Basin management plan & collaboration between Indian -EU initiative and Brahmaputra board was held at Chief Secretary's conference hall Nagaland Civil Secretariat Kohima on 22nd July 2025.

In her opening remarks, Director GIZ, Laura Sustersic, said the EU-India partnership aims to share best practices, adapt European experiences to the Indian, and develop sustainable water managing

solutions. Emphasising water's role in economic development, peace, security, agriculture, fisheries, energy, and the environment, she noted GIZ's work in the Ganges Brahmaputra and the Barak River basins. She urged Nagaland to prioritise eco-friendly development while safeguarding its natural environment.

Chairman, Brahmaputra Board, Dr Ranbir Singh IAS, stressed the urgency of addressing the Nagaland's water shortage to

ensure water security in the state. He said it is vital to understand local challenges within the state's river basins and identify potential areas for development. Emphasising equity, sustainability and building, he urged all stakeholders to work collectively for responsible water management for future generations.

Chief Secretary, Dr J Alam IAS, noted that five Nagaland districts face water distress despite high rainfall, with shortages worsening especially during lean season. He said Brahmaputra board projects have greatly benefited the state and that Barak River basin management plan will open new opportunities for water management in the state. Urging a separate plan for Nagaland to

maximise resources, he praised the Board's expertise and expressed hope for continued collaboration on future conservation projects.

IEWI/GIZ team presented a PowerPoint presentation on 'overview of the India-EU partnership and achievements in river basin management'. General Manager Brahmaputra Board Abhay Kumar gave a closing remark on the Barak Basin management plan and Chief Engineer WRD, Er. Thepfusalie Gozie presented the vote of thanks.

During the open discussion session, senior officials of various line departments highlighted their challenges and prospects about the project.

HEALTH WORKER GUIDE, BRIEF ADVICE PROTOCOL, AND TOBACCO-FREE VILLAGE GUIDELINES LAUNCHED IN NAGALAND TO STRENGTHEN TOBACCO CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION

In a major step toward advancing public health efforts in the state, the Health Worker Guide (HWG), Brief Advice Protocol, and Tobacco-Free Village (TFV) Guidelines were formally launched in Nagaland on 23rd July 2025 at H&FW Conference Hall, Kohima. The launch took place during a State-Level Workshop on Strengthening Tobacco Control and Tobacco Cessation, organized by the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland, in collaboration with Vital Strategies, under the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP).

The NTCP, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India developed national resources HWG & TFV. The Brief Advice Protocol (Ask about Tobacco Use, Advice for quitting and Refer to Quitline/ Tobacco Cessation Center) was

created by the Govt. of Nagaland with support from Vital Strategies, New Delhi. It was official unveiled by S. Tainiu, NCS, Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, in the presence of Dr. Mereninla Senlem, Principal Director, H&FW, Dr. Avile Zao, Mission Director, NHM and other department officials.

The tools aim to equip frontline health workers and community institutions with practical guidance to promote behaviour change, deliver brief cessation advice, and support tobacco-free environments.

Dr. Puneet Chahar, Technical Advisor, Vital Strategies led sessions on COTPA and PECA laws, integrating brief advice into primary care, collaboration with vertical programmes, implementation TOFEI guidelines, and sharing national insights on Tobacco Vendor Licensing (TVL).

The workshop brought together district NTCP teams and stakeholders, NP-NCD, NMHP, NTEP and the Department of School Education, highlighting Nagaland's multi-sectoral approach to tobacco control.

Dr. Reyosalu Lase, Jt. Dir (Dental) & SNO NOHP, chaired the workshop. Updates on NTCP by Dr. I. Simon Sumi, Deputy Director (Dental) and State Nodal Officer, NTCP; Tobacco Vendor Licensing by Dr. Arenla Walling, Additional Director (Dental)

and a peer learning session on best practices in record-keeping by Temsuchila Walling, Social Worker, Kohima.

Dr. O. Daisy Ovung, Senior Dental Surgeon and DNO Tuensang, was awarded Best District Nodal Officer; Imkumla Aier was recognized as Best Psychologist (Dimapur); Medongunuo Pienyu as Best Social Worker (Dimapur), and Nukshiwati Longchar as Best District Consultant (Mokokchung).

CM NEIPHIU RIO REVIEWS BORDER VIGILANCE IN HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WITH TOP OFFICIALS

The Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, convened a high-level meeting on 24th July 2025 at the Chief Minister's Residential Complex, Kohima with the Chief Secretary, Director General of Police (DGP), and other senior Government and Police officials to review and strengthen vigilance mechanisms along the Assam-Nagaland border.

The Chief Minister directed the Chief Secretary and the DGP to enhance round-the-clock surveillance and initiate all preventive and proactive measures to detect and deport any potential influx of illegal immigrants. He further instructed the deployment of additional State Armed Police Forces in border areas adjoining Assam.

The DGP informed that Commissioner of Police, Dimapur; Superintendents of Police; and Commandants have been directed to coordinate with district administrations, with OCs of Police Stations in border regions visiting villages, engaging with Village Councils and reporting new entrants. SPs have been instructed to submit daily reports to the Additional Director General of Police (Law & Order), Nagaland.

The Chief Secretary reiterated the importance of maintaining village register of Inner Line Permit (ILP) holders and promptly reporting suspected illegal immigrants or unidentified persons to the district administration and police.

On 21st July 2025, the State Government directed all Deputy Commissioners to maintain heightened vigilance. Following these directives, the Deputy Commissioner Niuland, reported that over 200 vehicles carrying evicted illegal immigrants from Assam were intercepted and deported by the District Administration, Police, and CRPF at various checkpoints. Border patrolling has since been intensified in coordination with all stakeholders.

Deputy Chief Minister for Home and Border Affairs, Y. Patton, has been reported to be personally monitoring the situation. On 24th July, he visited vulnerable locations in Ralan area under Wokha and Niuland districts after eviction operations in Assam. During his visit and in several coordination meetings in the border areas, he commended the district administration, police, GBs, students, youth organizations, and volunteers

for their vigilance.

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, directed the administration, police, and all enforcement agencies to prevent illegal immigration, maintain high alert and protect Nagaland's borders. He called for identifying and evicting illegal immigrants across the State and urged all sections of society, particularly community

leaders and local citizens, to cooperate with authorities, stressing collective responsibility for the State's security.

The State Government remains committed to taking all necessary steps to ensure that the borders of Nagaland remain secure and that illegal infiltration is effectively prevented.

REVIEW MEETING ON PROJECTS CONVENED UNDER DoNER & NEC

A high-level meeting to review projects implemented under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) and the North Eastern Council (NEC) was convened on 24th July under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister, T.R. Zeliang, at the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall. The meeting aimed to assess the progress of ongoing projects and address issues related to delayed and incomplete projects.

Deputy CM urged departments and agencies to prioritize completing long-pending projects, some stalled for over a decade, stressing that the current financial year marks the culmination of the 15th Finance Commission, is crucial for utilizing allocated Ministry funds to avoid affecting future funding under the 16th Finance Commission. Reviewing 26 projects categorized as "Distressed" under NESIDS (OTRI), NESIDS (Roads), and NEC, he noted that the Ministry of DoNER has directed the State government to either finish incomplete projects or refund the funds. Departments with revised timelines must strictly meet them and submit final completion schedule to the Ministry.

The review also covered 16 projects under the erstwhile NLCPR (now NESIDS OTRI) across seven departments: Law & Justice, Youth Resources & Sports, Industry & Commerce, Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), PWD (R&B), School Education, and Health & Family Welfare. Some of these projects were originally sanctioned as far back as 2003. Additionally, five incomplete projects under both NESIDS (Roads) and NEC were identified, with departments assuring completion within revised deadlines.

Several factors contributing to the delays and incomplete status of the projects were discussed in detail, and various strategies were explored to expedite their completion. The Planning Department, acting as the liaison between the State Government and the Ministry, was urged to ensure timely submission of factual data by the implementing departments to streamline correspondence and save valuable time in coordination with the Ministry.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to fast-track the completion of these vital infrastructure and development projects, recognizing their significant role in the region's growth and development.

MoU SIGNED BETWEEN APOLLO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHENNAI AND RBSK, NAGALAND

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Apollo Children's Hospital (ACH), Chennai and Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) Program under National Health Mission (NHM), Nagaland on the 24th of July 2025 at the NHM Mission Director's office for screening and treatment of congenital heart diseases for Children 0 to 18 years of Age.

As per the MoU, NHM will organize screening camps with Apollo Children's Hospital, Chennai in Nagaland, referring children requiring further treatment to ACH, Chennai. Treatment cost will be covered by NHM as per RBSK model, with any excess funded by the Apollo Hospital Charitable Trust. ACH will provide free accommodation for one attendant per patient, train Government doctors and support staff in paediatric cardiac care.

The Mission Director appreciated the ACH for their initiative and hoped that this collaboration will benefit the people of Nagaland by improving access to specialized

medical care and support services. Niranjani. S, the unit head of Apollo Children's Hospital and Women's Hospital, shared positive experience in Meghalaya, Tripura and Arunachal and plans to introduce Tele Consultation and create opportunities for Naga nurses in future.

The MoU was signed by Dr. Avile Zao, Mission Director, NHM for RBSK, NHM, Nagaland and by Niranjani. S, the unit head of Apollo Children's and Women's Hospital for Apollo Children's Hospital, accompanied by D. Rajkumar, Senior Manager, Health Care Services, Apollo Children's Hospital in presence of the State Program Officer, (NHM) Dr. Keveduyi Theyo and Officers from NHM.

NHM has also signed MoU with SKY Hospital and SHIJA Hospitals & Research Institute, Imphal, Manipur in 2018 and Health City Hospital, Guwahati, Assam in 2025 in this regard and has been rendering services in Hearth Screening and Treatment since then.

SCERT CONDUCTS ONE DAY CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP ON REVISED NSQAAF & SSSA AT KOHIMA

A one-day consultative workshop on revised Nagaland School Quality Assessment and Accreditation Framework (NSQAAF) and State School Standards Authority (SSSA), funded by Samagra Shiksha, was organised by the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) Nagaland in collaboration with key stakeholders and education partners at SIEMAT Hall, SCERT, Kohima on 25th July 2025.

Director, SCERT, Keviraleü Kerhuo

welcomed representatives from DoSE, NBSE, SCTE, Samagra Shiksha, NECTAR, ANPSA, ANSTA, Diocese, DIETs, SCERT, and Task Force members and appreciated their contributions. She said the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is being implemented nationwide to make schools nurturing spaces for students' academic, emotional, social, and moral growth.

Kerhuo informed that the Ministry of Education's SARTHAQ (Students' and

Teachers' Holistic Advancement Through Quality Education) plan, developed with over 7,000 suggestions from stakeholders, support this vision. Highlighting Task No. 215, she said it focuses on developing the SQAAC framework to support government and private schools, from pre-primary to higher secondary assess and improve quality through clear standards.

She clarified that SQAAC is a supportive tool promoting transparency, accountability, and integrity, encouraging schools to strive for excellence. In Nagaland, she said, it will be a transformative framework led by SCERT to enhance academic standards and curriculum in consultation with stakeholders, as outlined

in NEP 2020 Paragraph 8.4.

Keviraleü Kerhuo highlighted the workshop as a platform for collaboration and engagement. She expressed confidence that the insights and experiences shared by participants would help make the framework contextually relevant and practical for Nagaland. Concluding, she urged all stakeholders to work together to ensure quality education for every child in Nagaland.

The programme was chaired by Joint Director, SCERT & Convenor NSQAAC, Moalong Imti with a background note delivered by Vice Principal, DIET, Kenilo Semp.

NAGALAND RECORDS SHARP SURGE IN GST REVENUE, 104% JUMP IN JUNE ALONE

The State Tax Department of Nagaland celebrated a significant milestone on 26th of July 2025 at the Office of the Commissioner of Taxes, Dimapur, reporting a sharp rise in GST revenue owing to sweeping internal reforms and intensified enforcement measures.

In a remarkable year-on-year comparison, the department has posted a 43% increase in April, 44% in May, and an astounding 104% in June 2025. Petroleum revenue also saw a substantial 31% rise in the first quarter of FY 2025-26.

The department credits these gains to structural improvements, skill development initiatives, adoption of best practices, and a revamp of enforcement mechanisms. Diligent work by both field officers and the Directorate is now clearly reflected in the revenue figures.

To further support enforcement efforts, Sentianger Imchen, IAS, Additional Chief

Secretary and Finance Commissioner of Nagaland, flagged off four new vehicles, including mobile squads and enforcement Boleros. These will aid field mobility and enhance outreach across the state.

Abhinav Shivam, IAS, Commissioner of State Taxes, thanked the Nagaland Government for supporting the department's operational needs, noting that new vehicles will enhance field operations. He lauded tax officers and business community's growing compliance, while cautioning fake invoicing, ITC fraud, and underreporting.

Shivam highlighted a surge in tax collection as proof of Nagaland's swift GST adaptation and stressed that a stronger tax base increases both state spending and its share in national resources. Calling for collective responsibility, the Commissioner urged citizens and taxpayers to make tax optimisation a public movement to build a stronger, more self-reliant Nagaland.

UNION MINISTER OF EDUCATION DEDICATES 10 PM SHRI SCHOOLS AND LAYS FOUNDATION STONES FOR 23 HOSTELS IN NAGALAND

The Government of India celebrated Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam: the celebration of the 5th anniversary of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 on 29th July 2025 by dedicating PM SHRI schools and laying foundation stones for hostels under the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA). In Nagaland, 10 PM SHRI Schools, one from each district were selected from 49 government schools, alongside 23 hostel projects.

In Nagaland 10 PM SHRI schools recognized as model schools for exemplary NEP 2020 implementation, includes PM SHRI GHSS Chumoukedima, PM SHRI GHSS Kiphire, PM SHRI GHS Kiruphema, PM SHRI Mayangnokcha GHSS, PM SHRI GMS Mon Town A, PM SHRI GHS DC Colony Peren Town, PM SHRI GHS Phusachodu, PM SHRI GHSS Thangjam, PM SHRI GHS, Wokha Village and PM SHRI GHS Nyengching.

Part of the nation's 14,500 school PM SHRI initiative, these institutions will serve as centres of excellence with enhanced infrastructure and NEP-aligned curricula. The dedication ceremony, led virtually by Union Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan from Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

was attended by students, teaching faculty, district administration officials, MLAs, community members, and parents from across Nagaland.

Launched on 2 October 2024 in line with India's Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) aims to uplift tribal communities through coordinated delivery of services in education, infrastructure, healthcare, and livelihoods. DAJGUA is projected to benefit over 5 crore tribal individuals across 63,843 villages in 30 states, via 25 targeted interventions executed by 17 central ministries.

As part of the education intervention under this scheme, it has been stated that 1,000 new hostels are planned nationwide via Samagra Shiksha. In Nagaland, foundation stones for 23 hostels virtually laid by Union Education Minister, with the state event in Kohima was graced by Advisor, School Education & SCERT, Dr Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, Commissioner & Secretary, School Education & SCERT, Kevileno Angami, and officials from DoSE, Samagra Shiksha, SCERT, and NBSE, onsite at TM GHSS, Kohima.

NAGALAND ORGANIZES MEGA IDENTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT CAMP FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (CWSN) TO MARK THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEP 2020

To celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Nagaland Education Mission Society, Samagra Shiksha, organized a Mega

Identification and Assessment Camp for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) in collaboration with Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) under the National

Health Mission, Department of Health and Family Welfare in Kohima, on 29th July 2025.

The inaugural program held at the Directorate of School Education, Kohima witnessed the participation of 82 children with special needs from five EBRC Blocks in Kohima District. The initiative aimed to identify, assess, and facilitate support services for children with a range of disabilities to ensure appropriate educational interventions and access to entitlements.

Advisor, School Education & SCERT, Government of Nagaland as the Special Guest reaffirmed the Government's commitment to equitable and quality education for all children, including those with special needs under NEP 2020. Additional Secretary, School Education & SCERT, Vikhweno Chale (NCS) highlighted the importance of early identification and intervention in enhancing educational outcomes for CwSN. Commissioner & Secretary, School

Education, Kevileno Angami, and HoDs of all sister departments attended the program.

The camp organized at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK) with dedicated team comprising 11 doctors and 9 RBSK members screened children for disabilities, such as visual, locomotor, hearing, dental, ENT, intellectual and developmental issues. Hearing aids were fitted on-the-spot for those with hearing loss and eligible children received disability certificates for access to government schemes and support.

This initiative reflects the Government of Nagaland's continued efforts to translate the principles of NEP 2020 into actionable outcomes, particularly for marginalized and vulnerable groups. By aligning education with health and social welfare services, the state moves one step closer to achieving inclusive, equitable, and quality education for all.

7th BATCH OF SCHOOL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME HELD AT SCERT

The 7th batch of the School Leadership Development Programme (SLDP) for over 50 School Heads held at SCERT, Kohima, in collaboration with the NECTAR project. The one-month certificate programme, covers seven key areas including perspective on school leadership, developing self, transforming teaching-learning process, building and leading teams, leading innovations, leading partnership, and initiatives in school education.

At the inaugural programme on 29th July 2025, SCERT Reader Benjungdenla Yaden noted that with the 7th batch completing training on 29th August 2025, all school heads in Nagaland will be trained, followed

by an evidence-based study to guide future steps.

Commissioner & Secretary, School Education & SCERT, Kevileno Angami emphasized SLDP's mandatory role in promotions, urged use of the SMILE app and called on school heads to stay committed to student growth.

Director, School Education, Razouseyi Vese, commended school heads for their dedication to improve their leadership skills, stressing that strong leadership is key to a school's success and urged them to continue learning to do justice to their responsibilities toward the department, the school, and students.

Additional Director & Cell Head, SIEMAT, SLA, SCERT, T. Lima Longkumer highlighted that 21st century schools need confident teachers, a spirit of innovation and strong leaders who inspire others. He encouraged fostering 21st century skills – the four C's: Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, and Critical thinking.

Deputy Director, DoSE, Nellayappan B, noted that the school head's role has shifted from a relaxed post to demanding

high-responsible position requiring skills, including technology. He urged the attendees to be approachable and share expertise with colleagues.

Programme Manager, P3 Consortium NECTAR, Aishwarya Santhosh, stressed the importance of self-reflecting to overcome challenges and become effective school leader, adding that a 'Nagaland School Leadership Award' is being developed to honour outstanding leaders.

JOB FAIR HELD IN KOHIMA

A Job Fair under the Ministry of Labour & Employment jointly organised and led by National Career Service for Centre for SC/ST Kohima and Regional Employment Exchange (MCC) Kohima, AIDA, Don Bosco Job Placement Network Dimapur, was held at Regional Employment Exchange Kohima (MCC), Directorate of Employment SDE, Kohima on 29th July 2025.

R. S. Siipuni Pou, the Sub-Regional Employment Officer, National Career Service for Centre for SC/ST Kohima, informed that such Job Fair are organised from time to time

around the year to create a platform for job seekers across the state who are unemployed so as to employ them in different companies across the state and country. The candidates seeking for these jobs are first screened and interviewed before being employed.

R. S. Siipuni Pou said Job Fair had five companies namely Chillibreeze, Talent Acquaintance, SBI Life, T Tec (online Interview) and Apex Motor Enterprise, Dimapur, Nagaland conducting the interview to recruit a number of job seekers applying for recruitment.

35th ALL NAGALAND TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN LONGLENG

The 35th Nagaland Taekwondo Championship 2025-cum-under 14 Catch Them Young tournament commenced in Longleng with 486 participants on 29th July 2025, with a formal inaugural programme on 30th July 2025 at Multi-Purpose Indoor Stadium Longleng with MLA and Advisor Information Technology and Communication & Economic and Statistics, Evaluation Government of Nagaland, H. Sethrongkyu

Sangtam, as the special guest and Deputy Commissioner Longleng W. Manpai Phom, as the guest of honour.

The Championship was organised by the All Nagaland Taekwondo Association in collaboration with the Directorate of Youth Resources and Sports, Nagaland, and hosted by the Longleng District Taekwondo Association.

The special guest, H. Sethrongkyu

Sangtam, commended the achievement of Naga youth in sports and other fields at national and international levels, making the State proud. He said the government under the Chief Minister's leadership, is promoting sports, music and other sectors, aiming to match the success of other states. Encouraging youth to pursue their passion, he assured government support for those committed to excellence, while urging them to avoid drug abuse for successful future. He concluded by wishing the participants and congratulating the organisers.

Guest of honour, Deputy Commissioner Longleng, W. Manpai Phom, highlighted Taekwondo's role in fostering discipline and fitness, urging players to take sports seriously and excel. Encouraging sportsmanship and friendship among participants, he congratulated the organising committee for their dedication.

The keynote address was delivered by EAC Longleng, Tsalimse Sangtam and the presidential address was delivered by the



Advisor, IT&C, Economics & Statistics, Evaluation, H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam and DC Longleng, W. Manpai Phom at the medal award ceremony held at the Multipurpose Indoor Stadium, Longleng on 30th July 2025.

President of Longleng District Taekwondo Association and the President of All Nagaland Taekwondo Association.

NSS BIDS FAREWELL TO SEVEN OFFICERS RETIRING IN 2025



Farewell programme in honour of Nagaland Secretariat Service officers retiring in 2025, held at the Secretariat Conference Hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 30th July 2025.

A farewell program in honour of Nagaland Secretariat Service officers retiring in 2025- cum-NSSA General Body meeting was held at Secretariat conference hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima on 30th July 2025.

The NSS cadre bid farewell to seven NSS officers which includes Additional Secretary, Imtitemsu, Under Secretary, Arenla Imchen, Deputy Secretary, K Libanthung Patton, Joint Secretary, Thejangusanuo Savino, Joint Secretary, K Tsapongla Sangtam, Deputy Secretary, Rhonthungo Andreas, and Section Officer, Neirienuo Mepfhuo-o.

Deputy Secretary, Economic & Statistics, Rhonthungo Andreas, speaking on behalf of the retiring officers, thanked colleagues and staff for their support, acknowledged the significant progress of the association and urged officers and juniors to remain committed and grounded in serving the people.

NSSA President, Chubasangla Longkumer stated that this was the second phase of the 2025 retirement program, honoring seven officers set to retire in the next six months and wished them a happy retired life.

FAREWELL PROGRAMME OF IMTIANGSHI AO, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF PRISONS HELD

A farewell programme in honour of outgoing Inspector General of Prisons,



Retired Inspector General of Prisons, Imtiangshi Ao, delivering his speech at the farewell programme in his honour at the Directorate of Prisons, Kohima on 30th July 2025.

Imtiangshi Ao, was held at Directorate of Prisons, Kohima on 30th of July, 2025.

Director General of Prisons, Renchamo P. Kikon, IPS congratulated the outgoing officer on his retirement. He commended the retiring I.G. for his unwavering sincerity, dedication and steadfastness in always choosing what was right. Kikon also highlighted the humility and grace that shaped Ao's leadership, leaving a lasting impression on all who worked with him.

In his farewell address, Imtiangshi Ao expressed gratitude and encouraged his subordinate officers to carry forward the spirit of dedication. He urged them to work with commitment and strive towards improving Prison condition in Nagaland.

NAGALAND BIDS FAREWELL TO CHIEF SECRETARY DR J ALAM

A farewell programme in honour of outgoing Chief Secretary Dr. J. Alam, IAS was held at Nagaland Civil Secretariat,

Kohima on 31 July 2025.

In his address, Dr. J. Alam, IAS expressed gratitude, describing the event

as a celebration of shared remembrance, professional camaraderie and heartfelt celebration of his journey in public service. Calling Nagaland his home and inspiration, he said its terrain, culture and the people had shaped him both as civil servant and as an individual.

Alam, reflecting on his tenure since assuming charge as Chief Secretary of Nagaland on 29th January 2021, said he knew he was stepping into a role that demanded administrative acumen and deep sensitivity. He recalled many defining moments of the past few years whether it was steering the State through the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic or shaping roadmaps for climate resilience, agricultural transformation and digital governance, and remarked that each challenge brought with it, its own lessons and each success carried quiet but meaningful rewards with many milestones being achieved as a result of shared dedication and collective effort.

Dr. Alam emphasised that his legacy isn't about the numbers of files signed or meetings conducted but it's about how lasting and positive change he brought to the state. He further expressed confidence that his successors will continue to work towards Nagaland's prosperity. He encouraged all the government officials to remain inspired and continue to provide unwavering and true service to the people of Nagaland. He also reminded the officers that public service is about remaining firm in the face of adversity, calm in crisis, and gracious even when unseen.

Dr. Alam also acknowledged the media fraternity for their invaluable role in shaping public understanding and fostering a positive contribution towards a prosperous society.

Additional Chief Secretary and Finance

Commissioner, and incoming Chief Secretary, Sentianger Imchen IAS, on behalf of the State Government, spoke on the occasion. As a batch mate officer of the outgoing Chief Secretary, Imchen began his address by sharing personal experiences he had with him from their time together as young officers at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie to now serving the State Government in their respective capacities.

He also gave a brief summary of his service tenure in Nagaland, and adding on the achievements of the outgoing Chief Secretary, he emphasised his role in taking measures that led to significant changes in the state administration and bringing about changes in the lives of the citizens of Nagaland namely in settling and sanctioning of pension papers before the date of retirement for the government employees, conceptualising and launching the Nagaland Solar Mission and Nagaland Skill Mission to capitalise on the potential of the state and equipping the youth with the right skillset respectively.

Imchen also extended his appreciation to his lady wife for her continued support and patience throughout his service life. He ended his address by stating that although Dr. J. Alam has held several pivotal positions in the State and Central Government, it is in his role as the Chief Secretary of Nagaland that his leadership has shone the brightest and hopes that he continues to come across opportunities to serve the nation.

Principal Secretary, Y. Kikheto Sema. IAS chairing the event remarked that Dr J Alam was a responsible administrator who functioned with admirable clarity and order. He added that his systematic way of working was always prompt, always responsive; never leaving a file unattended or a task incomplete

was truly commendable.

Sema said that Alam is one of the luckiest Chief Secretaries because throughout his tenure of nearly five years there were no major upheavals or disruptive events. Sema pointed out that it was not merely a matter of fortune but a reflection of his foresight and steady leadership.

Short speeches were also delivered by IAS Association, IPS Association, IFS Association, NCS Association, NPS Association, NSS Association, CANSSEA, FONSESA, NSSA, Grade IV Association (Secretariat), Director General of Police, Rupin Sharma, IPS and Assistant Chief Engineer CAWD, Er Sungtiba Amer.

Home Commissioner, Anoop Khinchi, IAS pronounced the vote of thanks while State Chaplain, Rev. Izietlung Tering invoked blessing for the event. AHODs & HODs, senior officials from various departments, family members and well-wishers attended the program.

Dr. J. Alam joined the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1991 with an All India Rank of 12, was allotted the Nagaland State Cadre. In the 1990s, he served in Phek and Mon districts at the sub-divisional level and as Deputy Commissioner of Tuensang for approximately three years. He later held State Government roles as Additional Secretary Finance and Secretary

of the Department of Industries, Commerce & Sericulture.

In 2003, Dr. Alam went on Central Government deputation, serving as Zonal Head in the Directorate General of Foreign Trade for approximately a year, followed by role as Private Secretary to a senior Cabinet Minister in charge of Fertilizers, Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals, and Steel.

Returning to Nagaland in 2010, Dr. Alam served Home Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer (CEO). From April 2013, he was Joint Secretary in the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Between August 2016 and February 2020, he served as Joint Secretary and later as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Minority Affairs, focusing on matters related to the socio-economic development of the six religious minority communities in India. During this period, he managed affairs related with Haj pilgrimage, transferred from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to the Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA).

Upon his return to Nagaland in February 2020, Dr. Alam assumed the position of Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister and as Development Commissioner of Nagaland. He assumed the position of Chief Secretary, Nagaland in January 2021.

CHIEF MINISTER DR. NEIPHIU RIO AND HIS LADY WIFE HOSTS FAREWELL PROGRAMME FOR OUTGOING CHIEF SECRETARY DR. J ALAM

A farewell programme in honour of outgoing Chief Secretary of Nagaland, Dr. J. Alam, was hosted by the Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio and his lady wife at the State Banquet Hall, Kohima, on 31st July 2025.

Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, thanked Dr. J. Alam, IAS, for his exemplary leadership and unwavering dedication to the people of Nagaland, despite the State and its people still reeling through difficult times due

to ongoing social crises and challenges. He described him as calm, wise and composed, someone who always carried himself with dignity and excelled in every situation with amenable solutions.

The State had gone through social unrest, starting from headhunting to war, followed by the Naga Political Issue, insurgency, AFSPA, etc., which manifested the complexity of Nagaland and its people. Therefore, it is not easy for any bureaucratic officer to make decisions or give justice in such situational challenges. However, the outgoing Chief Secretary, with his wisdom and leadership quality, could manoeuvre such situations and defied all odds and obstacles in handling the issues exceptionally during his stint as the Chief Secretary of Nagaland, Rio said.

Dr. Rio further mentioned a few instances where the outgoing Chief Secretary played a vital role and successfully converted them into a reality under his leadership, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, the establishment of the State's first Medical College, the State Solar Mission, etc. He also thanked his lady wife for her continued support and motivation to her husband for an illustrious career and the services rendered to the Naga people.

Dr. J. Alam, in his address, thanked the Chief Minister for marking his retirement from the service with such honour and for entrusting him with key responsibilities, especially during the last five and a half years which included his tenure as the Chief Secretary of the State.

Alam, while looking back on his career, recollected his time as the District

Commissioner of Tuensang during the late 1990s, when there were increased tensions in the district due to the insurgency prevalent at the time, and there was grave danger to his life while carrying out his duties. He believed his time there truly shaped him, and every other grave experience that he faced after it was lighter in comparison to it, which instilled in him a sense of calmness and resilience in his work. Further, as advice to the bureaucrats, he emphasised the importance of political leaders having complete trust in them to work at their full capacity, and working alongside one another.

J. Alam said he felt much honoured having received so much love and affection from the people of Nagaland, and truly feels he is one of their own. Serving the state of Nagaland, he said, has been one of the most enriching chapters of his life, and one which has taught him the true meaning of leadership, teamwork and commitment to public service. He thanked the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Ministers, Council of Ministers, Advisors, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and his colleagues in the civil and police services for their cooperation and constant camaraderie, which made it a true privilege for him to have been of service to the State Government.

J. Alam remarked that he leaves Nagaland with the belief that his best years lie ahead, praising the true resilience of Nagas, their rich culture and growing institutional capacity, and the Chief Minister's visionary leadership. Lastly, he said that his journey in Nagaland will continue to grow, not in designation but in spirit.

The programme ended with a song "Nagaland as You'll Remember" by TaFMA.



LONGKHIM SDPDB APPROVES LADP SCHEME

Longkhim, SDPDB Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of ADC & Vice Chairman SDPDB, Anoka H Assumi on 30th June 2025 at DUDA Hall, Longkhim, Tuensang.

Proposal for Local Area Development programme Scheme including Common Pool for the year 2025-26 for 52 A/C Longkhim-Care was discussed and approved for onward submission to the government.

The proposal for sanction of Annual Fund for maintenance of emergency exigencies for maintenance of government assets and to address natural calamities for quick remedial measures submitted by

the district administration was thoroughly deliberated and approved for onward submission to the government.

Regarding construction of Pucca toilet at the IRP Quarter (Lodgement) at Longkhim, the house discussed and approved the matter to be taken up by the concerned PHED department for construction under AMRUT Scheme. The board also recommended for registration of Anadong Progressive Society at Tsadang Village under Chare Circle. The house also discussed for posting of a regular SDO or JE (Housing) at Longkhim to redress immediate issues concerning the department.

FREE TABLE TENNIS SUMMER COACHING CAMP HELD SHAMATOR

A Free Table Tennis Summer Coaching Camp was organized by Shamator District Table Tennis Association (SDTTA) in collaboration with DHEW Shamator and Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan on 1st July 2025 at the Multi Sports Stadium under the theme “Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to

Sports”. The programme was chaired by Khetsula DHEW, welcome address by EAC Shamator, I. Yentinoungbou, President SDTTA followed by a speech by SDO (C) Shamator HQ, Athrong. The camp registered 60 participants for the coaching.

KIPHIRE DLSA LAUNCHES FIRST LEGAL CAMP UNDER SAATHI CAMPAIGN 2025

The Kiphire District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), in collaboration with the Aadhaar Enrolment Center, Kiphire and the Department of Economics and Statistics, Kiphire successfully organised its first legal awareness and outreach camp under the SAATHI Campaign 2025, held at District Court Complex, Kiphire on 30th June 2025.

The Legal Awareness Camp, organized

as part of the national SAATHI initiative of the National Legal Services Authority (NLSA), was conducted at two major locations in the district: the District Court Complex, Kiphire, and the ADC Office, Pungro Town. These camps aimed to identify destitute and vulnerable children under the age of 18 years and facilitate their Aadhaar registration, issuance of Birth Certificates

and Permanent Residential Certificate thereby enabling them to access a range of government schemes, educational benefits, and legal entitlements.

The initiative witnessed active participation from parents, guardians, and community stakeholders across various areas under Kiphire jurisdiction. During the campaign, approximately 85 children were successfully registered for Aadhaar, 46 children were issued Birth Certificates and 39 children were issued Permanent Residential

Certificates, marking a significant step in digital and legal inclusion.

The success of the camp was made possible by the collaborative efforts of multiple departments, notably the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, the Department of Economic and Statistics, the Aadhaar Enrolment Centre Kiphire, and the Kiphire District Legal Services Authority. The coordinated approach ensured smooth facilitation and immediate service delivery.

TOOLKIT HANDING OVER CEREMONY PROGRAMME HELD AT PHEK

District Industry Centre, Phek in collaboration with District Administration, Phek, organised a Toolkit Handing over Ceremony for PM Vishwakarma at DC's Conference Hall, Phek on 2nd July 2025.

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, PM Vishwakarma, Phek, Rhosietho Nguori, NCS, handed over the toolkits to 38

beneficiaries and requested them to make the best use of the toolkits to generate employment.

A brief report on PM Vishwakarma was highlighted by Athrise, Functional Manager, DIC, Phek and a report from Common Service Centre (CSC) was delivered by Thupubu Venuh.

DLCC UNDER NTCP MEETING CONVENED AT ZUNHEBOTO

The District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) under the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) convened a meeting at the DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto on 2nd July 2025. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto, Dharam Raj, IAS.

Deputy Commissioner highlighted recent seizures of illegal liquor, drugs, and tobacco products in the district and urged the Town Council to conduct awareness programmes and take stringent action against illegal vendors operating in residential colonies. He also emphasized the need for geo-tagging and mapping of all licensed

shops within the town and permission to sell tobacco products should not be granted to pharmacies, bakeries, grocery stores, toy shops, and stationery stores. He called for regular inspections and enforcement drives to be conducted fortnightly and stressed the importance of installing signboards in front of shops to display tobacco regulations.

District Nodal Officer of the NTCP, Dr. K. Rosy Yhome, presented an overview of the activities undertaken by the NTCP and the National Tobacco Control Cell (NTCC) Zunheboto since 2019. She emphasized efforts to promote tobacco-free institutions, villages, health units, and homes, and highlighted

the provisions of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA).

During the event, Cedar School, Aghunato Town; Bright Wave School, Tokiye Town; Government Middle School (GMS) Tokiye Village; Government High School, Satami Village; GMS Shevishe Village and GMS Keltomi Village were recognized and awarded for being tobacco-free Schools.

INDOOR BADMINTON STADIUM INAUGURATED AT TULI SUB-DIVISION

A significant milestone in the promotion of sports and community development was marked with the inauguration of the Double Court Badminton Indoor Stadium at Tuli Sub-Division, Mokokchung, on 5th July 2025. Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of Mokokchung, inaugurated the stadium as the Special Guest.

Deputy Commissioner lauded the community's initiative in undertaking such infrastructural development and remarked that it is the people and not merely resources that drive progress in society. He thanked the SDO (Civil) & Border Magistrate, Tuli, for his tireless efforts and initiative, which led to the successful construction of the stadium and encouraged greater community participation, stating that such involvement enhances the effectiveness of government initiatives in the region.

The entire project was completed at an approximate cost of ₹34 lakhs, sourced through community contributions, expecting to serve as a hub for badminton activities, talent development, and inter-district tournaments in the days to come.

PEREN DPDB FOCUSES ON SCHEMES, SCHOOLS & SOCIAL WORK

The monthly Peren DPDB meeting was held on 7th July 2025 at DC's Conference Hall, Peren, under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman, DPDB Peren, Hiazu Meru.

The board approved the following: LADP/Common Pool/Iconic Schemes for 2025-2026 concerning 6th Tening and 7th Peren Assembly Constituencies; Rectified the earlier DPDB approval by amending the proposal title from "Commission of Town Council at Ahthibung Town" to "Constitution of Town Council at Ahthibung Town" to reflect the correct terminology; Formation of Rural Upliftment Society at Tening Town, following the recommendation of EAC Tening; Proposal for GMS Sector-A and GHSS Jalukie conversion into a composite school, aiming to streamline and strengthen the educational structure in the area; The house also resolved to conduct monthly social work at District Headquarters and Sub-Divisional offices to promote cleanliness and community participation.

School authorities highlighted challenges faced by the schools, including additional infrastructure need, and initiatives taken at the school level. Emphasizing importance of quality education, DC urged schools to organize career guidance and counselling programmes. Addressing GHSS Ahthibung's concern over poor building conditions, the DC said that a letter will be sent to the state government.

Regarding a viral photo of a teacher and a student crossing a hanging bridge over the

Mangleu River, actually taken three-year ago, has prompted action. The DC said GHS Lilen's Headmaster has earlier requested for the bridge construction and the proposal has been sent to the 9th Assam Rifles for consideration under the Military Civic Action (MCA) initiative, with a response awaited. The DC has asked the DEO, Peren and SDO (C), Ahthibung for detailed report.

The DC also emphasized the need for reliable internet for government offices and urged the service providers to improve connectivity. Officials from ATMA, Peren highlighted the initiatives, and awareness drives undertaken by the department across the district.

BADMINTON COACHING CAMP FOR GIRLS AT KOHIMA

The District Administration, in collaboration with the District Hub for Empowerment of Women, Kohima (DHEW) and Kohima District Badminton Association (KDBA), concluded a two-week Badminton coaching camp for girls under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) on 7th July 2025 at the Indoor Badminton Stadium, Thegabakha, Kohima.

Deputy Commissioner Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, NCS, graced the program as special guest, emphasized the importance of identifying one's interests and talents by attending in such camps and programs. He also encouraged the participants to excel in their academic studies while cultivating their talents in sports and other fields. He urged the participants to be consistent and expressed hope that through this camp, they would go on to win medals and awards in the field of badminton and make Kohima district proud.

Kesoneinuo Kense, Gender Specialist, DHEW Kohima, highlighted the BBBP scheme, while Khriekuonuo Khezhe, Women Secretary, KDBA, reported that girls aged 8-15 years participated, and sports gear provided where needed.

Participation certificates and cash prizes were presented to all participants of the coaching camp, and the concluding remark was given by the VP, Administration, KDBA, Kekhrie Pfukha. The program was chaired by Secretary, KDBA, Seto Khate, and the invocation was led by Pastor, Chandmari Fellowship, Kohima Ao Baptist Church, Dr. S.N. Among Jamir.

LONGLENG DISTRICT OBSERVES ADVOCACY WORKSHOP ON VECTOR- BORNE DISEASES

The National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) held a one-day Advocacy Workshop on Vector Borne Diseases on 8th July 2025 at the CMO Conference Hall with Town Council Members, Dobashis, Ward Presidents, and CSOs.

The objective of the workshop was to sensitise and mobilise key stakeholders on prevention and control of vector-borne diseases, particularly during the monsoon season.

Malaria Consultant, Nyumoi Phom, highlighted diseases burden, symptoms, transmission, diagnosis and preventive measures such as Long-Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLINs), indoor residual spraying (IRS), and environmental management, importance of prompt treatment-seeking behavioural and community surveillance.

During the interactive session, the technical team clarified the stakeholder's doubts and provided solutions to the challenges faced at the field-level.

CMO Longleng Dr. Tiasunep thanked all participants for their active participation and making the workshop a success.

LONGLENG DPDB APPROVES LADP SCHEMES FOR 2025-26

The Longleng monthly DPDB meeting was held on 8th July 2025, under the chairmanship of MLA and Chairman, DPDB Longleng, A. Pongshi Phom, at DPDB hall Longleng. MLA, B. Bangtick Phom also attended the meeting.

After reviewing previous minutes, the board approved LADP schemes for 2025-2026, from 49 A/C Tamlu and 50 A/C Longleng for submission to the Planning and Transformation Department.

In his remarks, A. Pongshi Phom, appreciated the strong presence of officers and urged departments to stay updated on ongoing schemes and projects in the district.

Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB Longleng, W. Manpai Phom, stressed effective implementing schemes and highlighted upcoming developments, including a new Bank of Maharashtra branch in Longleng town.

MLA, B. Bangtick Phom, called on HoDs to cooperate with both MLAs and

support recommendations for the district's upliftment.

The proposal from SDMC Sakshi on teacher shortage at Government High School, Sakshi, was discussed and the DEO was asked to verify and present a report in the next meeting.

On behalf of the organizing committee, Chingdam Phom, highlighted the upcoming 35th All Nagaland State Taekwondo Championships-cum-Catch Them Young scheduled from 29th July to 30th July 2025, to be hosted by Longleng District Taekwondo Association, and sought full support from all HoDs.

The DC encouraged innovative ideas for sports promotion and noted that the committee's proposal aims to secure funding without burdening departments. The Department of Sericulture is entrusted to present its activities in the next DPDB meeting.

KOHIMA DPDB REVIEWS AND ADDRESSES DISTRICT ROAD CONDITIONS

The monthly meeting of the Kohima DPDB was held on July 9, 2025, at the DPDB Hall, Kohima. The meeting was attended by Kevipodi Sophie, MLA and Chairman of DPDB, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhütso, MLA and was chaired by Deputy Commissioner B. Henok Buchem, NCS.

The meeting featured presentations on new society registrations, departmental reports, particularly focusing on road conditions across the district.

Er. P. Mendang Lepden, EE (NPWD-NH), highlighted landslide-prone areas, attributing damage to debris dumping,

overloading trucks, and weak soil. He reported on site visits with local village councils and mitigation efforts near New KMC Welcome Gate and Mohonkola Junction.

Er. Wapang, EE (NPWD R&B-South), shared the 2025–26 road status, noting monsoon-triggered landslides and the formation of Monsoon Surveillance Squads led by Sub-Divisional Officers for emergency response.

Er. Semasie Katiry, EE (NPWD R&B-North), outlined pre-monsoon maintenance and highlighted ongoing challenges such as damages from unregulated quarrying, logging, and unplanned road development. He emphasised that while development is inevitable, it must be planned and responsible, urging public awareness against

illegal dumping, unapproved road cuts, and blocked drainage.

Er. Keneizezo, EE (Urban Development-1), updated on repair works across from AZ Phizo Park to BSF Camp and NBCC Junction to High Court Junction in Meriema including drain and pothole repairs. Similar ongoing activities along Box Cutting Road, PWD Traffic Point, and other major locations.

Er. Imsunaro, EE (KSCDL), reported on roadworks from NH-29 (Assam Rifles) to IG Stadium, with a retaining wall of 43.5 meters in length and about 6 meters in height completed and a JCB in place to response any emergencies.

Viketuno Chüsi, SDAO, presented the department's activities under central schemes.

DEPUTY CM Y. PATTON CONDUCTED SURPRISE INSPECTIONS AT WOKHA GOVERNMENT OFFICES

In a firm push for administrative discipline and workplace accountability, Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister, Yanthungo Patton conducted surprise inspections across several government departments in Wokha on 9th July 2025, reinforcing the state's commitment to its 'No Work, No Pay' policy.

The inspection began at the Department of Transport, followed by Agriculture Department and Water Resources Department. During the inspections, The Deputy CM reviewed attendance registers and conducted physical verification of staff presence. He ordered salary deductions for the absentees and directed that their names be forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner

for further action. Employees who were found missing despite being marked as present was deemed absent and salary deductions were similarly ordered.

The Deputy CM reiterated the importance of punctuality, proper leave procedures, and consistent attendance as fundamental responsibilities of public servants and further warned that more unannounced inspections will be carried out in the coming months to ensure strict compliance.

In addition to enforcing accountability, the Deputy Chief Minister also took time to listen to departmental grievances and operational challenges, assuring officials that necessary follow-up actions would be initiated.

CHIEF SECRETARY REVIEWS FLOOD SITUATION IN DIMAPUR; URGES IMMEDIATE RELIEF AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACTION

Dimapur District has been severely impacted by flash floods following continuous heavy rainfall from July 5 to 8, 2025. Cumulative rainfall over the four days reached approximately 959.076 mm, with some locations reportedly recording as much as 3600 mm. The floods have overwhelmed drainage systems, submerged roads, and displaced several families.

In response, an emergency meeting of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) was convened on July 9, 2025, at the Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner's Office, Dimapur. The meeting was held following the visit of Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam, IAS, and Advisor for New & Renewable Energy, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe, to assess the on-ground situation.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary emphasised the need for swift field-level response and active coordination among all concerned departments, including the Dimapur Municipal Council (DMC), PWD, Health, PHED, and the Police. He reminded

all attending members as part of DDMA and must contribute to the collective response effort.

The DDMA report noted the district was unprepared for the heavy rains, which caused severe waterlogging in several areas, and relief operations had to be initiated immediately. The Chief Secretary commanded the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) for their prompt action despite limited resources, and assured for more rescue boats and funds on priority.

Fears of waterborne disease were raised, and the Chief Medical Officer was directed to begin field assessments in low-lying areas. Medical teams distributed mosquito nets and emergency medical kits.

Deputy Commissioner of Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang, NCS, chaired the meeting where he presented the "DDMA Dimapur Incident Report for Flash Floods (July 5–8, 2025)". The presentation highlighted field updates, damages, and plans for immediate relief and long-term infrastructure strengthening, focusing on the airport, and vulnerable highway zones.

SHAMATOR DPDB DISCUSSES KEY DEVELOPMENT AGENDAS

Shamator District Planning & Development Board (DPDB) meeting was held on 9th July 2025 at DB's hall Shamator. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB Shamator, Chubatemjen.

After reviewing the previous DPDB meeting minutes, the following agendas were discussed: Representation for

change of name from Chessore to Kiusoru; Proposal for Police Reserve DEF Shamator; Registration of Hop Foundation Welfare Society at Shamator; Registration of Lumyin Welfare Society at Chessore; Proposal for Construction of Government Primary School at Lunthur Village; Inclusion of GIA (Grant-in-Aid) at Sotokur Village were approved and forwarded to the concerned departments.

DLCC MON DECLARES 19 TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS

Mon District held its 9th District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) meeting under National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) on 11th July 2025 at Deputy Commissioner's, Conference Hall, Mon.

Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Wennyei Konyak in his address congratulated the 19 Schools, recently declared as Tobacco Free School and handed over the certificates. He added that it is very encouraging to see many schools and colleges declaring Tobacco Free School zone, especially from sub-division. He appealed the attendees to promote a tobacco free zone besides Schools and educational institutions.

Konyak also congratulated Chenwetnyu Village, the only village in Mon district

to have declared tobacco free village. He also appealed to the people to teach the disadvantages of using tobacco and its effects in the family and society.

Dr. Esther Chophy Ngulli, NTCP Mon presented on NTCP activities and also highlighted on the recently declared 19 Tobacco Free Schools. Altogether she said, there are 77 (Seventy-Seven) schools, 2 (Two) colleges, 69 homes and 1 (one) village Tobacco Free Zone, in the district.

She also spoke on Enforcement Drive to strengthen COTPA 2003 in the district, and requested the officials especially the Police Department, the civil Societies and general public to cooperate for Enforcement Drive. She also appealed to go for an enforcement drive once in a month.

CHIEPHOBOZOU SUB-DIVISION HOLDS DEPARTMENTAL MEETING

The Monthly Chiephobozou SDPDB meeting was held on 10th July 2025 at DB's Court ADC Office, Chiephobozou, Kohima.

Sr. Supervisor, Social Welfare Department, Vilakienuo highlighted that the Preventing of Sexual Harassment (POSH) aims to ensure a safe and respectful workplace, especially for women, by preventing and addressing sexual harassment. She stated that the Policy provides a fair mechanism for reporting and resolving complaints, overseen by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. She added that the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), comprising presiding officer, employee members

and non-governmental organisations, has submitted its member's names to ADC, Chiephobozou.

Presenting on non-biodegradable waste, SDO (PHED) Sedevilie Suohu informed that plastic storage units have been provided to villages for wastes collection, which are sent to segregation unit at Botsa. She added that the Boiling Machine at Chiephobozou under SBM works is nearing completion.

The meeting chaired by ADC Chiephobozou, Alemyapang Longchar, discussed monsoon preparedness and other issues.

MON DISTRICT CONDUCTS DISHA MEETING

Rajya Sabha MP, S Phangnon Konyak, chairing the Mon DISHA meeting at DC's Conference Hall, Mon on 10th July 2025.

The district administration, headed by Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Wennyei Konyak, NCS, hosted the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting at the Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner, Mon on 10th July 2025. The meeting was chaired by Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, S Phangnon Konyak.

After a brief introduction from the Deputy Commissioner and the Chairperson, the members of DISHA, viz. Rural Development, PWD (R & B), CMO, DAO, EE (Power), PHE & DUO gave their presentations on various CSS and other activities/schemes executed by them in the district.

During the meeting, several key issues were presented and discussed. These

included the status of lead banks' awareness campaigns, fund routing under PMAY-G and PMAY-HFA -U, screening camps for TB, Japanese Encephalitis, and sickle cell anemia, shortage of medical staff in Mon district, the progress of road projects by the PWD (R&B) department, the need for smart metering, and challenges in implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) schemes.

While the chairman appreciated certain achievements, such as 100% Aadhaar coverage in two RD blocks and notable progress under JJM, the MP expressed concern over the absence of Heads of Departments (HODs) during the meeting and directed them to submit reasons for their absenteeism.

CHUMOUKEDIMA DPDB DISCUSSES DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The monthly meeting of Chumoukedima DPDB was held on 10th July 2025, at DPDB Hall, DC's, Office, Chumoukedima, chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Chumoukedima, Polan John.

The meeting commenced with introductions, after which, Advisor, Urban

Development & Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio welcomed the new members and thanked the Chief Secretary and Advisor, NSDMA for inspecting flood-affected areas in Chumoukedima, Medzhiphema and Dimapur District. He urged departments to prioritise their schemes, share yearly action

plan and work collectively for the welfare of the public and the State.

Minister, PHED, Jacob Zhimomi, noted that Chumoukedima, bifurcated from Dimapur, was created as a separate district to boost employment and development. Calling it the 'Land of opportunities', he encouraged the members to focus on urban infrastructure, promote business accessible and work together to create opportunities for the people of the district.

After reviewing the previous minute, the board deliberated on society registration and recommended the following societies: Riverine Educational Society at Thilixu Village; Western Satoi Public Union at Chekiye Village, and Sumi Baptist Akukuhou Society at Diphupar- B Village.

Other agendas included finalization of LADP 2025-2026 for 5 Ghaspani-II A/C; Proposal for creation of Post and Construction of Office Building under the establishment of District Agriculture Officer, Chumoukedima; Proposal for creation and establishment of District

Employment Exchange (DEE) under Chumoukedima; Proposal for construction of Office Building and creation of Post under the District Sports Office were discussed, and recommended for government's approval.

The Power Department presented on prepaid metering under RDSS and PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijili Yojana Scheme. SDO, Power, Er. Vikhozolie Nisa highlighted the advantage of smart prepaid meter, noting that it ensures financial stability, flat tariffs, no more bill issues or complaints, free replacement of electricity meter, and energy saving efficiency.

A documentary on conservation of Chathe River Bed Mining, initiated by District Administration and various stakeholders was screened during the meeting to raise public awareness about its present and future consequences.

DCPO (District Child Protection Office), Chumoukedima is entrusted to give its departmental activities in the next DPDB meeting.

PHEK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION INSPECTS OFFICES AT PHEK

The Phek District Administration led by Deputy Commissioner, Rhosietho Nguori, NCS, carried out a series of office inspections at Phek town in July 2025. The inspection began on 10th July 2025 with the office of the Executive Engineer for Water Resources, DRDA (RD).

The main objective of these inspections was to ensure better staff attendance and to make sure employees are present and available in their offices during working days.

During the visits, the Deputy Commissioner held coordination meeting

with officers and staffs. They were encouraged to maintain regular attendance and to carry out their duties with dedication and responsibility, keeping in mind the welfare of the people they serve. The officials were reminded of their roles as government servants and advised that no employee should leave their workplace without prior permission or proper leave from their controlling officers.

At the Office of the District Economic & Statistical Officer, Phek, the DESO shared updates on the department's ongoing

activities and announced the completion of the latest Statistical Report for Local/Block Level Planning 2024. The report, which is now ready for village-wise distribution,

was officially released by Additional Deputy Commissioner of Phek, Thejakhrienuo Nisa during her visit.

NIULAND DPDB REVIEWS DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Niuland DPDB meeting was held on 11th July 2025 at the Conference Hall of the District Commissioner, Niuland.

Deputy Commissioner & Vice chairman of DPDB, Sara S Jamir while chairing the meeting said the administration will be conducting surprise checking once or twice every month and if any office found closed during the working days would be reported to the Chief Secretary for necessary action. She also said officers who plan to be out of station from the district should apply for leave from DC.

Jamir also requested officials from RD Department to complete all schemes/

projects on stipulated time since the department directly deals with each and every household in the district.

Following agendas were deliberated and approved during the meeting: Local Area Development Programme (LADP) 2025-2026; Request for Financial Aid for construction of multipurpose Yoga Hall and Laboratory at PHC, Kuhuboto under LADP Schemes; Renewal of Society Registration (Murumi Society); Upgradation of Abrika Memorial School Zaka from class 5 - 8.

The Lead District Manager (LDM SBI) and Rural Development Department gave presentation on their activities.

DY. CHIEF MINISTER Y. PATTON VISITS FLOOD-AFFECTED AREAS IN DIMAPUR, CHUMOUKEDIMA AND NIULAND

On July 12 2025, Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton, accompanied by Advisor for Tribal Affairs & Election Tovihoto Ayemi, Deputy Commissioners, NSDMA, Urban & Municipal Affairs, Water Resources, and the Home Department and concerned officials conducted an on-site review of flood-affected areas across Dimapur, Chumoukedima, and Niuland districts.

During the visit, the Deputy CM assessed the extent of the damage, interacted with residents, and assured timely government support for relief and rehabilitation. He emphasized immediate and long-term measures, directing departments to fast-track damage assessments and initiate both

temporary and permanent flood mitigation strategies.

Addressing the media, Patton termed the destruction as “unfortunate” and reaffirmed the government’s commitment to support affected communities. He instructed the administration and police to prepare a comprehensive report for cabinet review, assuring necessary follow-up action.

Highlighting rapid urbanization and population growth as key factors worsening the flood situation, he urged encroachers to remove obstructions from roads and drainage systems adding that council members have also been instructed. The Deputy CM inspected ongoing cleanup and relief efforts,

stressing the urgency of clearing debris from key link roads and prioritizing restoration work. The NSDMA and district administration confirmed the release of immediate relief funds and stated that a full damage assessment report will be submitted shortly.

Key areas visited included Vihüme & SM Colony (behind District Hospital Dimapur), Chungaizang Colony (Burma Camp) along NH-29, Purana Bazar (Model Colony), Airport Nallah (NH-29, opposite Progressive Motors), 2½ Mile, Dimapur-Chumoukedima Junction, Razho Khel, Lane-1 (Naga United Village), 5th Mile Model Village Ground, and Theruovi Khel in Sovima.



Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton interacting with locals and reviewing flood-affected areas along with officials at Chumoukedima on 12th July 2025.

PENALTY SHOOTOUT TOURNAMENT HELD AT LONGLENG

The Longleng District Football Association organized a one-day penalty shootout Tournament at Public Ground Longleng on 12th July 2025, with EAC Longleng, C. Tsalimse as the special guest.

Tsalimse highlighted that the District Sports Council Longleng, led by the Deputy Commissioner, has proposed a structured framework for sports development in the district, citing the proposal includes village-

to-state-level competitions and recognition of the Phom Sports Association. He urged the community to view such events as platforms for unity, discipline, and character-building beyond just winning or losing.

President Phom People Council, Y. B. Angam Phom, also delivered a short message. Altogether, 27 teams participated, with Muli ward emerged in the first place and Rockey Club Orangkong in the second.

SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME CELEBRATING GIRL CHILD HELD AT JAKHAMA

A one-day sensitization program under the theme “Welcome Dear Daughter – Celebrate Her Birth, Nurture Her Growth” was held at the Sub-Divisional Office, Jakhama, Kohima on 12th July 2025. The event was organized

by the Kohima District Administration in collaboration with SANKALP - District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) Kohima, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK), and the Department of Post.



Officials with participants during the one-day sensitization programme on celebrating the girl child, held at SDO's Office, Jakhama, Kohima on 12th July 2025.

The program aimed to raise awareness on the importance of valuing and nurturing the girl child. A host of services and awareness activities were provided during the program, including: Free Health Check-up by Dr. Neiphrenuo Sekhose, Paediatrician and SNCU Medical Officer, NHAK.

On-the-spot Aadhaar enrollment for girls aged 0–5 years, facilitated by the District Administration in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare. Financial literacy sessions on schemes for girls and women such as Sukanya Samridhi Yojana

and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) were also conducted.

Vidilhounuo Solo, Financial Literacy Specialist from DHEW Kohima, elaborated on the benefits of the PMMVY, while Sharon Losu from the Department of Post highlighted various postal schemes aimed at empowering women and the girl child.

To commemorate the occasion, EAC, Ane Khieya, along with other officials, planted trees named after girl children, symbolizing their growth and importance in society.

PHEK DPDB MEETING HELD AT PFUTSERO FOCUSES ON CLEANLINESS & DEVELOPMENT

Phek DPDB monthly meeting was held at ADC's Office, Pfutsero, Phek on 14th July 2025 chaired by Advisor for CAWD & Taxes, Kudecho Khamo with Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman, DPDB, Rhosietho Ngouri.

Khamo thanked the District Administration of Phek and Pfutsero for organizing the recent mass social work at pfutsero as resolved during the June DPDB meeting to conduct mass social work once

in a month. He further encouraged and proposed organizing monthly cleanliness drive in all the villages and town under Phek district.

Khamo also congratulated Sano Vamuzo, recipient of Padmashri Award, the highest Indian Civilian Award at the meeting.

MLA, Dr. Neisatuo Mero, thanked the Chairman DPDB, Phek, Kudecho Khamo for

successful conduct of its first DPDB Phek meeting at Pfutsero and appealed to the District Administration and Town Council of Pfutsero to sensitize the general public on avoiding littering in drains.

The House deliberated on registration of society in respect of Elpis Society of Phek Town, Kuvetho Society of Kikruma Village and recommended to higher authority for consideration.

On improvement of Pfutsero town roads, MLA, Dr. Neisatuo Mero informed the

house that schemes for improvement of town roads have been submitted to Government.

The board also approved the schemes under Local Area Development Program (LADP) 2025-2026 for Phek district which was put up by Deputy Commissioner & Vice Chairman DPDB, Phek.

Executive Engineer, Power, Er. A. Ritachu Thurr & DFO, Phek, R. Esther Angami gave presentations on current activities of their respective departments.

KIPHIRE DPDB MEETING REVIEWS PROGRESS, APPROVES KEY AGENDAS

The monthly Kiphire DPDB meeting was held on 15th July 2025 at Deputy Commissioner Conference Hall, Kiphire, under the Vice Chairman of DPDB & Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer NCS, in presence of Advisor, Home Guard & Civil Defence, Fire & Emergency Services and Relief & Rehabilitation and Chairman SDPDB Pungro, S. Kiusumew Yimchunger.

After reviewing the previous meeting, the DC reminded the members of action against absentees, and urged the members for co - operation to make a cohesive team to discharge the given responsibilities to meet the aspiration of the people in the district.

Advisor, S. Kiusumew Yimchunger appreciated members dedicated service and urged them to be more sincere and truthful in

implementing various developmental works and work together for the development of the district.

The following agendas discussed and recommended for approval of the government were Proposal for organizing “ Longmatra Mango Festival 2025 “, Upgradation of SC - HWC to primary Health Centre PHC, Registration of Society in respect of “ Good Will Society “, Organizing of Miss Kiphire, Posting of Housing Development SDO Pungro, Posting of AUDO (Asst.Urban Development Officer) Kiphire, Posting of District Transport Officer Kiphire, Khongsa Kiusam outpost (Police) and Approval of LADP Schemes 2025 – 2026.

PowerPoint presentation was delivered by Kiphire Police (DEF), and DFO (Fishery) Kiphire.

TRAINING FOR BLOs HELD AT CHUMOUKEDIMA DISTRICT

A training session for all BLOs under 4 Ghaspani -I & 5 Ghaspani -II was held on 15th July, 2025 at DC's Conference Hall,

Chumoukedima, as part of the ongoing capacity building programme of the CEO, Nagaland.

DC, Chumoukedima, Polan John, NCS, highlighted the importance of the intensive summary revision for ensuring accurate electoral rolls and clean elections. He urged BLOs, ERO, Supervisor, AERO to take their assignments seriously, noting that they are deputed to the Election Commission for this crucial responsibility.

He informed that two BLOs from Ghaspani I and Ghaspani-II were sent to Delhi for training on new ECI features. He appealed all BLOs to be sincere, conduct house-to-house visits and ensure accurate voter details and enrollment of all eligible voters.

ADC & ERO, Chumoukedima, Kuzonyi Wideo welcomed the BLOs and informed that several modifications in ECI forms and apps would be covered in the training. He clarified that polling station bifurcation will be considered only where voters exceed 1,200, while proposal for stations beyond 2 km radius are still awaiting ECI's approval. He urged BLOs to stay attentive as house-to-house verification and pre-revision activities will follow soon after the training.

All BLOs under 4 Ghaspani-I and 5 Ghaspani-II, AERO Medzhiphema, Niuland, and Chumoukedima, attended the training program. Sessions included topics on constitutional and statutory provisions, duties of BLO in Special Intensive Revision (SIR), Booth Awareness Group (BAG), Nazari Map; formation of groups & role play, forms distribution, and house-to-house enumeration, presented by Ketoulhounuo Thakro and Nikavi Chishi.

NOKLAK DPDB DELIBERATES ON DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES

The monthly Noklak DPDB meeting was held on 16th July 2025 at DC's Conference

Hall under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman DPDB Noklak, P. Longon.

The meeting reviewed the previous minutes and discussed construction of a school gate at Straightway Mission School, ITC Dan, a Sub-centre, Tukhinkiu village, and the Pang to Tukhinkiu village Road. Proposal for Sub-centre at Jejeiking village and Noklak village were also deliberated. LADP schemes for 56 A/C Noklak and 57 A/C Thonoknyu for 2025-26 were approved. The MLA & Chairman DPDB also directed all Heads of Offices under Noklak district to ensure attendance in future DPDB meetings.

DC PRESENTS VISION 2047 AT ZUNHEBOTO DPDB MEETING

The monthly Zunheboto DPDB meeting was held on 16th July 2025 at DC's Conference Hall, Zunheboto under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Dharam Raj (IAS), in presence of Deputy Speaker, NLA and Chairman DPDB, Zunheboto, S. Toiho Yephtho, Advisor for Food & Civil Supplies, K.T Sukhalu, (IAS Rtd.) and MLA, Dr. Sukhato A Sema.

Chairing the meeting, the DC presented an action plan for achieving Viksit Zunheboto by 2047 and urged members to work with sincerity. He also presented various ongoing schemes in the district.

Deputy speaker NLA and Chairman DPDB, S. Toiho Yephtho lauded the DC's efforts for preparing the action and also suggested that Zunheboto Government College introduce an integrated B. Ed course and collaborate private institutions to start B.Sc course. He further raised concerns over drug and alcohol abuse, urging the DC and SP, Zunheboto to strengthen District Liquor

and Narcotics Committee to curb their inflow.

District program manager (NHM), Rosemary Vitoli presented updated district health profile of Chief Medical Office, Zunheboto.

The programme was followed by approval of LADP scheme 2025-2026, Iconic projects and comprehensive presentation by various departments of Zunheboto district.

MELURI DPDB DISCUSSES ON DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES

The monthly meeting of Meluri DPDB was held at DB's Court, Meluri on 16th July 2025. Chairing the Meeting, Advisor, New & Renewable Energy and Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe welcomed all members in the meeting.

After reviewing the previous meeting minutes, the following agendas were discussed and recommended. Creation of Employment and Skill Development Office, Upgradation of Phokhungri EAC Headquarter, Upgradation of CHC Meluri to District Hospital, Upgradation of Sub-Divisional Education Office to District Education Office, Upgradation of BDO Meluri to DRDA Meluri, Upgradation of Junior Engineer (Electrical) to Executive Engineer (Electrical), Upgradation of AIR Transmission from 100 MHz to 1000 MHz at Meluri headquarter and Upgradation of



Advisor, New & Renewable Energy and NSDMA, Z Nyusietho Nyuthe addressing DPDB meeting at DB's Court, Meluri on 16th July 2025.

Veterinary Assistant Surgeon To CVO. The board also finalized and approved the Local Area Development Programme (LADP) 2025-2026.

Dr. Shipathu Thupitor, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon and Dr, Nüsa Lohe, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon gave a presentation on their departmental activities.

ADVISOR FOR AGRICULTURE VISITS CHIETHU JHUM FIELDS

A field visit programme was held at Chiethu, Kohima, with Advisor for Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan, as the Special Guest on 16th July 2025, where 11 farmers groups showcased their Jhum cultivation. The event was organised to showcase the rich agricultural potential of the region and foster engagement between farmers and

government stakeholders.

In his address, Advisor Yanthan thanked the community for the warm reception and lauded the farmers for their hard work, noting that mixed cropping has brought good yields and strong income potential. He highlighted the impacts of climate change and urged farmers to stay updated and government

agricultural schemes and technologies, while stressing the need for water conservation amid erratic monsoons and limited irrigation sources.

Yanthan stressed the need for sorting and grading produce to access different market rates, including national-level markets, noting that the region's soil and climate favour crop diversification into fruits and vegetables. He also mentioned the Sovima Cold Storage facility as a means to extend produce shelf life.

Advisor Yanthan endorsed agrotourism, supporting Sovima Village Council Chairman Sebastian Zumvu's suggestion as an alternative income source and encouraged the community to develop related infrastructure. He also highlighted schemes like Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) amongst others, stressing their farmer-focused benefits and assured that Agriculture and Horticulture Departments are ensuring effective grassroots implementation, including field-based distribution of machinery.

Yanthan informed about a new Agriculture Policy currently in the pipeline, which focuses on productivity, market linkages, farmer welfare, and post-harvest infrastructure. He also cited the World Bank-funded ELEMENT project, aimed at unlocking economic opportunities through forest-based produce. Chiechama, he said, is among the 225 villages selected under this initiative and encouraged farmers to be proactive, and collaborative to reap its benefits. He concluded by urging farmers to see themselves not just as cultivators but as entrepreneurs, expanding their vision and aspirations, in addition to their income.

Earlier in the programme, Mhalezolie Metha, Chairman of Chiechama Village Council, and Sebastian Zumvu, Chairman of Sovima Village Council, delivered short speeches. Zumvu highlighted Chiethu's scenic landscape and agricultural richness, and its potential opportunities for developing agrotourism in the region.

DISHA MEETINGS CONVENED ACROSS NAGALAND DISTRICTS TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meetings were recently conducted across multiple districts in Nagaland focussing on monitoring the implementation of centrally sponsored schemes of the Government of India at the district level and to promote participative governance and deliberative democracy.

Chaired by Member of Parliament (Lok sabha) S. Supongmeren Jamir the meetings were conducted in Peren, Wokha, Mokokchung, Phek, Chumoukedima and Niuland. Among others the district officials presented progress reports on flagship schemes of the government Jal Jeevan mission, Swachh Bharat mission, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY).

In his first DISHA meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Peren, on 9th July 2025, Jamir held discussions with local officials and assured that genuine concerns would be escalated for redressal. He emphasized the need to bring in Central funds that have yet to reach the district and mobilize additional resources, while urging effective implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes for grassroot

development. He highlighted DISHA as a vital platform for addressing developmental issues and encouraged officials to take full responsibilities. He also proposed inter-district DISHA competition to improve performance. Jamir also recommended involving lead banks in future meetings to enhance access to loans and economic activities. He emphasized collaborative efforts to ensure development remains transparent and inclusive. Key departments like PHED, Social Welfare and RD gave presentations, highlighting their activities, achievements, challenges, and areas requiring attention.

While addressing the DISHA meeting at Wokha on 11th July 2025, Jamir acknowledged challenges including delays, irregular fund distribution, and operational bottlenecks. He advocated for increased funding from the central government and emphasized the importance of ensuring greater accessibility and impact of schemes, particularly those targeting farmers.

In Mokokchung, on 14th July 2025, MP Jamir underscored the need to raise public awareness about various government schemes, particularly among grassroots communities. Presentations were given by key departmental officials on programmes such as MGNREGA, PMAY, Jal Jeevan Mission, PMKSY, SSA, and ICDS.

In Phek, on 15th July 2025, the MP called for timely completion of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) to facilitate future proposals. As part of the “Clean and Green Nagaland” initiative under MPLADS 2025–26, he suggested planting ornamental trees in offices and residential areas. A resolution was passed for each committee member and official to plant a tree. Jamir also visited the under-construction hostel under the Nagaland Education Project – Lighthouse (NECTAR)

and urged faster completion.

In Chumoukedima, on 16th July 2025, Jamir raised concerns about delays in fund disbursement from central ministries and urged officials to report such issues to the DISHA Committee. He stressed fair selection of beneficiaries as per guidelines and proposed a rotational system for village council chairpersons to ensure equitable participation. He also suggested involving NGOs and bringing new Town Councils under the district administration’s purview to strengthen grassroots representation.

At the Niuland meeting on 16th July 2025, Jamir engaged with GBs and Village Council Members to hear direct feedback on the implementation of schemes. Six departments, including Rural Development, Urban Development, and PHED, presented reports and raised local issues. The MP reiterated the importance of timely project completion and strict fund management.

During the series of meetings, Jamir encouraged officials to forward successful or innovative initiatives to the District Planning Board or State-Level Disha Committee for further action.

DISHA is a flagship initiative of the Central Government, designed to enhance coordination among MPs, MLAs, and local government representatives to ensure the effective implementation of development schemes at the district level. The committee oversees and reviews progress on non-statutory and centrally sponsored schemes, resolves implementation issues, and facilitates inter-departmental convergence.

DISHA meetings are held quarterly under the chairmanship of the local Member of Parliament and are attended by elected representatives and district officials.

BHANDARI SDPDB MEETING DISCUSSES INTEGRATED FARMING & BORDER ISSUES

The monthly SDPDB meeting for Bhandari, Wokha was held at the Summer House-cum-Guest House on 16th July 2025. MLA and Chairman SDPDB Bhandari, and Chairperson, Committee on Environment and Climate Change, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Achumbemo Kikon, chaired the meeting,

Kikon Proposed introduction of Integrated Farming System between the departments of Veterinary, Horticulture, and Agriculture, in the sub-division to enhanced sustainability, improved resource utilization and boost local economy and employment for farmers all year long.

Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Merapani, Dr. Kikali, stressed the need for livestock and poultry entering from Assam to be checked at quarantine points. She noted that the department has carried out awareness and vaccination campaigns on animal health, disease outbreaks, and preventions in the sub-division.

SDO (Civil) Ralan & BM Uriamghat reported that Assam officials - District Administration Sarupathar, Border Magistrate, Forest and Police and CRPF

have been conducting door-to-door surveys in Sector C of Disturbed Area Belt (DAB) under Ralan Sub-division without informing the Border Magistrate Uriamghat, Nagaland, creating fear among Naga and other tribal residents. He added that four government recognised Naga Villages are located in Sector C of the DAB.

Kikon informed that a medical team led by MLA Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhütso (Dr. Ato) will visit CHC Bhandari under the Chief Minister's Mobile Operation Theatre, launched on 26th January 2025. The initiative, equipped for advanced keyhole surgeries, aims to provide free healthcare services in rural and remote areas of Nagaland. He urged the Bhandari medical department to make full use of the facilities.

The house also reviewed ongoing farming activities at the Nagaland State Seed Farm Merapani, and progress of the Nagaland Foothill Road Construction.

On the same day MLA and Chairman SDPDB Bhandari, Kikon also inaugurated a new Community Hall at Lio Longidang village, constructed under UDAP, DUDA 2024-2025.

MON DPDB DELIBERATES ON ENTREPRENEUR REGISTRATION & ROAD PROJECTS

The monthly meeting of the Mon DPDB was held on 17th July 2025 at DC's Conference Hall, Mon under the chairmanship of Mankhao Konyak, MLA & DPDB Chairman, Mon.

After reviewing last meeting minutes, the house deliberated on the Entrepreneur Association Mon registration, forwarding the

matter to the higher authority for approval. The house also discussed construction of new road from Mon HQ to Loipuh (Lower Tiru) Oting Village (42 KM) under PMGSY.

Finance Secretary of Officer Club Mon (OCM) gave a brief description of OCM and a report of the last Departmental Tournament organised by the OCM.

Deputy Commissioner, Mon, discussed support for the Mon District Football Association's participation in the upcoming

Dr. T. Ao Trophy. The Agriculture Department gave a presentation on its activities in the district.

TUENSANG DPDB DISCUSSES ROAD CONCERNS & FELICITATES DISTRICT HSLC TOPPERS



Minister P. Bashangmongba Chang along with DC Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa, meritorious students, parents and teachers during the felicitation programme at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang on 18th July 2025.

The Tuensang District Planning & Development Board held its monthly meeting on 18th July 2025 at DC's Conference Hall, Tuensang under the Chairmanship of Minister for House and Mechanical Engineer and Chairman DPDB Tuensang, P. Bashangmongba Chang.

The Board reviewed last month's minutes and discussed the agenda submitted by N.Y Choba, President Chang Khulei Setshang, on the poor conditions of BRO Road connecting Tuensang - Mon, neglected for many years. It was decided to forward the matter to the concerned Department. The Board also passed LADP and Iconic Schemes for 51 Noksen A/C, 53 Tuensang Sadar -I

A/C, and 54 Tuensang Sadar -II A/C.

The DPDB also organized a Felicitation and Presentation of Meritorious Award program to the six HSLC Toppers from Tuensang district. Minister for Housing and Mechanical Engineer, P. Bashangmongba Chang thanked the principals and teachers of St. John Higher Secondary School, Holy Angel School, and Eklavya Model School for their guidance and support and added that the tireless efforts of the students and teachers have brought laurels to the district. He praised the students' hard work and urged them to remain determined, avoid negative influences like drugs and alcohol, and seek God's guidance for future success.

SAO CHANG COLLEGE FELICITATES NU CBCS TOPPERS

Minister of Housing and Mechanical Engineer, P. Bashangmongba Chang, graced the felicitation programme of the Nagaland University CBCS Toppers at multi-purpose Hall, Sao Chang College, Tuensang as the Special Guest on 18th July 2025.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister thanked the principal and faculty for the invitation and said Sao Chang College, one of the oldest colleges in Nagaland, has produced many gazetted officers, tall leaders, social workers, politicians, lawyers and entrepreneurs over the years. He expressed pride that seven students from the college secured top ranks in the 2025 Nagaland University Examination, calling it a testament to the hard work of students, support of parents and guidance of teachers.

The Minister reminded students that

success is not defined by marks alone but by perseverance, purpose and a positive mindset. He noted that with thousands graduating every year, government jobs are limited and not the only option. Highlighting the State Government's efforts to address unemployment, he mentioned initiatives like the Industrial Development Authority of Nagaland, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), which create avenues for business and self-employment. He also appreciated the faculty of Sao Chang College for dedication and commitment, reflected in the recent NU results.

The programme was attended by members of the District Planning and Development Board, Tuensang, tribal leaders and the student community.

WOKHA DPDB DISCUSSES KEY AREAS

The DPDB Wokha, convened its monthly meeting on 19th July 2025 at DC's Conference Hall, Wokha, chaired by Deputy Commissioner and Vice Chairman DPDB, Vineet Kumar, IAS, in presence of Advisor for Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan and MLA, Mhonbemo Humtsoe.

Key areas discussed included: On Human-Elephant Conflict Mitigation, the Forest Department presented data indicating elephant presence in over 100 villages, with 60 identified as conflict zones. It was noted that the Wildlife Institute of India had surveyed 126 villages to support detailed data collection. Major crop losses due to elephant activity include rice, arecanuts, taro, and rubber. It was notified that plans were underway to establish a dedicated Human-

Elephant Conflict Control Room to address these concerns with greater efficiency.

On the Amur Falcon Conservation and JICA Project, updates were shared on ongoing conservation efforts and the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) initiative, encompassing 20 villages in the district.

It also discussed the Nursery Development and Afforestation Initiatives, for which activities under Nagar Van Yojana and related schemes were highlighted, showcasing the department's engagement in plantation and eco-restoration efforts.

During the discussion, Advisor Mhathung Yanthan stressed long-term ecological and livelihood planning, urging departments and agencies to align their

strategic proposals with the vision of Viksit@Wokha2047, inspired by the national roadmap of Viksit Bharat@2047. He called for integrating district-level plans with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and urged stakeholders to submit actionable proposals targeting improved outcomes.

In referencing the Northeast SDG Index, the Advisor underscored that it was imperative to elevate Wokha district's

performance across development indicators and work towards a higher ranking in subsequent assessments.

The meeting showcased a unified commitment towards cohesive planning, environmental stewardship, and transformative development, reinforcing the district's aspiration to achieve equitable progress through collective effort

WORKSHOP ON “UNDERSTANDING CHILD RIGHTS AND CHILD PROTECTION: ROLE OF MEDIA” HELD AT KOHIMA

A one-day workshop on Understanding Child Rights and Child Protection: Role of Media was organised by Kohima Press Club in collaboration with Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NSCPCR) as part of the yearlong celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Kohima Press Club at Hotel Japfu, Kohima on 19th July 2025.

Chairman NSCPCR, Alun Hangsing, in his keynote address, highlighted that the Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights was constituted in October 2013 under the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act 2005. Expressing concerns over the rise in crimes against children, he stressed the need for stronger efforts to safeguard their mental and physical well-being. He further delved into the role of the press and media in educating the general public and termed the fourth estate as the watchdog of society. Concluding, he reminded that protecting child rights is the duty of all stakeholders.

Director, Information & Public Relations, Dzüvinuo Theünuo, highlighted the powerful influence of press and media on society. She stressed that responsible

and accurate reporting can create positive change, while careless stories may have far-reaching consequences. Emphasizing the role of NSCPCR as custodians of child rights, she urged the public and media to raise awareness on children's right.

She noted the challenges posed by rising independent virtual media that often ignore ethical norms. Urging the media fraternity to recognize their influence, she reminded them to practice responsible reporting and focus on the positive impact they can bring to society.

Director, Information Technology & Communication, Er. Sabou Yashu stressed the need to understand both the benefits and risks of technology, urging safe use for children. He highlighted the IT Act 2000, which safeguards children from exploitation, and said that instead of resisting technological progress, society must adapt and use it to empower and protect children.

The first session was followed by a technical presentation by District & Session Judge, Phek, Mezivolu T. Therieh on the role of media in the child protection. She discussed international and domestic laws, POCSO, privacy rights and the emotional

rights of children.

KPC President Alice Yhoshü, in her welcome address, highlighted the

importance of ethical and sensitive reporting, particularly in cases involving minors, while also safeguarding journalistic freedom.

SYMPOSIUM ON SURVEILLANCE IMPLEMENTATION AT DIMAPUR HELD AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

Business Association of Nagas (BAN) in collaboration with Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur and Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, organised a symposium on surveillance implementation at Dimapur on the theme “Securing Dimapur: A Joint Endeavour” at Rhododendron Hall, Police Complex, Chumoukedima on 19th July 2025.

Director General of Police Nagaland, Rubin Sharma, said that security is the collective effort of all the concerned citizens and urged NGOs, Civil Societies and BAN to support the new pilot project.

Sharma, explained that the Automatic Number Plate Reading Cameras, equipped with Artificial Intelligence (AI), will help police quickly identify vehicles and culprits, and appealed to citizens to help by installing CCTV cameras for Dimapur city.

Sharma highlighted that Dimapur needs at least 10,000 CCTV cameras, which the government cannot provide. He called on citizens and associations to contribute, adding that some departments have already been approached. DGP stressed the importance of the integration of the surveillance system into one umbrella.

BAN President, in the welcome address,

said safety is the foundation of development and the symposium marks the journey to build a smarter, safer city through a surveillance system.

DIG CID, during a live demo, said the system will integrate with the transport department to instantly detect vehicle details like registration, contact and licence.

Presentations were delivered by DC Dimapur Dr. Tinojongshi Chang NCS, DC Chumoukidima Polan John NCS, CP Dimapur Kevithuto Sophie IPS, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Bar Association and BAN, along with inputs from DCCI and East Dimapur Business Association.

The meeting adopted the City Surveillance Implementation Project for Dimapur, covering high-priority zones under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. It also adopted the resolution to establish a Multi-Stakeholder Task Force, consisting of representatives from the Home Department and Police Department, the Urban Development and Power Departments, the Deputy Commissioner's Office, the Municipal Body, the Industry Body and Civil Society and set a 15-day timeframe for implementation of the project.

LONGMATRA CELEBRATES MANGO FESTIVAL, KIPHIRE

MLA & Advisor, Home Guard & Civil Defence, Fire and Emergency Service, Relief & Rehabilitation, S. Kiusumew Yimchunger graced the Longmatra Mango Festival held

at Public Ground, Longmatra Town, Kiphire as the Special Guest with the presence of the Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer NCS as the Guest of Honour on



Advisor S. Kiusumew Yimchunger, along with DC Kiphire Temsuwati Longkumer and officials, at Longmatra Mango Festival, Kiphire on 19th July 2025.

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The Chief Guest in his keynote address thanked Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio for prioritizing development across Nagaland, and reaffirmed government's commitment to empowering farmers and promoting sustainable agriculture. He urged Longmatra villages to utilize their fertile land and engage actively in the market economy through mango cultivation and related ventures. He highlighted the district's unique potential for hosting fruit festivals and urged departments to support farming communities with sustained assistance and resources.

The Guest of Honour, DC Temsuwati Longkumer, emphasized adapting to the digital age and urged villagers to use social media and other digital platforms to create

livelihoods, noting that government jobs are not the only option. He encouraged farmers to maintain consistency, saying small beginning could grow into major attractions. The Longmatra Mango Festival also featured fun games like mango eating competition, tug of war, mango-on-a-pole, and sack race for mango, among others.

The festival was organised by the Administration of Longmatra, Department of Horticulture and the citizens of Longmatra Block in collaboration with the concerned departments and local stakeholders. The festival showcased fresh mango produce, processed products, SHGs Stalls, Training sessions, and Cultural presentations, where local farmers and the community participated positively.

CAREER GUIDANCE SEMINAR HELD AT TUENSANG

District Administration Tuensang, in collaboration with Eagle Crest Training Academy and Consultancy, organised a one-day Employment Linked Career Guidance Seminar at Town Hall, Tuensang on 19th July 2025.

The seminar focused on providing training and placement opportunities in the Aviation, Hospitality and Cruise line Industries to the indigenous inhabitants of Nagaland under the flagship programme of the Government of Nagaland through

the Nagaland Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Mission (NSEDMD).

More than 400 students attended the

Career Guidance Seminar from Tuensang Town.

CM Dr. RIO INSPECTS OLD KMC DUMPING SITE AND LANDSLIDE AFFECTED NH-2 STRETCH NEAR PHESAMA IN KOHIMA

Nagaland Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, along with Deputy Chief Minister, T.R. Zeliang and Minister, Salhoutuonuo Kruse, visited the Old Kohima Municipal Council (KMC) dumping site and took stock of the landslide-affected stretch along National Highway-29 in Kohima on 21st July 2025.

The inspection assessed the severity of the landslide and explored both immediate and long-term mitigation measures to ensure the safety and smooth flow of traffic along this critical route. During the visit, the Chief Minister held discussions with various stakeholders to formulate a comprehensive

plan addressing the issue.

Officials present included the Deputy Commissioner of Kohima, Superintendent of Police Kohima, PWD National Highway officials, landowners, Village leaders from Jotsoma, and other district officials. The Chief Minister emphasized the need for coordinated action among all concerned departments and community stakeholders to address the problem effectively.

Authorities are initiating necessary interventions to stabilize the affected area and minimize further disruptions along NH-29.

On 22nd July 2025, Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio, accompanied by Deputy Chief Ministers T.R. Zeliang and Y. Patton, Advisor Er. Kropol Vitsu, and MLA Kevipodi Sophie, visited the landslide-affected stretch of National Highway-2 near Phesama village.

Expressing serious concern over the recurring landslides in the area, the Chief Minister directed officials from the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) to work out a permanent solution rather than relying on temporary repairs. He specifically recommended the construction of a Cement Concrete (CC) bridge in the affected zone to ensure long-term stability and connectivity.



Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio with Deputy Chief Ministers, T. R. Zeliang and Y. Patton and officials, assessing the landslide damage on NH-2 near Phesama on 22nd July 2025.

PMMVY ENROLLMENT DRIVES HELD ACROSS KOHIMA DISTRICT

An enrolment drive under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana

Yojana (PMMVY) and an awareness program on various women-centric welfare

schemes was conducted in Kezoma, Viswema and Chiephobozou under Kohima district. The programme was organised by the Kohima District Administration in collaboration with SANKALP-District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) as part of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative. The programme aimed to reach rural women and girl child with access to vital services and information about schemes targeted at their health and empowerment.

In Kezoma village, the event was held at the Students' Library Hall on 21st July 2025. Centre Administrator and OSD, Vimenu Richa, explained that the Sakhi-One Stop Centre provides integrated support to women facing violence, including emergency medical aid, police help, legal aid, counseling and temporary shelter. She emphasised the centre's 24x7 availability and urged women to seek timely help, highlighting the need for community support to ensure women's safety.

In Viswema village, the event was held at Panchayat Hall on 22nd July 2025. Diethovino Lhoushe, Supervisor under the CDPO Jakhama Project highlighted the key features of the PMMVY scheme. Village Council Chairman, Tebul Neikha, thanked the line departments and district administration for organizing the program in the village.

In Chiephobozou, the programme was carried out at CDPO Office, Chiephobozou, Kohima. Kesoneinuo Kense Gender Specialist, DHEW Kohima elaborated on women centric schemes. Psycho Social Support Counselor OSC, Kohima, Medochiinuo Chielie stressed on Sakhi- One Stop Centre (OSC)

As part of the outreach initiative, the following services were provided: On-the-spot Aadhaar enrollment for girls aged 0-5 years, facilitated by the District Administration in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and opening of Indian Post Payment Bank (IPPB) Accounts by the Department of Post.

TSEMINYU DPDB APPROVES LADP 2025-26

The monthly meeting of the District Planning & Development Board, Tseminyu was held on 21st July 2025 at DC's conference hall, Tseminyu under the chairmanship of MLA & Chairman DPDB, Tseminyu, Jwenga Seb.

The meeting reviewed the last minutes and approved the proposal of schemes under the LADP 2025-26 for 12 Assembly Constituency, Tseminyu. The meeting also

discussed the construction of three traffic points in Tseminyu town area.

In his closing remark, the Chairman encouraged the members to actively participate in every meeting and urged the departments to work together for the development of the district.

The department of PWD (R & B) presented its departmental activities.

DPDB DIMAPUR DISCUSSES DEVELOPMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

The Dimapur monthly DPDB meeting was held on 21st July 2025 at DC's Conference

Hall, Dimapur, under the chairmanship of Advisor for Labour, Employment & Skill

Development and Excise, and Chairman of DPDB, Dimapur, Moatoshi Longkumer.

Longkumer expressed concern over recent flood havoc in Dimapur, attributing it largely to rampant encroachment, and said preventing such disasters is a collective responsibility. He said the 2023 committee on encroachment will be revamped with Dimapur Municipal Council and East Dimapur Municipal Council chairpersons and legal counsel, and must submit its report in two months.

Advisor for Department of Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu, shared her visits to Russia and Japan, noting the Chief Minister's efforts in building international ties. She informed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with Japan.

The board reviewed the previous meeting's minutes and approved registration of new societies including Itiki Society,

while the Kiye Foundation's registration was recommended subject to an NOC from the Medical Department.

The board also approved renaming of Saku Mission College to Livingstone Foundation College and St. Xavier's School, Purana Bazaar to Cedar Heights School. The board further approved the NOC for Makar Skills Development under the Directorate of Technical Education and gave clearance to LADP 2025-26 proposals for Dimapur I, II, and II A/C. The board also decided to keep all new Welfare Society registration proposals in abeyance until further notice.

The Departments of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources presented ongoing and upcoming development projects in the district. The Deputy Commissioner urged all members to remain proactive and cooperative in ensuring the district's progress.

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP CONCLUDES IN MOKOKCHUNG

The Design Development Workshop (Banana Fibre-Craft) which was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Ajit Kumar Verma IAS on 24th June 2025 was successfully conducted and concluded on the 23rd July 2025 at DIC, Mokokchung.

The training program was a 25 days' workshop where 30 artisans were trained in design development in Banana Fibre Craft organised by the office of Development

Commissioner, Handicraft Kohima, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India in collaboration with District Industries Centre, Mokokchung.

The closing ceremony was graced by EAC probationer, Sangtsui, NCS and Kato T Aomi, NCS. The workshop was supervised by empanelled designer from Ministry of Textile, Ashwani Singh and Master Trainer, Alila.

MOKOKCHUNG DPDB DISCUSSES PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Mokokchung DPDB monthly meeting was held on 24th July 2025 at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall,

Mokokchung under the chairmanship of MLA and Chairman DPDB Mokokchung, Nuklutoshi Longkumer.

The board reviewed the previous meeting minutes and discussed Plastic waste management, where Mokokchung Municipal Council (MMC) highlighted various initiatives taken to address the issues.

The Board approved LADP schemes for Mokokchung district, 2025-2026, appreciating the Iconic Project and sport funds allocation. It also recommended obtaining of No Objection

Certificate from 2nd NAP Alichen for the proposed Helipad at Tuli Town.

Registration of three societies, AKM Nation Builder's Society, Mokokchung; Sports Society Soyim, Ungma and Akhoya Village Bamboo Growers Society was approved.

The Chairman further took up a discussion with departments the status update of NH- 702D (Mokokchung Maraini road).

COFFEE PLANTATION AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING CONDUCTED AT MON

The Department of Land Resources, Mon, Government of Nagaland in collaboration with Coffee Board of India conducted training on Coffee Plantation and Management from 22nd-24th July 2025 for coffee growing villages under Tobu, Chen and Phomching block under Mon district at Sheanghah Tangten Village. Imti Imchen, AEO and Kayia Ch Arche, JTA from Coffee Board were the resource persons.

Over the three-day training program, participants were equipped with knowledge and practical skills in coffee nursery management, field planting methods, bush maintenance, harvesting, post-harvest handling, and field demonstrations. The training also included hands-on sessions to enhance practical understanding. A total of 210 coffee growers took part in the program.

DEPUTY CM HOLDS CONSULTATIVE MEETING AT NIULAND TO REVIEW IMMIGRATION ISSUE

Deputy Chief Minister, Yanthungo Patton held a consultative meeting with Niuland District Administration, Police, GBs, NGOs and Public leaders at the DC's conference hall, Niuland on 24th July 2025 to take stock of the situation in regards to immigration issue in the state.

Patton assured full government support to all agencies dealing with immigration issue and stressed the need for joint efforts. He said sealing main entry roads alone would not solve the problem because there are hundreds of other possible entry roads. He urged GBs and Public leaders especially in bordering areas to help identify immigrants

in their jurisdiction.

Patton responded to public leader's demands for Village Guards and two Police outposts, assuring that one Police outpost will be set up soon. He directed that a proposal for Village Guards be send through DPDB.

MLA, Achumbemo Kikon said collectively action is crucial, warning that ignoring the issue could endanger the younger generation. CP Dimapur added that with the full support and confidence of the present government, police are working tirelessly to contain the situation.

DC Niuland, Sara S Jamir, also

highlighted the challenges in tackling immigration issue and thanked the Deputy Chief Minister for his support. She said the

district administration and agencies, with government confidence, are working round the clock to manage the issue.

BYPASS ROAD INAUGURATED AT KIPHIRE VILLAGE



DC Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer inaugurating the Bypass Road at Kiphire Village on 24th July 2025.

Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer, NCS, inaugurated the Bypass Road Kiphire village as the Special Guest at 16 KM (Kohima Road) Kiphire on 24th July 2025.

DC Kiphire said the Bypass Road will serve as a lifeline for Kiphire village and town, and appreciated the Village Council and GBs for funding and completing the project through their own resources.

The DC stressed the need for side drains to ensure the road's durability and assured

support from concerned departments. He added that the road will benefit not only the village but also Kiphire town and surrounding areas, calling roads a key to development.

He urged residents to work together with a practical mindset for the common good, rather than relying solely on the government for development. He stressed the need for a sense of ownership whether in public or private spaces and concluded the event by unveiling the inaugural stone monolith.

PROJECT UMMEED: THE HOPE LAUNCHED AT PHEK

A lifesaving Mental Health Initiative of Phek Police- Project UMMEED: THE HOPE was officially launched by Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Phek, at Christian Mission Higher Secondary School, Phek, on 26th July 2025.

The project carries a powerful motto, "Say No to suicide, Yes to Life". Dr. Pritpal Kaur, in her address emphasised the urgency of addressing mental health concerns. Dr. Kaur informed the gathering that a District Distress Response Team (DRT) has been formed to

respond to any emergency or distress calls around the clock. He also informed that the helpline will operate 24x7 and callers' identities will be kept confidential, and will provide counselling and support to those in need and shared the Emergency and Distress Helpline Numbers (DRT) 6009308170,

8729923553, 9862200699 and 7005532585

Jitsisiasa of Sakhi One Stop Centre and Neichulou, a Psychiatrist from District Hospital Phek, shared and highlighted the significance of mental health and the importance of support towards needy persons.

DISTRICT RED RUN ORGANISED IN LONGLENG

The District Red Run 2025, an initiative under the Nagaland State AIDS Control Society (NSACS) in collaboration with the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), was conducted on 26th July 2025 at Longleng. The event aims to raise awareness on HIV & STIs among the youth, under the banner "Run for Awareness, Run Against HIV & STIs".

The run was officially flagged off by Dr. Temsusashi, DTO/DACO Longleng, who encouraged the participants to become ambassadors of awareness and health in their communities.

The event witnessed enthusiastic

participation from youth aged 17–25 years, categorized into male, female, and transgender (if any), showcasing the district's growing commitment to health advocacy and stigma reduction. Attractive cash prizes of ₹5000/-, ₹3000/-, and ₹2000/- were awarded to the best three winners from the male and female categories, who will further represent the district at the State/National Red Run level.

The District AIDS Prevention & Control Unit (DAPCU), along with other stakeholders, ensured the smooth conduct of the event with adequate medical support and awareness booths in place.

K YIMSO LAUNCHES SDFA JERSEY

The Shamator District Football Association (SDFA) team's jersey was formally launched by Chairman of Nagaland Building Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board

(NBOCWBB), K. Yimso Yimchunger on 27th July 2025 at YBBA Guest House, Old Showuba Village, Niuland.

Launching the jersey, Yimchunger urged players to be disciplined, consistent and put God first to achieve higher level. The jersey was dedicated in prayer by Rev. Tochumong Pastor Showuba Village Baptist Church.



Chairman, NBOCWBB, K Yimso Yimchunger with officials during the launch of the SDFA Jersey at Old Showuba Village, Niuland on 27th July 2025.

SDFA President, Shahoto Yimchunger thanked K. Yimso for his support and acknowledged DANYIM Enterprise for sponsorship the jersey, along with Music

Planet & A-Sport and HK Rhetso Tyre MRF Kohima for contributions. The team will be led by the Team Manager, Tsuyihba and Coach, Visa Angami.

ONE-DAY SURGICAL MEDICAL CAMP HELD AT BHANDARI

As part of the Chief Minister Mobile Operation Theater (CM-MOT), a one-day free surgical medical camp was conducted at CHC Bhandari, Wokha on 28th July 2025.

MLA, Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhütso speaking at the event, said CM-MOT, launched on 26 January 2025, aims to improve healthcare access in the rural areas. He thanked Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, noting that camp's success in reaching districts and urged people to avail healthcare schemes like PMJAY and CMHIS. He also expressed gratitude to MLA Achumbemo Kikon for logistical support, along with CHC staff, ADC Bhandari, Deputy Commandant 7th NAP Bhandari and NGOs.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhandari, Longasen Lotha thanked the medical team led by MLA, Dr Rhütso for their tireless efforts in serving

underprivileged communities.

The programme also featured short speech by David K, Lotha Bhandari Town Councillor and chaired by Dr. Caroline T, SMO, CHC Bhandari.

The medical team led by MLA Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhütso included six Doctors, two Laparoscopic surgeons, a general surgeon, an anaesthesiologist and a dentist, from both private and government sectors, provided services like ultrasound, X-ray, endoscopy, blood tests, and surgeries.

In the last seven months, the CM-MOT team has successfully performed over 500 surgeries in 17 different places across Nagaland.

At Bhandari Sub-division, more than 20 surgeries were carried out and 53 OPD patients registered.



Chief Minister Mobile Operation Theater (CM-MOT) Team led by MLA Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhütso, along with ADC Bhandari, Dy. Commandant 7th NAP Bhandari and others during the Medical Camp CHC Bhandari on 28th July 2025.

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY OBSERVED AT LONGLENG

The National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme (NVHCP), Longleng, observed World Hepatitis Day 2025 today at Yachem CHC, Longleng under the theme “Hepatitis: Let’s Break it Down” on 28th July 2025, drawing participation from healthcare workers, community leaders, and members of the public.

District Programme Officer, Longleng, Dr. Temsu, in his keynote address, stressed awareness, early detection, and prevention, noting that hepatitis cases are rising and have become a major cause of death in India. He said the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has made it a flagship national programme. He encouraged citizens to go

for early screening and also highlighted about free testing and treatment provided by the government. He also emphasized community involvement and reducing stigma to encourage health-seeking behaviour.

The programme included an interactive session, where attendees shared views and cleared doubts about hepatitis and its effects on public health. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Yingli Mission Society, Longleng, appreciating all stakeholders support.

The observance served as a vital platform to educate the public and reinforce the commitment toward eliminating viral hepatitis as a public health threat.

BEST FARMERS AWARDED AT TSEMINYU

The Best Farmers Award felicitation program was held at Phenwhenyu Village Council Hall on 29th July 2025 with EAC Tseminyu, Mhathung Ngullie as the special guest.

In his address, Ngullie highlighted that the recognition given by the North East Initiative Development Agency in Tseminyu District has boosted the confidence of farmers and encouraged them to adopt sustainable farming practices. Such initiatives, he said, not only promote ecological balance but also strengthen the economic resilience of rural communities. He expressed hope that today’s

recognition would motivate more farmers to improve their livelihoods, increase their income and enhance their quality of life in future.

The event also featured brief remarks from Junior Soil Conservation Officer, Pelei Theunuo and Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. Kenalo Kath. The program was chaired by NEIDA Senior Field Executive, Daniel Kemp. The welcome address was delivered by Phenwhenyu Village Council Chairman, Rushvulo Tep, while vote of thanks was proposed by NEIDA Senior Field Executive, Rache Wetsah.

SAMPOORNATA ABHIYAN SAMMAN SAMAROH DISTRICT LEVEL AT KIPHIRE

The district-level Sampoonnata Abhiyan Samman Samaroh was held on 29th July 2025 at Hopongkyu Memorial Hall, Kiphire, with Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, Temsuwati

Longkumer NCS, as the Special Guest

In his speech, the DC said that after Kiphire was declared an Inspirational District, many developmental activities

and positive changes have taken place. He encouraged the people to set an example for other districts, stressing more needs to be achieved and no one should be left behind. He thanked all contributions for their efforts and highlighted that the district was chosen due to gaps in several sectors. He noted that government support is focused on uplifting the downtrodden and called for continued commitment towards development.

The DC urged officials, Anganwadi workers, SHGs, stakeholders, and citizens to work together to complete the mission. He added that Sampoonnata Abhiyan should be seen not just as an event but as a celebration

of India's spirit of transformation and the work of changemakers.

Certificates of appreciation for dedicated service during the Sampoonnata Abhiyaan held between July and September 2024 were awarded to several workers and GMS PHED ward Kiphire for Education.

The keynote address was delivered by SDO Civil Kiphire (HQ), Rozy Sangtam. Short speeches on Sampoonnata Abhiyaan Samman Samaroh were delivered by CMO Kiphire, DEO, Kiphire, Block Program Manager, Khongsa and Sampoonnata report by Ningsangwu ABF Khongsa Block.

WOKHA HOSTS NATIONAL SPACE DAY PRE-CELEBRATION TO PROMOTE SPACE SCIENCE AWARENESS

A pre-celebration of National Space Day (NSpD) was held at Tiyi Hall, Wokha on 29th July 2025, jointly organized by the North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC) and the Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre (NGISRSC) under the Planning & Transformation Department.

To mark India's historic Chandrayaan-3 lunar landing, the Government of India has declared August 23 as National Space Day. The Department of Space is spearheading nationwide celebrations, including pre-event programmes in schools, colleges, and scientific institutions to engage students and raise awareness about India's space achievements. In the Northeast, the North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC) is coordinating activities across the eight states, with the Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre (NGISRSC) organizing events in Nagaland.

Dr. B. R. Nagendra, Scientist-SG and Head, Human Resource Development Division

(HRDD), URSC-ISRO, Bengaluru, delivered a keynote lecture on "Satellite Technology and Applications – India in Space", highlighting India's space progress and its role in national development.

Chief Guest, Vineet Kumar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of Wokha, praised NESAC and NGISRSC for bringing space science awareness to the grassroots and inspiring student with ISRO's achievements.

The technical session featured a quiz competition, a presentation on the societal impact of space technology by Nilay Nishant, and a drone demonstration by NGISRSC. Students also interacted with the scientists in a "Meet the Scientists" session.

The event was part of the nationwide NSpD celebrations led by the Department of Space, Government of India, with NESAC coordinating efforts in the Northeast and NGISRSC spearheading activities in Nagaland.

TEPZEN NEW FEED MANUFACTURING PLANT LAUNCH AT TESOPHENYU

The official launching program for Tepzen New Feed manufacturing plant was held at Tepzen main office, Tesophenyu New under Tseminyu District on 30th July 2025 with Deputy Commissioner of Tseminyu, Japheth Woch as the special guest.

In his speech, Woch encouraged and informed the youth about the increasing prospects of self-employment. Introduction

& welcome address was delivered by CEO Tepzen Agro-Food & Farmtech (TAAFT) Dr. Joshua Kath, TAAFT & Vision by managing Director (MD) TAAFT, Renabeni Tep. Short speeches were delivered by Chairman Tesophenyu New, Shentheyi Kath, Assistant manager branch in-charge SIDBI Vikram Kumar, Branch manager SBI Tseminyu, Pamii Eliakim and Nansenlo Tep.

SAMPOORNATA ABHIYAN SAMMAN SAMAROH FOR AKUHAITO ASPIRATIONAL BLOCK HELD AT ZUNHEBOTO

The Sampoonata Abhiyan Samman Samaroh was held on 30th July 2025 at the Multi-Purpose Hall, Zunheboto with MLA, Er. Picto Shohe as the special guest. The event highlighted Akuhaito Aspirational Block, recognizing frontline workers and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for their contributions.

In his speech, Shohe noted some progress, the Akuhaito Aspirational Block has seen little achievements since the launching of the programme in 2023. Now in its third year, the block still lacks bus services and has poor roads. He added that Atoizu Block, with 16 villages and four towns, is ranked 8th amongst 500 blocks in India.

Deputy Commissioner of Zunheboto,

Dharam Raj, IAS, in his keynote address, said the goal of the programme is to empower and felicitate workers and SHGs and to promote the block a model of development for Nagaland and beyond. Several block officials and workers under Sampoonata Abhiyan, were felicitated.

Kivikali, Aspirational Block Fellow gave a presentation, highlighting the events conducted under Akuhaito Aspirational Block. The event concluded with the inauguration of stalls set up by various SHGs and government departments showcasing local products and development initiatives under the Aspirational Block programme.

SCREENING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES HELD AT KIPHIRE

As part of the SAATHI (Survey for Aadhaar and Access to Tracking & JAGRITI-Justice Awareness for Grassroots Information and Transparency Initiative) Campaign, the Kiphire District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), in collaboration with the District Hospital, Kiphire, organised a Special Health Camp for persons with disabilities on 30th July

2025.

Children and senior citizens with disabilities from some of the most remote villages like Thanamir, Iponger, Moya, Fakim, attended the camp. With the help of Para Legal Volunteers, they were identified and transported to the venue. The camp was supervised by Holika Sukhalu, Secretary,

DLSA, Kiphire.

A total of 42 children between (aged 2 -18) and 15 Senior citizens underwent medical screening. The process of issuing their Disability Certificates has been initiated, and application for Unique Disability ID (UDID) Cards are being facilitated by DLSA.

This initiative marks a significant stride in ensuring access at the grassroot level, reaffirming the commitment of Kiphire DLSA and District Hospital Kiphire to extend legal and health services to the most vulnerable sections of society in the district.

DISTRICT LEVEL SAMPOORNATA ABHIYAN SAMMAN SAMAROH HELD IN NOKLAK

A District Level Sampoonata Abhiyan Samman Samaroh under Aspirational Block Program (ABP) was held on 30th July 2025 at Tourist Lodge, Noklak, organized by the District Administration.

Deputy Commissioner, Noklak, P. Mono Khamniungan, appreciated officers and frontline workers for their tireless efforts, stating that the success was due to collective

teamwork rather than the scheme alone, citing Thonoknyu block as an inspiration.

Sub-Divisional Officer (C), Noklak, Vikhoto Richa gave an overview of the campaign, which was conducted between July and September 2024, noting 100% saturation in five of six key indicators. He credited the success to inter-departments coordination, dedicated field workers, and community



DC Noklak P. Mono Khamniungan, with officials during the District Level Sampoonata Abhiyan Samman Samaroh at Tourist Lodge, Noklak on 30th July 2025.

support, highlighting progress in health, education, agriculture, financial inclusion and basic infrastructure.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Noklak, Dr. Victor shared that the campaign's success came from intensive household-level interventions. A house-to-house survey covered all eligible couples, with pregnancy tests given to women, ensuring 100% coverage. He added that health workers led surveys and outreach, which not only achieved saturation but also provided valuable data for future

planning. On Tuberculosis (TB) elimination efforts, Dr. Victor said suspected cases are being identified, sputum samples collected, and stressed the need for early detection and treatment. He thanked the frontline workers for their dedicated efforts in carrying out the campaign.

Under the ABP, block officials and frontline workers were felicitated for their dedication and contribution in raising the block's performance.

ADC OFFICE NEW COMPLEX AND HIGHER SECONDARY BLOCK, INAUGURATED AT TENING

The inauguration of the newly constructed Additional Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex and the Higher Secondary Block of Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Tening, was held at the Town Hall on July 3, 2025. Advisor for CAWD & Taxes, Kudecho Khamo and MLA, Namri Nchang graced the inaugural program as Special Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. The event was also attended by dignitaries, officials, and local residents. Advisor, Kudecho Khamo formally inaugurated both the facilities, marking a significant milestone for the Tening subdivision.

In his speech, Khamo encouraged citizens to treat government assets with pride and emphasized Tening's natural beauty

and potential. He stressed the importance of productivity beyond government jobs, noting that transparency is now central to governance and that people must strive for excellence in all sectors.

MLA, Namri Nchang praised the government for improving administrative and educational infrastructure in the region. He expressed optimism that road development would follow, noting that better connectivity would meet people expectations and boost economic growth by improving access to essential services and markets with neighbouring towns and cities.

Deputy Commissioner of Peren, Hiazu Meru and Assistant Chief Engineer (CAWD), Er. Sungtiba Amer also spoke at the program.

YAONGYIMCHEN MONGTI-AMLUNG MEETING ARENA INAUGURATED

The Yaongyimchen Mongti-Amlung (Meeting Arena) was formally inaugurated on 8th July 2025, marking a significant milestone for the community by, MLA and Chairman DPDB Longleng, A. Ponshi Phom as the special guest, alongside Director, DUDA, T. Wait Aier and Deputy Commissioner, Longleng, W. Manpai Phom at Yaongyimchen Mongti-Amlung (Meeting Arena) Longleng District.

Addressing the gathering, A. Ponshi Phom commended the dedication of village leaders and elders for the successful completion of the Mongti-Amlung (Meeting Arena), thanking land donors and community members for their contributions. He stressed

that sincere leadership is key to development, highlighting the importance of integrity in community progress.

Dr. T. Wati Aier highlighted DUDA's initiatives and credited the MLA's efforts in securing the project under Under Developed Areas Programme (UDAP) scheme. He also urged villagers to protect wildlife and biodiversity, envisioning the area as a future tourist destination.

W. Manpai Phom congratulated the community, underscoring the cultural importance of the Mongti-Amlung and urged citizens to preserve its sanctity and take care of it as their personal property.

CHIEF SECRETARY INAUGURATES VISION NAGALAND HALL AT ATI, KOHIMA

The Vision Nagaland Hall was inaugurated by Chief Secretary of Nagaland, Dr. J. Alam, IAS, at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Kohima, on July 10, 2025

Dr. J. Alam, IAS congratulated the engineering team and officials of ATI for their commendable work despite budget constraints. He emphasized the need for a well-equipped hall, given ATI's role in hosting high-level training programs involving faculties and guests from national and international institutions.

The Chief Secretary emphasized that human resources are the state's most precious asset, underscoring the need for continuous investment in training. He credited the

project's success to a common vision and inter-departmental collaboration, thanking the Finance and Planning Department for timely fund release and assuring continued support for future ATI renovations.

Director of ATI and Secretary for Economics & Statistics, Akun S. Meyase, IAS, welcomed dignitaries and noted that the Hall, originally constructed in 2008-2009, underwent major renovations in 2025 under the Chief Secretary's guidance. She reaffirmed ATI's commitment to excellence through upgraded infrastructure and capacity building programs for various government officers and services.

Executive Engineer of PWD (Housing), Er. Akule Pusa, presented a technical report, stating the renovation started on 3rd April, 2025 and was completed in three months at a cost of 40 lakhs. The hall has a capacity of 80 to 100 seats.

Dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Fr. C. M. Joseph, Parish Priest and Rector of Christ the King Church, Kohima Village. Officers of Finance, Planning, P&AR Departments, representatives from NCSA, NPSA, NSSA, CANSSEA, NIDA, FONSESA, NF&ASA and resource persons attended the programme.



Chief Secretary Nagaland, Dr. J Alam IAS inaugurating the Vision Nagaland Hall at the Administrative Training Institute Kohima on 10th July 2025.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION GUEST HOUSE INAUGURATED IN LONGLENG

General Administration Guest House was inaugurated in Longleng on 18th July 2025, with Advisor Civil Administration Works Division (CAWD) and Taxes, Government of Nagaland, Kudecho Khamo, as the special guest and MLA & Chairman

DPDB Longleng, A. Pongshi Phom, as the guest of honour at GA guest house premises, Longleng.

Kudecho Khamo congratulated the engineering team and administration for completing the project on time. He

highlighted the current challenges faced by the government due to land shortages, contrasting it with the past when villagers willingly donated land, enabling development. He noted that such cooperation is essential for progress.

Khamo also shared that the Chief Minister is committed to the state's development, with initiatives like microfinance, start-up loans, and the newly launched Skills and Entrepreneurship Development Mission aimed at empowering youth and promoting entrepreneurship.

MLA A. Pongshi Phom thanked the

landowner for providing space for the Guest House, benefiting the community. He urged everyone to take collective responsibility for the facility's upkeep, emphasizing it as public property meant to serve future generations.

President Phom People Council, Y.B. Angam Phom also spoke on the occasion while Deputy Commissioner Longleng, W. Manpai Phom delivered the welcome address and a brief technical report was presented by Assistant Chief Engineer (CAWD) office of the Commissioner Nagaland Kohima, Er. Sungtiba Amer.

DISTRICT DE-ADDICTION & REHABILITATION CENTRE INAUGURATED AT TSEMINYU

A District De-addiction & Rehabilitation Centre, sponsored by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, was inaugurated at Thongsunyu village under Tseminyu district on 19th July 2025 with MLA & Chairman DPDB, Tseminyu, Ar. Jwenga Seb as the special guest.

MLA highlighted that the centre is more than just a facility, it is a sanctuary for healing and recovery, offering hope to those affected by substance abuse. He stressed that

drug addiction is a social issue impacting families and communities, and emphasized the importance of reintegration, counselling, medical care, therapy, and vocational training.

Guest of Honour, Deputy Commissioner Japheth Woch (NCS), stated that tackling drug abuse is a shared responsibility. He urged parents, schools, churches, and community groups to actively support the cause and speak openly about addiction



MLA Ar. Jwenga Seb with DC Tseminyu Japheth Woch and officials during inauguration of District De-addiction & Rehabilitation Centre at Thongsunyu village, Tseminyu on 19th July 2025.

without stigma. He affirmed the centre's mission to help individuals reclaim their lives with dignity.

Other speakers included Project Coordinator Timothy Thong, Project In-Charge Philip Seb, and Rengma Hoho.

NAGALAND POLICE INAUGURATES NEW OFFICERS' CENTRAL MESS AND NGOS' MESS AT CHUMOUKEDIMA

The Nagaland Police Officers' Central Mess (NPOCM) and the NGOs' Mess at the Police Complex in Chümoukedima was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, as the Special Guest and Deputy Chief Minister, Home & Border Affairs, Yanthungo Patton as the Guest of Honour.

The Chief Minister highlighted the new police facilities as a reflection of the government's strong commitment to the welfare and dignity of the police force. He emphasized that the Officers' Mess is not just a shared space, but a symbol of unity, discipline, and camaraderie.

Dr. Rio traced the origins of the Officers' Mess to the 1st NAP Battalion in 1964 and expressed hope that the new complex would uphold the proud traditions of the Nagaland Police and inspire future generations. He commended the efforts of all involved in the project's timely completion and acknowledged the rising challenges like cybercrime, organized crime, and drug trafficking. He reiterated the government's dedication to providing modern infrastructure and technology for the force.

Addressing the low police-population ratio, he called for community-based policing rooted in professionalism, integrity, and mutual respect. He also acknowledged the hardships faced by police personnel and assured continued welfare support. In

conclusion, the Chief Minister reaffirmed full government support and urged officers to serve with honour and dedication, extending congratulations to all associated with the project.

Addressing the gathering, Y. Patton stressed the need for modern, dignified housing for police personnel, noting that the old mess cottages from the 1970s had become unfit for use. He shared that ₹10.50 crore was sanctioned under the SASCI 2023–24 scheme for constructing the new Officer's and NGO's Mess, which now accommodates 24 officers and their families and 64 non-gazetted personnel respectively, with modern amenities.

Patton also highlighted the contributions of Rhododendron Hall since 1990 and proposed replacing it with a state-of-the-art multi-purpose facility to meet future needs in Dimapur. He concluded by urging officers and NGOs to serve with dedication and integrity, emphasizing collective effort to build a better future.

IPS, DIGP (Training), Imnalensa chaired the proceedings and IPS, DGP Nagaland, Rupin Sharma delivered the welcome address, which was followed by a technical report presented by Chief Engineer, PEP PHQ, Er. K. Imnajungba Jamir. The vote of thanks was delivered by IPS, ADGP (Administration), Nagaland, Renchamo P. Kikon.

MEGA HOSPITALITY JOB FAIR HELD AND EXTENDED CAMPUS INAUGURATED AT EAGLE CREST INSTITUTE

A Mega Hospitality Job Fair was held on 25th July 2025 at Eagle Crest Institute – East Campus, Middle Colony, near Dimapur Hospital, Purana Bazar. The event was organized by Eagle Crest Training Academy & Consultancy in collaboration with the Government of Nagaland under the Chief Minister's flagship programme – Nagaland Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Mission (NSEDMD).

The event also marked the inauguration of the Institute's Extended Campus, aimed at expanding training and employment opportunities for local youth.

Advisor to the Chief Minister and IDAN Chairman, Abu Metha, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Speaking on behalf of the Chief Minister, Metha lauded Eagle Crest's efforts in empowering youth and emphasized the government's vision to skill 5,000 youths in the first year under the Nagaland Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Mission NSEDMD. He urged students to make use of digital tools, pursue excellence, and become positive ambassadors of Nagaland.

Metha highlighted that the government is offering skill loans ranging from ₹5,000 to ₹1,00,000 to eligible students, in addition to subsidies and financial assistance through the Chief Minister's Micro Finance Scheme. He envisioned Naga youth working globally and eventually contributing back to the state.

Welcoming guests and collaborators from across India and other countries, he

invited them to Nagaland with their families to experience its vibrant festivals, rich culture, scenic beauty, textiles, and the warm hospitality of the people. He added that the Naga way of life is deeply rooted in nature, community, and kindness.

Metha also referred to the national vision of inclusive growth, stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has often reiterated that without the development of the North East, the development of India is incomplete. He expressed optimism that the North East is poised to become a powerhouse of India in the coming years, particularly in fields such as music, sports, and arts.

He concluded by encouraging the youth to work hard and aim high, reminding them that "impossible is nothing" and that success lies within their reach. The Mega Hospitality Job Fair drew enthusiastic participation from hundreds of students and young aspirants from various districts of Nagaland, making it a significant milestone in the state's journey toward skill development and employment generation.

CEO ECTAAC, Temjenkala Aier, in her welcome address, described the event as a mission to connect Naga youth with global hospitality opportunities. Industry leaders from ITC, Treebo, MMA, Deltin, Oberoi, HR India Overseas, and Volume, along with international recruitment agencies, were present to interact with aspiring candidates.

MULTIPURPOSE HALL INAUGURATED AT SECHÜ ZUBZA

A new Multipurpose Hall was inaugurated at Chalietsüdi, Sechü (Zubza) on 29th July 2025 by Abu Metha, Advisor to the Chief Minister and Secretary General of the Nagaland Olympic Association. Calling it “an investment in the dreams of our youth,” Metha highlighted the hall’s role in advancing the state’s vision of youth empowerment through sports.

The project, implemented by the Department of Youth Resources & Sports, was dedicated to the public in a ceremony attended by dignitaries, community leaders, and villagers. Metha called it a significant step toward empowering youth, stating, “This is more than a building—it’s an investment in our future.” He emphasized that the success of the project was due to public support and announced the government’s target to develop similar facilities in all 17 districts within the year.

Highlighting Nagaland’s sports icons like Olympic archer Chekrovolu Swüro and local football legends, Metha praised Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio for his dedication to youth and sports. He envisioned the hall as a future venue for national-level events, stating, “If barefoot players and village girls can become champions, this hall too will inspire greatness.”

Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports, S. Keoshu Yimkhiung, congratulated the village

and contributors, thanking God and the Chief Minister for his visionary leadership. He emphasized the need for greater dedication and professionalism among Naga youth in sports, urging village councils to identify and support talented athletes. “Our goal is to produce athletes who will represent India globally,” he stated.

Minister for Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse, thanked all stakeholders, calling the new hall “a foundation for opportunity, where champions will rise.” She acknowledged Abu Metha’s key role in the project, saying his presence marked a fulfilled promise and a step toward empowering youth.

As Nagaland’s first woman MLA and Minister, Kruse expressed hope that the hall would inspire future generations and become a hub of achievement.

Director of Youth Resources & Sports, Kethosituo Sekhose, reaffirmed the government’s commitment to grassroots sports, noting the ongoing construction of indoor multipurpose sports complexes funded by state resources. He expressed hope that these developments would shape athletes not only for Nagaland but for the nation.

The programme began with a prayer by Rev. Javitso Lhousa, Executive Secretary of the Western Angami Baptist Church Council.





Advisor to the Chief Minister, Abu Metha, inaugurating the Multipurpose Hall at Chalietsüdi, Sechü (Zubza), Kohima, in the presence of dignitaries on 29th July 2025. (Inset: The newly inaugurated Multipurpose Hall)



Advisor, CAWD & Taxes, Kudecho Khamo, along with MLA Pongshi Phom and others, during the inaugural programme of the General Administration Guest House at Longleng on 18th July 2025.



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, inaugurating the Nagaland Police NGOs' Mess at the Police Complex, Chümoukedima, in the presence of dignitaries on 23rd July 2025.



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STATE ROUND-UP



Officials with participants during the one-day training programme for Lab Technicians on Free Diagnostic Services, held at the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima on 3rd July 2025.



Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio, with the Nagaland Delegation and Japanese officials after the signing of MOUs at the Embassy of India, Tokyo, Japan on 5th July 2025.



The Nagaland Delegation led by Chief Minister, Dr. Neiphiu Rio with the Indian Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Vinay Kumar and other dignitaries, at Bharat Utsav 2025 in Moscow, Russia on 13th July 2025.

STATE ROUND-UP



Commissioner & Secretary, RD & SIRD, Thavaseelan and Director SIRD, Vesato with officials and participants during a two-day workshop on PAI 2.0 Version & Thematic GPD at SIRD, Kohima on 17th July 2025.



Gold Medal winners with Director YR&S, Kethosituo Sekhose, and officials of the Nagaland Taekwondo Association at Seongnam, South Korea on 20th July 2025.



Advisor, School Education & SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, with officials and students at the Mega Identification and Assessment Camp for Children with Special Needs, held to mark the 5th Anniversary of the NEP 2020 at the Directorate of School Education, Kohima on 29th July 2025.

DISTRICTS ROUND-UP



Advisor for CAWD & Taxes, Kudecho Khamo along with MLA Dr. Neisatuo Mero, DC Phek Rhosietho Ngouri and officials during DPDB meeting held at ADC's Office Pfutsero on 14th July 2025.



MP Lok Sabha & Chairperson DISHA, S. Supongmeren Jamir with DC Mokokchung, Ajit Kumar Verma and officials during DISHA meeting held at DC's Conference Hall, Mokokchung on 14th July 2025.



Director IPR Dzüvinuo Theünuo, Director IT&C Er. Sabou Yashu, District & Session Judge Phek Mezivolu T. Therieh, Chairman NSCPCR Alun Hangsing along with officials, KPC members at the workshop on "Understanding Child Rights and Child Protection: Role of Media" at Kohima on 19th July 2025

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES



MLA & Chairman SDPDB Tobu, Naiba Konyak, with medical officials and NGOs during the inauguration of the Sub-Centre in Bumei Village, Mon on 7th July 2025.



MLA A. Ponshi Phom, along with DUDA Director, T. Wati Aier and dignitaries, during the inaugural programme of Yaongyimchen Mongti-Amlung at Longleng on 8th July 2025.