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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.

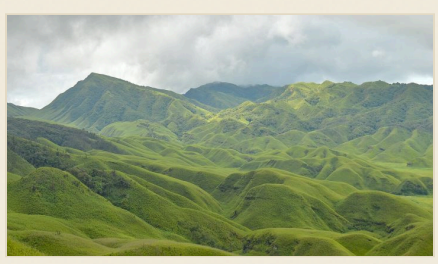
The trade agreement is designed to promote bilateral commerce and investment and could open new possibilities in sectors ranging from technology to agriculture. Experts believe a final deal would strengthen economic ties and potentially reshape supply chains in the Indo-Pacific region.

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.

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.

JOBS & CAREER

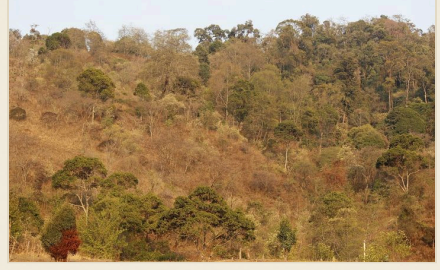
Metsubo Urges DDU-GKY Trainees in Nagaland to Focus on Job Creation



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.

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.

Authorities will encourage residents to 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.

POLITICS

PM Modi Says Science and Spirituality Go Hand in Hand



New Delhi – Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently said that India's development depends on the harmony between scientific innovation and spiritual heritage. He argued that the country's ancient philosophical traditions provide moral direction, while modern research drives economic growth and global competitiveness.

Modi cited examples of Indian scientists drawing inspiration from cultural knowledge, noting that such a blend fosters responsible innovation. He urged policymakers, educators and industry leaders to nurture both domains simultaneously so that technological progress proceeds alongside ethical values rooted in the nation's spiritual fabric.

The remarks came amid an ongoing debate about the role of tradition in rapid modernization, reinforcing the government's view that India can achieve high-tech ambitions without abandoning its cultural identity.

Nagaland Government Receives Golden Beaver Award 2026 at Alberta Film Festival



The Nagaland government was presented with the Golden Beaver Award 2026 at the Alberta Film Festival. The accolade acknowledges the state's efforts to promote regional cinema and support filmmakers. Representatives from Nagaland attended the ceremony, accepted the honor and discussed prospects for future collaboration.

The Golden Beaver Award is one of the festival's top honors, spotlighting significant contributions to the film sector. The recognition underscores Nagaland's growing presence on the international film stage.

EDUCATION

Nagaland's NEPED Embraces Digitalization After 30 Years of Community Work



Nagaland's NEPED, which has been running various initiatives at the community level for the past 30 years, has now announced its move to work on a digital platform. This step marks a significant shift from the traditional ground-based working methodology to online tools and services.

According to a statement released by NEPED, the digital transformation will streamline processes, improve data management, and enable the expansion of its programs across the state. The organization will utilize this new system for awareness campaigns, training, and resource distribution.

Many who are aware of this change say that going digital will reduce logistical hurdles and establish faster communication with beneficiaries. NEPED hopes that this upgrade will enhance transparency and efficiency while maintaining its core community-centric mission.

The digital implementation is being done gradually, with employees being trained on the new software and platforms. NEPED has also stated that it will continue its physical presence in districts where internet access is limited.

Analysts believe that this move reflects a broader trend among regional NGOs and government institutions in Northeast India of adopting technology in service delivery, aligning with national digital-inclusion goals.

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.

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.

Nagaland CM Rio Announces 2.5 Million Rupee Prize for Asian Para Games Bronze Medalist Hokto Hotoje Sema



Nagaland Chief Minister Nifiyu Rio announced that the state government will award 2.5 million rupees in cash to Hokto Hotoje Sema, who won a bronze medal for India at the Asian Para Games. The initiative aims to recognise the achievements of athletes with disabilities and promote sports competition in the region. Rio said the financial assistance will help Sema with training, special equipment and other expenses required for future competitions. He added that the government is committed to creating a conducive environment for disabled athletes. The award will be presented to Sema in a formal ceremony organised by the state sports department. Officials said the move is part of Nagaland's inclusive sports development strategy and celebrates players who bring national pride. Northeastern sports bodies welcomed the step, noting that such incentive schemes can motivate young disabled players to compete at higher levels.

AGRICULTURE

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Leads Second Pre-Budget Meeting with Agriculture Experts



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman led a second pre-budget meeting with agriculture experts, underscoring the government's intent to incorporate a regional perspective into the forthcoming budget. The meeting was part of a consultation series aimed at gathering comprehensive stakeholder feedback before finalising the budget. Representatives from various sectors of the agricultural industry discussed challenges, opportunities and potential policy measures to increase production and improve farmers' welfare. The minister emphasised the need to address farmers' concerns and promote inclusive development in the agriculture sector. Key takeaways from the discussion will shape budget proposals and future agricultural policy initiatives.

Nagaland Women Weavers Demand Comprehensive Government Support



Traditional garment-making women artisans in Nagaland have called for more inclusive government assistance. They argue that while schemes exist, complex procedures and limited outreach in remote villages prevent them from benefiting.

Representatives of the weavers met local officials to highlight implementation gaps and demanded a simplified application process, a dedicated outreach team and special financial incentives for their community.

The appeal coincides with a review of the state government's rural development agenda, with officials expressing willingness to hear the concerns. Stakeholders hope that a clear policy framework will enable more women to tap into handicraft and micro-enterprise schemes.

If the demands are met, weavers could see increased production capacity, better market linkages and a revival of traditional designs that showcase Nagaland's cultural identity.

HEALTH

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.

EDUCATION

Mokokchung district wins Annual Youth Parliament Quiz 202



The Annual Youth Parliament Quiz 202 concluded with a victory for Mokokchung district, as reported by Eastern Mirror. Teams from various districts participated, engaging in parliamentary simulations and debates to deepen their understanding of democratic processes.

efforts to strengthen youth citizenship. Local teachers and officials stated that the rigorous preparation and active participation of Mokokchung students were the primary reasons for this success.

The quiz organizers praised the enthusiasm of all participants and emphasized the importance of promoting democratic values in the region through such programs. The victory for Mokokchung is expected to lead to increased investment in future youth-centric civic programs.

SARKARI YOJANA

Activists demand full implementation of Senior Citizens Welfare Act across all Naga districts



A formal petition has been presented to the state administration demanding the prompt implementation of the Senior Citizens Welfare Act across all districts of Nagaland. Filed by an alliance of senior citizen groups and social workers, the petition states that several districts have yet to enforce the provisions of the 2015 law, leaving elderly citizens without guaranteed benefits.

The Act aims to provide financial assistance, health support, and social security measures, and mandates the establishment of dedicated welfare cells in every district. Petitioners argue that the lack of such cells has hindered access to pensions, medical subsidies, and senior-friendly infrastructure.

State officials have been requested to issue clear guidelines, allocate necessary funds, and monitor compliance across the 12 districts. Activists have also demanded a timeline for implementation and a grievance redressal mechanism, stating that timely action is essential to protect the rights and dignity of the elderly.

If the petition is accepted, the government is likely to constitute a task force to oversee the swift delivery of the Act's benefits to intended recipients.

SPORTS

Kohima wins overall title at NSPG 2026



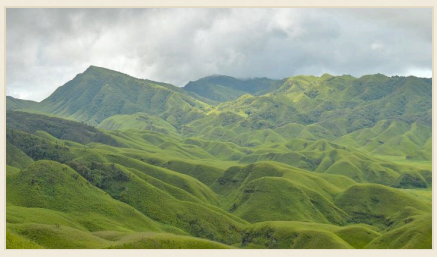
Kohima, the capital of Nagaland, was declared the overall winner at the National School/Sports Promotion Games 2026, as reported by The Naga Post. Kohima's athletes accumulated the highest number of points across various sports to secure the top position. This victory highlights the growing importance of sports development in the northeastern region. Officials praised the coordinated efforts of coaches, players, and local authorities. The award ceremony underscored the commitment to nurturing young talent in Kohima and promoting a healthy sports culture.

participants from various parts of India competing in multiple events. This year, Kohima’s performance, which left other major competitors behind, has become a milestone in the state’s sports agenda. This success is expected to boost the morale of local athletes and encourage participation in future games.

State sports officials have announced plans to upgrade training facilities and launch new grassroots programs to build on this victory. This achievement positions Nagaland as an emerging center for sports excellence in the country.

SCIENCE

Magnitude 5.3 earthquake recorded near Tuensang, Nagaland



According to Volcano Discovery, a magnitude 5.3 earthquake was recorded near Tuensang, Nagaland.

Local officials stated that there have been no reports of loss of life or widespread damage from the earthquake so far.

The India Meteorological Department has deployed teams to monitor potential aftershocks and is advising the public on safety measures. Seismic activity is periodically observed in this region due to its proximity to Himalayan fault lines, making continuous monitoring necessary.

Blinken Says US Should Respect India's Right to Self-Defense



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken stated that the United States must respect India's right to self-defense, according to a report by the Nagaland Post. The comment reflects the official US stance toward India's sovereign security decisions.

Blinken's remark underscored the importance of the India-US strategic partnership. By recognizing India's right to defend its region, the United States affirmed support for India's autonomy in security matters.

The statement arrives amid regional security concerns and could shape diplomatic dialogue between the two nations. Both governments have repeatedly emphasized the need for mutual respect and cooperation in defence and foreign policy.

While no specific policy shift was mentioned, the declaration reinforces the broader framework of India-US relations, where respect for each nation's sovereign choices remains a fundamental principle.

EDUCATION

First Northeast TUMO Tech Centre Opens in Dimapur, Nagaland



Nagaland government has announced that the first TUMO creative technology centre in the Northeast will be established in Dimapur. The state’s education department confirmed the decision, a significant step for digital and creative education in the region.

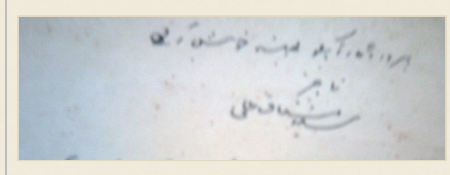
after-school learning hub founded in Armenia, offers project-based training in graphic design, animation, coding and digital marketing. The model blends technology-driven curriculum with mentorship to teach market-ready skills without a traditional classroom.

Officials believe the Dimapur centre will attract hundreds of young students from Nagaland and neighbouring states, providing employment opportunities in emerging creative industries. The centre plans to start operations by mid-2025, with state-of-the-art labs, studios and collaborative workspaces.

The project is implemented in partnership with the TUMO Foundation and is funded by the state government and private sponsors. All parties hope the centre will empower local talent and become a hub of innovative digital education.

SPORTS

How to Watch Live Second-Round Matches of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2026-27



The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has scheduled the second-round matches of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2026-27 to be played this month in several stadiums. As the tournament progresses, interest from audiences outside the stadiums is growing.

NDTV Profit has confirmed that it will stream all second-round matches on its official website and mobile app. Registered users will have free access, provided they complete a simple sign-up process.

Viewers can also watch the matches live on the NDTV Profit television channel. The channel’s commentary team will offer ball-by-ball analysis, while the digital feed will feature live scores and player statistics.

Streaming will be synchronized with the official tournament schedule, and matches will be available from start to finish. Viewers are advised to check the NDTV Profit platform for any last-minute updates, such as changes in match times or technical issues.

audience for the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, continuing to provide a vital platform for emerging Indian cricketers.

SPORTS

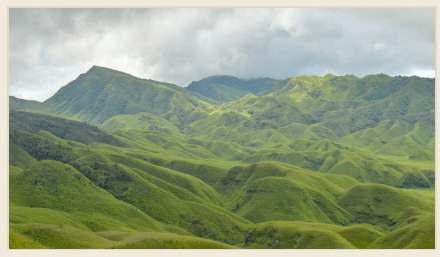
Gokulam Kerala FC achieves historic win in Nagaland



Gokulam Kerala FC secured a historic victory in Nagaland, winning a thrilling match 2-1. This win is a significant achievement for the club, demonstrating its capabilities on the national football stage. Details regarding specific players involved and key moments of the match have not yet been disclosed. The victory will be celebrated by Gokulam Kerala FC fans across the country.

LIFESTYLE

Nagaland State Lottery Results Announced for 16 November 2026



The official results for the Nagaland State Lottery on 16 November 2026 have been announced.

The draw was conducted at three scheduled times throughout the day: 1 pm, 6 pm and 8 pm.

Participants and ticket holders can now view the complete list of winners for all three time slots. The results provide winning numbers that correspond to the various prize categories offered in the state lottery scheme.

Interested individuals are advised to match their ticket numbers against the official winners list to confirm their status. This announcement follows the daily draw process maintained by the Nagaland State Lottery Department.

Nagaland's Health Budget Cuts 29%, CAG Highlights Doctor-Nurse Shortage



The Nagaland Health Department recorded a 29% cut in the budget for this fiscal year, as shown in the latest figures released by the state. This sharp reduction drew the attention of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), which issued a report on the matter.

The CAG’s investigation revealed a serious shortage of doctors, nurses and essential health services. The report stated that the budget cut disrupted recruitment, training and maintenance of existing medical infrastructure, leaving health services inadequate in many districts.

State officials acknowledged the report and said they would review the audit findings and plan corrective measures. No concrete action has yet been announced, but the department indicated it will seek additional funding to fill the major staffing gaps and sustain basic health services.

The situation underscores growing concerns about the availability of health services in Nagaland’s remote areas, where limited resources already hinder the provision of adequate medical care.

INTERNATIONAL

Trump, Xi, Putin to hold joint meeting, Nagaland Post reports



The Nagaland Post reports that U.S. President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Russian President Vladimir Putin are planning a joint meeting. This announcement represents a rare opportunity for the three leaders to discuss global issues. No information about the date or location is available yet.