

**THE HEADLINES:-**

- 1. Nagaland Government approves creation of separate district for Pochury tribe.**
- 2. State government decides to recommend ENPO's demand for a separate entity, to the Centre.**
- 3. Minister KG Kenye expresses strong concern over alleged encroachment by Assam on Nagaland's reserve forest area.**
- 4. And, Indian Railways introduces special trains to cater rush of passengers during festive season.**



The Nagaland State Cabinet has decided to grant a separate district for the Pochury tribe residing in the Meluri Sub-division of Phek district. This decision was conveyed by Nagaland Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, KG Kenye, following a cabinet meeting held at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat in Kohima. Mr. Kenye highlighted that the Pochury community, currently part of Phek district, has long aspired to have a district of their own, and the cabinet has now approved their request. The Minister confirmed that the new district will be established soon.



Nagaland government today decided to recommend the demand for a separate entity by the Eastern Nagaland Peoples Organization, ENPO, to the Centre. This decision was shared by Nagaland Ministers KG Kenye and CL John, spokespersons for the state government, following a cabinet meeting at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat in Kohima. Minister Kenye said that addressing the ENPO's demand was a key agenda for the Cabinet. Minister John explained that an initial draft of the Memorandum of Settlement, MoS was submitted by the Union Home Ministry before the elections. ENPO preferred retaining the MoS draft without amendments, which the Cabinet discussed on October 30. In the proposal, Mr. Kenye emphasized that the new entity would operate within the framework of Article 371(A) and would not seek Sixth Schedule autonomy. Although financial autonomy was discussed, it will adhere to central and state guidelines. The ENPO region's administrative structure will include a mini-secretariat. The ENPO reportedly has agreed to extend its deadline beyond October 31 to allow time for formalization, while the state's own commission will provide final inputs.



Nagaland Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, KG Kenye, has expressed strong concern over alleged encroachment by Assam on Nagaland's reserve forest area in Tuli region under Mokokchung district. Mr. Kenye pointed out that a letter from the Assam Chief Minister to Nagaland's Chief Minister on the disputed area, with a copy also sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, reveals inconsistencies.

Mr. Kenye said that Nagaland government is committed to addressing the issue and has decided to communicate with both the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Environment and Forests. Additionally, the state plans to conduct a physical verification of the area, led by a senior state official. He noted that Nagaland expects cooperation from Assam in finding an amicable, court-free solution and expressed disappointment over Assam's unexpected actions on the ground without awaiting an official settlement.



Indian Railways is running thousands of special trains to cater to the rush of passengers during the festive season of Deepawali and Chhath Puja. This year, the Railways is operating over two thousand five hundred additional trains in comparison to last the year for the ease of passengers. Recently, Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw had announced that the number of special trains increased to seven thousand this year, compared to four thousand five

hundred operated last year. He said, around two lakh extra passengers can travel by these trains on a daily basis.



Nagaland Governor La Ganesan has extended warm greetings to all Liangmai and Zeliang brothers and sisters on the occasion of Chaga Gadi and Langsimnyi festivals. In his greeting message, the Governor called for embracing the spirit of gratitude and togetherness that these occasions bring. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, Deputy Chief Ministers TR Zeliang and Y Patton also extended warm greetings to the people on the occasion.



Nagaland Governor La Ganesan and Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio have conveyed warm greetings on the auspicious occasion of Diwali. Governor La Ganesan in a message hoped that the festival of lights will bring new opportunities, positivity, and the strength to overcome any challenges. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said that he shares the joy in celebrating the Festival of Lights. While wished everyone a safe and a blessed Diwali.



Kohima Deputy Commissioner has directed the removal of various encroachments and obstructions along the Right of Way, RoW on the National Highway. The order directed that all encroachments on the Row should be cleared by 3rd November 2024. It said non-compliance will lead to appropriate legal actions against defaulters as per the provisions of the law. The order said that construction materials, off-road vehicles and wastes are obstructing the RoW. It noted that several businesses, including tyre shops, timber and bamboo shops, vehicle workshops and metal fabrication shops have been displaying products outside their premises, encroaching upon the RoW. The order said that this practice has led to narrowing of the road resulting in severe traffic congestion, posing threat to both pedestrians and vehicles and public inconvenience. The order further mentioned that presence of open toilets, pig sties, loose tarpaulins, plastic sheets, and clogged drains along the National Highway has raised public health concerns.



The All Nagaland College Students Union, ANCSU kicked off its inaugural Collegiate Meet today at Livingstone Foundation International School, under the theme Enabling Potentialities. Gracing the event as the Chief Guest, Advisor to the Chief Minister and Chairman of IDAN, Abu Mehta, called on attendees to act as ambassadors of unity and to overcome challenges posed by tribalism. Mr. Metha noted that the diverse participation from across Nagaland reflects a spirit of unity. Highlighting the abundant opportunities available to today's youth, Mr. Metha emphasized that success is achievable through hard work. Highlights of the event included oath administration by ANCSU Games and Sports Secretary Dube Tetse-o and inauguration of volleyball match between Baptist College, Kohima, and Dimapur Government College.



The 11th Kohima Open Volleyball Tournament 2024 kicked off today at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima. Gracing the event as special guest, Director of Youth Resources and Sports, Kethosituo Sekhose emphasized on the potential of a club-based league system in Nagaland to boost the sport's development. He highlighted the Nagaland government's recent establishment of the Nagaland Super League, a football franchise league, as a possible template for volleyball. He applauded the participation of teams from across Nagaland and Senapati, Manipur. A total of 17 teams, 12 in the men's category and 5 in the women's category, are competing in the Tournament. Kohima District Volley Ball Association President, Visasielie Suohu said a total of 3.1 lakh rupees has been set as prize money for the tournament.

