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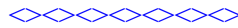
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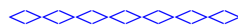
- President Droupadi Murmu confers National Sports Awards 2024; Nagaland para-athlete H Hokato Sema honored with Arjuna Award
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, others congratulate H Hokato Sema on Arjuna Award
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlights India's potential as investment destination in mobility sector
- And, National Eligibility cum Entrance Test undergraduate 2025 to continue in offline mode



President Droupadi Murmu conferred the National Sports Awards 2024 at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi today. Among 32 sportspersons honored with the Arjuna Award, Nagaland para-athlete H Hokato Sema was also recognized for his outstanding achievements in sports.

H Hokato Sema also expressed his joy on being conferred with prestigious award. Mr Sema told Akashvani News Kohima that he is proud of the achievement.

World Chess Champion D. Gukesh, double medalist at the Paris Olympics Manu Bhaker, Men's Hockey Team Captain Harmanpreet Singh, and gold medalist at the Paris Paralympics Praveen Kumar were honoured with the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award. Five coaches received the Dronacharya Award, while two veteran sportspersons were honoured with the Arjuna Awards (Lifetime).



### AWARD-RIO:

Congratulatory messages have been pouring in following the Arjuna Award being conferred upon H. Hokato Sema. In a social media post, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio congratulated Mr Sema and said his dedication and achievements have inspired countless aspiring athletes.



Rajya Sabha MP S. Phangnon Konyak hailed the achievement as a milestone, underscoring that it is a testament to the power of hard work and perseverance. Tourism and Higher Education Minister Temjen Imna Along, and Indian Athletics Federation Vice President Abu Metha, also congratulated Mr. Sema.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today highlighted the country's potential as an investment destination in the mobility sector while emphasizing on government support, green technology, and the 'Make in India' initiative. Mr Modi was speaking after inaugurating the six-day Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. He asserted India's automobile sector is witnessing an unprecedented transformation, driven by the aspirations of the people. The Prime Minister pointed out that India is focusing on the development of Green Technology, Electric Vehicle, Hydrogen Fuel and Biofuels. He emphasized that the country stands as an outstanding destination for every investor looking to shape their future in the mobility sector.

The Prime Minister also reviewed the pavilions showcasing innovations and advancements in the automotive and mobility sector at the expo.



The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET-UG 2025) will continue to be conducted in offline mode. The National Testing Agency announced that the test will be held in Pen and Paper mode (OMR based) in Single day and Single Shift. The NEET (UG) exam is held for admission to undergraduate education in all medical institutions.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton have expressed grief on the demise of Rongsenshilu Jamir, the first Naga Inspector General of Police. In a message, the Chief Minister said, Mr Jamir, a recipient of the President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service, was a man of principle, who lived a sincere and upright life. Remembering Mr Jamir as a kind and compassionate person, the Chief Minister said in his demise, not only the Ao community but Nagas as a whole have lost a guardian, and a father figure. Mr Rio said, his sacrifices for the welfare of society and contributions to the State will always be remembered. Deputy CM Y Patton said Mr Jamir was a pioneering officer in the police department after Nagaland attained statehood. Mr Jamir's devotion to duties and service to the society will be honoured and remembered, the Deputy CM, said conveying deepest condolences on behalf of the police department.



Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, S. Supongmeren Jamir emphasized the need for strong political vision, quality education and economic sustainability for a progressive society. Addressing the 23rd Nokhu Range Public Organization cum Hok-Ah festival 2025 at Langnok Village under Noklak district yesterday, Mr Jamir also highlighted the crucial role of individuals with strong beliefs. Urging the gathering to continue working hard, he called for fostering admiration and respect among people from all walks of life. The MP further assured monetary rewards for successful NPSC aspirants, best entrepreneur and Master of Theology degree holders during 2026 and 2027.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extended warm greetings to the Tikhir community on Kuhlang-Nyi, a festival where warriors celebrate bravery and courage. Emphasizing the vital role of traditional festivals in preserving our rich culture and values for future generations, Mr Rio wished joy and prosperity to all.



To mark the 150th Foundation Day celebrations of India Meteorological Department (IMD), Meteorological Centre in Kohima is organising a series of events. On 14th of this month, the centre broadcasted the live telecast of the inaugural ceremony in New Delhi, wherein Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Mission Mausam', Customized My Stamp and coin as well as IMD Vision 2047. At a programme in Shemrock and Shemford School, Chumoukedima, Head of Meteorological Centre Kohima, Nalnish Kumar Chaudhary highlighted the importance of weather data in enhancing disaster preparedness and mitigating climate risk. IMD Officials also demonstrated various meteorological instruments and sensors of Automatic Weather Station. The centre is also organizing other activities such as Run for Weather, Plantation drive, Yoga Session and sports.



In local sports, Pujenvong FC won the 16th Saramati Soccer Championship 2025. Pujenvong FC defeated Tsuwong FC in the finals played today at Public ground Pungro, Kiphire. Gracing the closing ceremony as special guest, Advisor for Youth Resources & Sports, S Keoshu Yimkhiung highlighted the vision of sports to promote fitness culture and health in order to eradicate the practice of tobacco and substance abuse among youngsters. The Advisor encouraged organizing more platform for sports enthusiasts.

