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POLITICS

Nagaland Seeks Year-Round PAP Exemption for Foreign Visitors, Writes to Amit Shah



The Nagaland Tourism Board has highlighted the need to simplify entry procedures for foreign visitors. The state is seeking a year-round exemption from the Foreigners (Entry and Residence) Act, which is currently available only during specific periods. Chief Minister Neiphu Rio has addressed this request to Prime Minister Amit Shah through a written letter. The proposal aims to boost tourism and make travel easier for international tourists.

EDUCATION

Nagaland MLA Says Education Should Create Job Creators, Not Just Job Seekers



Akumbemo Kikon, a member of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, stated that education should focus on preparing job creators rather than merely job seekers. He stressed that the current academic framework trains students to find jobs, not to innovate. The legislator called for reforms to incorporate skill development and entrepreneurship into school and college curricula. His remarks are part of a broader discussion on employment challenges in Nagaland.

INTERNATIONAL

Jaishankar: Indian diaspora serves as a bridge to the world



During a recent press briefing, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar highlighted the significant contribution of the Indian diaspora in strengthening ties between India and the world. He noted that the diaspora acts as a medium for trade, investment, and cultural exchange, fostering mutual understanding and cooperation.

Jaishankar mentioned that this community plays a crucial role not only economically but also in enhancing India’s international image and strengthening diplomatic efforts. He urged the government to collaborate more closely with diaspora leaders to leverage their potential for national development.

These remarks come amid ongoing discussions about expanding India’s global reach and shaping the country’s international perception through the influence of the diaspora.

JOBS & CAREER

Advisor Kuzoluzo Nienau highlights link between employability and skill development



Advisor Kuzoluzo Nienau recently issued a statement on the relationship between employability and skill development. He emphasized that targeted skill development is necessary to improve job opportunities. This was reported by Eastern Mirror. His remarks suggest that there will be continued emphasis on skill development programs to boost employment rates.

INTERNATIONAL

India-US trade deal nears conclusion as key issues resolved



New Delhi – Officials from India and the United States have stated that most contentious points in the long-awaited trade agreement have been resolved. According to a report by Eastern Mirror, both sides have cleared the major obstacles that were holding up the deal.

Sources close to the negotiations said the remaining agenda now involves finalizing the text of the agreement and arranging the signing ceremony. While no specific date has been announced yet, progress suggests the deal could be completed within the next few months.

The trade agreement is designed to promote bilateral commerce and investment and could open new possibilities in sectors ranging from technology to agriculture. Experts believe a final deal would strengthen economic ties and potentially reshape supply chains in the Indo-Pacific region.

Both governments reiterated their commitment to a transparent and mutually beneficial arrangement, indicating that the resolution of key issues reflects shared strategic interests. Detailed legal reviews will be conducted before the final signing.

This development marks a significant milestone in India-US economic cooperation, representing a step toward market integration after years of negotiations.

TRAVEL

90-Year-Old Nagaland Man Turns Wife's Grave into Tourist Attraction



A 90-year-old man in Nagaland has turned his wife's grave, where she was buried a decade ago, into a small tourist attraction. He cleared the area around the grave, planted ornamental flowers, and installed a simple bench so that visitors could sit and spend time in peace.

Locals and curious travelers have flocked to the site, drawn by the personal tribute and the tranquil atmosphere. The informal attraction gained attention in regional media, prompting the district tourism office to monitor the number of visitors.

Authorities have not issued any restrictions, stating that the site does not violate any regulations. The elderly man said he wants the place to keep his wife's memory alive while also contributing to local tourism.

The initiative highlights how individual efforts can create unique attractions in remote parts of the country, adding a human touch to Nagaland's growing tourism profile.

POLITICS

Nagaland Chief Minister Urges Centre to Extend P.A.P. Relaxation for 2026 Hornbill Festival



The Nagaland Chief Minister has requested the Centre to extend the relaxation of Public Assembly (P.A.P.) rules for another month for the 2026 Hornbill Festival.

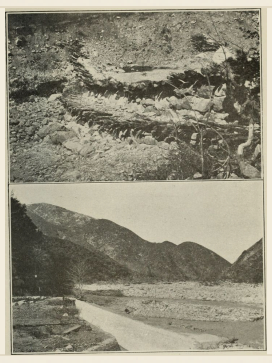
The Hornbill Festival, which attracts tourists from India and abroad, is scheduled to be held in 2026. The chief minister’s appeal was made to gain greater flexibility for large gatherings and logistical arrangements.

During a meeting with officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Rio highlighted the economic and cultural significance of the festival.

The central government has yet to decide on the request, and the final decision will determine whether the festival can operate under relaxed rules.

Stakeholders in Nagaland are closely monitoring the decision, hoping that the extension will boost the festival’s success and tourism in the region.

Dua Lipa and Madonna to headline Coachella 2027; Diljit Dosanjh returns



The lineup for the 2027 edition of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival has been announced, featuring pop sensations Dua Lipa and Madonna as headliners.

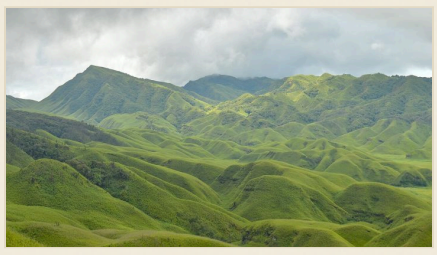
The announcement confirmed that Dua Lipa will perform on the main stage, followed by Madonna, who has been a prominent artist in the festival’s history.

In addition to the headliners, Punjabi superstar Diljit Dosanjh has been revealed to return to the festival stage, marking his comeback after a break.

The lineup underscores Coachella’s continued appeal to a diverse international audience, blending contemporary pop with established legends.

SARKARI YOJANA

Nagaland Lottery Results Announced: Winner of ₹1 Crore Prize



The draw for the Nagaland State Lottery concluded at 1 PM today, with the results announced by the State Lottery Office.

One winner emerged from this draw, securing the ₹1 crore prize, which is the largest reward available under the current lottery scheme.

The winner's identity has not yet been made public, and the lottery office stated that the prize will be disbursed only after the winning ticket is verified.

EDUCATION

Students of Tuensang Celebrate Their Heritage, Inspire Future Generations



In Tuensang, Nagaland, students recently celebrated their rich cultural heritage. The event, themed "Roots and Wings", aimed to foster pride in traditions and encourage aspirations. Organisers hope that by showcasing heritage, students will be inspired to contribute to the development and progress of their community.

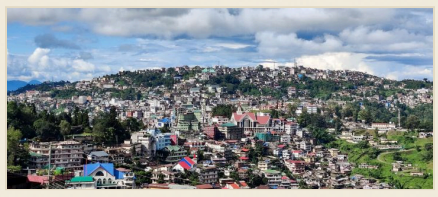
Rising Mental Health Concerns in Nagaland



A recent report published by MorungExpress highlights rising mental health concerns in Nagaland. The report stresses the need to increase awareness and support systems to address the growing number of individuals struggling with mental health issues. Specific details regarding the nature and extent of these challenges have not yet been released. Nonetheless, the report calls on policymakers, healthcare providers and the public to prioritise mental well-being in Nagaland.

LOCAL

IED Explosion Suspected on Kohima Highway; CM Rio Condemns Incident



An IED explosion was suspected on a major highway in Kohima, the capital of Nagaland, causing damage to the road and surrounding infrastructure. No deaths or injuries have been reported to date.

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio sharply condemned the incident, calling it a heinous act that threatens the state’s peace and security. He urged the public to remain vigilant and assured that all necessary steps would be taken during the investigation.

Nagaland Police and the State Home Department have launched an inquiry, deploying forensic teams to the site. Preliminary findings indicate the device was positioned along the highway, but the exact motive and identity of the perpetrators remain unknown.

Residents and travellers have been advised to avoid the affected area until safety is confirmed, heightening concerns over security on the region’s main transport routes.

WEATHER

Nagaland Prioritises Forest Fire Prevention



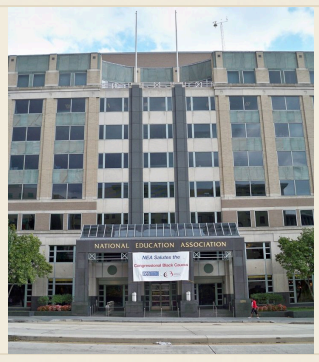
The Nagaland government has announced a policy shift to prioritise forest fire prevention. Officials explained that the new approach will include early detection, community awareness, and controlled burns in high-risk areas.

Under this strategy, forest department staff will receive training in risk assessment and will collaborate with local villages to monitor potential fire zones. The state plans to install towers and remote sensors to detect smoke or heat signatures.

report any signs of fire and adopt safe agricultural practices through public education campaigns. By concentrating resources on prevention, the state aims to protect its rich biodiversity and reduce the economic losses caused by recurrent forest fires.

EDUCATION

National Education Day 2026 Celebrated in Kohima



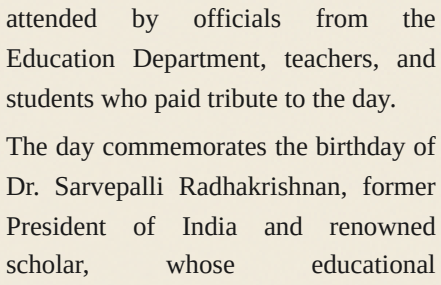
On the occasion of National Education Day 2026, the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) of Nagaland held a ceremony in the capital Kohima. The event was attended by officials from the Education Department, teachers, and students who paid tribute to the day.

The day commemorates the birthday of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, former President of India and renowned scholar, whose educational contributions are recognised nationwide.

DIPR reiterated the state’s ongoing initiatives to raise literacy rates and improve the quality of education, ensuring that all segments of society receive better educational facilities.

BUSINESS

Nagaland State Lottery Winners List Released, Top Prize ₹1 Crore



The Nagaland State Lottery Authority has released the official results of its latest draw, providing a complete list of winning ticket numbers and corresponding prize amounts. The declared prizes range from the top prize of ₹1 crore to the minimum prize of ₹120.

According to the release, the largest prize of ₹1 crore was awarded to the ticket number published on the lottery's website. Prizes of ₹50 lakh, ₹10 lakh, and other lower-tier amounts are also listed in the official records.

This lottery is a state-run scheme, a portion of whose revenue is allocated to social welfare programs in Nagaland. Residents across the state purchase tickets from authorized vendors, and winners must collect their prizes at government offices within a specified timeframe.

Officials have requested all winners to verify their ticket numbers against the official list and follow the prize collection process to avoid any delays.

Nagaland Official Urges Rapid Shift to Renewable Energy and Reduced Fossil Fuel Dependence



Kohima, Nagaland – A senior government official has emphasized the need for the state to accelerate the adoption of renewable energy technologies. He stated that reducing dependence on coal, oil, and other fossil fuels is essential for meeting environmental targets and ensuring long-term energy security.

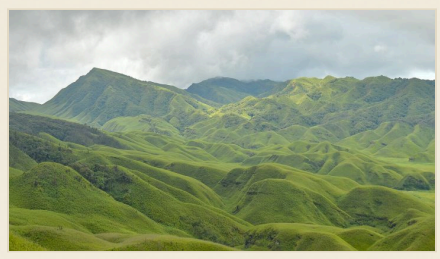
The appeal comes amid growing concerns over climate change in the northeastern region, where recurring landslides and erratic rainfall have exposed the vulnerability of traditional energy infrastructure. By expanding solar, wind, and small hydroelectric projects, the state can diversify its energy mix and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Although no specific policy details were provided, the official noted that upcoming budget allocations and state-level incentives would attract private investment to clean energy ventures. Stakeholders are expected to work with central ministries to align Nagaland's renewable energy roadmap with national climate commitments.

Energy analysts believe this shift could also strengthen local economies, as the installation, maintenance, and construction of renewable energy equipment will create jobs. The official's remarks suggest a potential strategic transformation in Nagaland's energy landscape over the next decade.

LOCAL

Major Clean-Up Drive Planned in Nagaland Ahead of Festival Season on November 13



A coordinated clean-up drive will be held in Nagaland on November 13, aligning with the state's preparations for the festival season. The initiative aims to bring together residents, community groups, and local authorities to clean public spaces, roads, and markets.

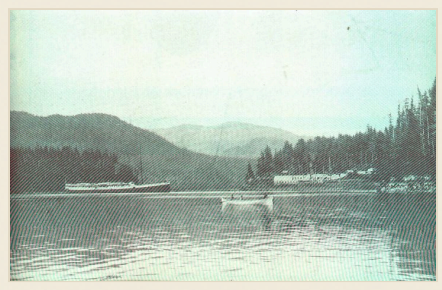
Organizers have called for widespread participation, urging citizens to join the effort and keep their neighborhoods free of garbage during the festivities. Volunteers will be provided with basic cleaning tools and safety gear early in the morning.

The drive reflects the growing emphasis on civic responsibility and environmental hygiene in the state, which aligns with national cleanliness campaigns. Officials hope that the collective effort will not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of towns and villages but also strengthen a sense of community pride ahead of the celebrations.

released regarding specific routes, coordinating committees, or partner agencies, but the announcement underscores the government's commitment to maintaining public health and hygiene standards during high-traffic periods.

BUSINESS

Yes Bank Seeks Supreme Court Review of AT-1 Bond Write-Off



Yes Bank has filed a petition in the Supreme Court seeking a judicial review of the decision to write off AT-1 bonds. The bank argues that the step taken by the regulator following financial stress was procedurally improper and has caused harm to bondholders.

The petition argues that this write-off could undermine investor confidence and negatively impact the market for AT-1 bonds, which are used in the capital structure of banks in the future. Yes Bank is seeking relief, whether in the form of reversing the write-off or providing clear guidelines for its implementation.

Legal experts believe the case could have far-reaching implications for the Indian banking sector, as AT-1 bonds have featured prominently in recent regulatory actions. The Supreme Court's decision could determine the handling of future capital restructuring measures and the balance of rights for bond investors.

Investors and industry observers are closely watching the case, as the court's verdict will clarify market sentiment toward Indian banks.

CRIME

Naga MLA Condemns New Haven Attack, Demands Deployment of State Troops



A sudden attack on a police outpost in a town in New Haven on Tuesday resulted in the death of three security personnel and the injury of two others. The attack, which took place in the outskirts of the town, is believed to have been carried out by unidentified armed groups.

Naga MLAs gathered in the assembly and strongly condemned the incident. In a joint statement, the MLAs condemned the violence and demanded swift action against the perpetrators.

The MLAs also appealed for state personnel to be deployed in place of central forces, stating that local troops would be better equipped to handle the security situation. They cited issues of coordination and accountability as reasons for this change.

The incident has heightened tensions in the region, and security agencies have increased patrols and intelligence operations. The state government has promised to investigate the attack and prevent such incidents from recurring.

Metsubo Urges DDU-GKY Trainees in Nagaland to Focus on Job Creation



The Department of Information and Public Relations in Nagaland stated that Metsubo, a senior official, addressed DDU-GKY trainees on Thursday. He said that the government's skill development programs should prepare individuals to create entrepreneurial and self-employment opportunities. Metsubo highlighted the success stories of former trainees who established small businesses and urged the current cohort to follow the same path. He cited facilities provided by the program, such as micro-credit, market linkage assistance, and mentorship. This initiative aims to motivate young people in rural Nagaland to focus on job creation rather than merely seeking employment.

LOCAL

Longleng Declared Nagaland's First Clean Town



The headquarters of Longleng district in Nagaland has been awarded the title of the state's first clean town for its efforts in cleaning and waste management under the Swachh Bharat Mission, as reported by The Times of India.

Officials stated that the honor was conferred only after meeting stringent cleanliness standards, including waste segregation, the availability of public toilets, and participation in community clean-up drives. The municipal council has continued these efforts in collaboration with local NGOs and schools.

pride in the achievement and pledged to maintain the standards, stating that the award would inspire neighboring districts to adopt similar initiatives. This recognition positions Longleng as a model for rural-urban cleanliness projects in the northeastern region.

LOCAL

District Public Safety Dumoo Conducts Disaster Mock Drill



District Public Safety (DPS) Dumoo recently organized a disaster mock drill aimed at testing emergency response procedures. The exercise saw coordinated action by various local agencies. Officials said the drill would help identify gaps in current protocols and enhance overall readiness. The event is part of ongoing efforts to strengthen disaster management capabilities in the region.

N-TEET 2026 Exam Postponed, Entry Card Issuance Delayed



The National Teacher Eligibility Test (N-TEET) 2026 has been officially postponed. The decision was announced in a brief public statement. Along with the postponement, the issuance date for entry cards has been pushed back. Candidates who had planned to receive cards by the previously scheduled date will now have to wait for the new timetable. The reason for the change was not clarified, but it is expected to affect the preparation timelines of thousands of applicants nationwide. Those who had already planned registration and document submission must adjust their schedules according to the new dates. Candidates are advised to keep an eye on official notifications for timely information on the revised exam and entry card dates and to submit required documents promptly.

Nagaland Needs Focus, Not New Gardening Schemes



The editor of Mokokchung Times recently wrote an article urging Nagaland to focus on more concentrated development initiatives rather than new gardening schemes. He noted that the state has repeatedly received promises of large-scale gardening projects, yet tangible progress remains limited. The article warned that without clear, actionable focus, such promises risk becoming mere words. The editor urged state leaders to prioritize strengthening infrastructure, education, and healthcare before expanding gardening efforts.

Nagaland Chief Minister Nephiu Rio Attends First Tenami Women's Union Conference



Nagaland Chief Minister Nephiu Rio attended the first general conference of the Tenami Women's Union, an organization established to represent the interests of women in the Tenami community. The event, the union's first formal gathering, was held in Nagaland and included community leaders and activists. Rio's presence underscored the state government's support for women empowerment initiatives, especially in tribal societies. No new policy was announced, but the chief minister emphasized the role of women in inclusive development and preserving cultural heritage. Organizers expressed gratitude for the chief minister's attendance, stating it would give the union greater visibility and increase women's participation in the region.

CRIME

CBI Conducts Raids in Six States in Mahad App Investigation



The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) announced raids in six states as part of its investigation into the Mahad mobile application. During the raids, CBI officials collected evidence related to potential irregularities in the app. Mahad App is a mobile platform whose operational details have not yet been made public. CBI officials stated that the action is part of a broader effort to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.