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3. Several from Nagaland to attend Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi as Special Guests
4. And, Nagaland Super League will promote grassroots development, says Vice President of Athletics Federation of India, Abu Metha

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The nation is celebrating 'Parakram Diwas' today to mark the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. This year, the celebration is being organised for the first time at the historic Barabati Fort in Cuttack, the birth place of Netaji for three days from today. Remembering the Netaji, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reiterated the country's commitment to become the third largest economy in the world by taking inspiration from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. In a video message, he said, the countrymen must strive to work towards achieving the goal of developed India.

Mr Modi said, people must come out from their comfort zone and adopt excellence by focusing on efficiency like Netaji. Meanwhile, President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, and various leaders have also paid tributes to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his 128th birth anniversary.

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Raj Bhavan in Kohima also observed Parakram Diwas today. The event was held in the presence of the Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan, and officers and staff of the Governor's secretariat.

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The Governor's Commendation Certificate will be conferred on 12 individuals during the Republic Day celebrations on January 26 at Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima. The awardees include Joint Director, Medical Department, and Nodal Officer Nagaland House, Delhi, Dr. Hentok Phom; Joint Director, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo; and Deputy Director, School Education Department, Dr. Kevizakie Rio. Y. Pongba Konyak, a resident of Burma Camp, Dimapur, is also being recognized for an act of bravery.

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The Central government has invited around 10,000 Special Guests, including at least 44 from Nagaland, to witness the Republic Day Parade 2025 at Kartavya Path in New Delhi, to honour their contributions to the nation and society building. From Nagaland, the guests include National Award-winning artisans Chato Kuotsu and Nisato Zinyu, as well as members of Lidi Kro-u. A member from Lidi Kro-u thanked the government for the invitation.

Other guests from Nagaland include beneficiaries of PM Matsya Sampada Yojana and PM-Vishwakarma Yojana, representatives of Best Performing Pani Samitee and Performing Water Warriors, among others.

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Nagaland School Education Department has directed all schools in the state, both Government and Private, to constitute Prahari Clubs, an exclusive children's club on 'Awareness on Bad Effect of Drugs and Substance Abuse in Human Life.' The department said, the Prahari Clubs may comprise a total of 20 to 25 students from Classes 6 to 12, supervised by a Teacher-in-Charge. They will focus on sensitizing all members to be vigilant on children taking drugs and substances, or if they are being used for trafficking; and any activities of use and sale of drugs and substances in and around school premises. The department said, school heads may access the relevant guidelines on website www.dosenl.in for reference and action.

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External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar has clarified India's stand on legitimate return of undocumented Indians living abroad, including in the United States stating that the country is open for their return. Speaking to the press in Washington DC yesterday, he emphasized that India strongly supports legal mobility and wants skilled and talented Indians to have great opportunities at the global level.

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The much anticipated inaugural season of the Nagaland Super League (NSL) is set to kick off on January 28. The NSL is an initiative of the Government of Nagaland, the Nagaland Football Association and the Nagaland Olympic Association, and has the approval and mandate of the All India Football Federation. Seven clubs will compete over two months on a home and away basis, at Chumoukedima Football

Stadium and IG Stadium Kohima. The teams include - Nagaland United Sports Club, Barak Football Club, Frontier Warriors, Red Scars Football Club, Sechü Zubza Football Club, Longterok Football Club and 27th United Football Club. In an exclusive conversation with Akashvani Kohima, Secretary General of Nagaland Olympic Association, and Vice President of Athletics Federation of India, Abu Metha said, they have designed and planned the entire strategy of the league in a very professional manner. He said, their priority is footballers first and footballers throughout the league.

Mr Metha said, scouting of young players will be done during the NSL.

The NSL's first season will carry one million rupees as top prize for the winning club with individual prizes such as player of the match, best goalkeeper, golden glove, golden boot, player of the season, most promising player, player of the week, and coach of the month. In the inaugural match, Barak FC will face Nagaland United Sports Club at Chumoukedima Football Stadium from 6:00 PM. Football fans can purchase tickets through **AHIBI.in**. The conversation with Mr Metha will be broadcast on Sunday, 8:20 PM onwards in FM Channel 103 megahertz and Primary Channel 639 kilohertz.

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The State Finance Department has informed on guidelines for enabling beneficiaries to claim benefits under accidental insurance coverage through Chief Minister's Life Insurance Scheme, CMLIS. The claims cover events of accidents such as snake bites, road accidents, falling from tree, drowning, among others. In case of postmortem, it will be sufficient to enclose such report with the claim. Where postmortem cannot be conducted for any valid reason, the district administration will conduct an enquiry and submit a report as part of the CMLIS claims.

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