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:::THE HEADLINES:::

1. Nagaland celebrates its 62nd Statehood Day; Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio emphasizes on unity, peace and mutual respect for building a prosperous and harmonious society.
2. 25th edition of Hornbill Festival commences showcasing state's rich cultural heritage on global stage.
3. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio reiterates government's commitment to inclusivity, particularly in addressing the ENPO issue.
4. And, Nagaland Health and Family Welfare Minister P Paiwang Konyak leads state in observing World Aids Day.



Nagaland is celebrating its 62nd Statehood Day today. It was on this day in 1963 that Nagaland became the 16th state of India. Commemorating the significant milestone in Nagaland's history, the state-level celebration was held at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza in Kohima with Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio addressing the gathering. In his speech, the Chief Minister quoted the then President of India, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, who said, "friendship helps to build a society where hatred and violence tend to disrupt it. Let us avoid the latter and adopt the former." Mr. Rio emphasized that these words remain profoundly relevant today, underscoring the importance of

unity, peace, and mutual respect for building a prosperous and harmonious society.

***RIO BYTE 1 - (Peace for development and development for Peace,”
our governance cornerstone, reflects this enduring sentiment)***

Mr. Rio also highlighted the state’s progress in various development activities, reflecting on the significant strides made since Nagaland’s formation as a state. He appealed to every citizen of Nagaland to come together and work in unity to bring happiness and prosperity to their lives. In line with the state’s vision for progress, Chief Minister Rio launched several important initiatives aimed at improving governance and education in the state.

These include launching of Teacher Attendance Monitoring System (TAMS)-SMILE App and Smart Secretariat. He also virtually laid Foundation Stone for seven Light House School Complexes under NECTAR Project. Mr. Rio also inaugurated exhibition showcasing activities and achievements of the state. The celebration was marked by March past by 11 parade contingents, special presentations and cultural events.



The 25th edition of the Hornbill Festival, one of Nagaland’s most iconic cultural events, commenced today with grand festivities showcasing the state’s rich cultural heritage on the global stage.

Earlier, speaking at the inaugural function, Nagaland Governor La Ganesan said that as the state complete 25 years of the festival, it is a moment to reflect on what has been achieved. He said it is also a moment to celebrate unity in diversity and march towards a harmonious future enriched by mutual respect and understanding.

BYTE: GUV *May this festival not only entertain but also enrich, connect, and inspire us all to appreciate and preserve the marvels of our history and traditions. As we open the festivities today, let our hearts open as well to new friendships and everlasting bonds.*

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio on behalf of the State Government and the people of Nagaland, welcomed all visitors to the Land of Festivals and to the Festival of Festivals. Welcoming the Partner Countries —the United States, Peru, Japan, and Wales, and the Partner States of Telangana and Sikkim, Mr. Rio said their presence adds great significance to this occasion.

NEIPHIU BYTE *The success of this globally recognized event over the past 25 years is a testament to the resilience, creativity, and unity of the Naga people. Each citizen is a stakeholder in this remarkable journey, and the triumph of the Hornbill Festival belongs to all of us. To our esteemed guests, We are truly grateful for your presence and hope you experience the warmth of Naga hospitality.*

On the occasion, Ambassadors of the Four Country Partners also addressed the gathering. Padma Bhushan, Grammy, and Oscar-winning composer Dr. A. R. Rahman also spoke on the occasion



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has reiterated his government's commitment to inclusivity, particularly in addressing the ENPO issue. He said this during his address at the 62nd Statehood Day Celebration in Kohima today.

CM BYTE 1- *(November 6, 2024, we submitted our comments on the Draft Memorandum of Settlement-III to the Ministry of Home Affairs.)*

Emphasizing shared economic progress for all citizens, Mr. Rio expressed confidence that these efforts will mark the beginning of a new era of partnership and collective growth. The Chief Minister also reiterated that resolving the Naga Political Issue remains a top priority for the government. He however said the formation of new

NNPG groups and their internal divisions pose significant challenges to the progress of resolving the Naga Political Issue.

CM-BYTE 2) : *(Acting on decisions taken in the Cabinet meeting of November 16, 2024, I, along with my Cabinet colleagues, met the Union Home Minister on November 21, 2024, to reiterate our urgency and discussed issues including the recent press statements by the Chief Political Negotiator of NSCN (I-M). While resolving the Naga Political Issue remains a top priority, the formation of new NNPG groups and their internal divisions)*



Nagaland Health and Family Welfare Minister P Paiwang Konyak today led the state in observing the World Aids Day held at NSACS Stall, Naga Heritage Village, Kisama. Addressing the programme, Mr. Paiwang said that observation of the day under the theme "Take the Rights Path", is a moment to reflect on the progress made in combating HIV/AIDS, honor the lives lost and recommit to the fight against this global health challenge. Mr. Paiwang called for ensuring that everyone has access to education, testing, and treatment.

The Minister also administered pledge to the gathering reaffirming commitment to this fight against HIV. On the occasion, Ms Jailu Gonmei received the award of Longest alive and on ART in Nagaland. Dimapur district was awarded with the achievement of UNAIDS first 95-95-95 goals. Meanwhile, Mr. Nohoru Rhetso, Red Ribbon Club member of Japfu Christian College Kigwema was awarded with the 1st person to come forward for Voluntary HIV testing on the occasion of World AIDS Day 2024.



Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister T R Zelaing today inaugurated the Multimedia Exhibition at Naga Heritage Village, being organized by the Central Bureau of Communication Kohima, under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. The main purpose of the exhibition is to

showcase the various Flagship Schemes and Policies of the Central Government and Modi 3.0. Additional Director General, Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Kripa Shankar Yadav spoke to Akashvani News Kohima.

The 10-day exhibition will also feature events such as folk dance competition, cultural performances, storytelling and quiz competition based on the flagship programs of the Central Government. Prizes will be presented to the winners of various competitions.



In a historic development, Nagaland Government and British High Commission to India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to reserve five annual slots in the prestigious Chevening Scholarship program exclusively for candidates from Nagaland. The MoU was signed by Advisor to the Chief Minister of Nagaland and Chairman of the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), Abu Metha, and British Deputy High Commissioner, Kolkata, Dr. Andrew Fleming at the Chief Minister's official residence yesterday. The signing ceremony took place in the presence of Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, and British High Commissioner to India, Linda Cameron. This collaboration will provide full funding for a one-year master's degree at any UK university.

