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:: THE HEADLINES ::

- 6th Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly adjourned sine die.
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio says it is premature to make further comments on One Nation, One Election proposal.
- Parliamentary Affairs Minister K.G. Kenye underscores crucial role of the Legislature in shaping democratic governance.
- And, Advisor, Wangpang Konyak, emphasizes the need for continued efforts to tackle significant challenges women face in society.



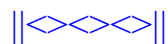
The 6th Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly was adjourned sine die, marking the conclusion of its five-day sitting. During the session, discussions on various issues concerning the state were held, and several government bills and amendment bills were passed. Speaker Sharingain Longkumer said, aside from the question hour, the house deliberated on several pressing issues of significant importance to the state, which required immediate attention of the government.

The Speaker also extended his gratitude to the Chief Secretary and his team of officials, the Director-General of Police, the Armed Forces, and the Paramilitary Forces for their invaluable assistance in ensuring the smooth conduct of House proceedings. Additionally, he acknowledged the medical team for their unwavering dedication to the wellbeing and safety of the Members, as well as the

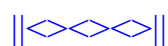
media for their role in disseminating the proceedings of the House to the public. The Speaker later adjourned the House sine die.



Nagaland's Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio opined that it would be premature to make further comments on the "One Nation, One Election" proposal. The Chief Minister made this remark during a statement in the State Assembly's Zero Hour. He emphasized that the bill, proposed to be introduced in the country through the 129th Constitutional Amendment Bill, introduced in the Lower House of Parliament on 17th December 2024, is currently being considered by a Joint Parliamentary Committee constituted by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha. The Chief Minister also highlighted that if the bill is passed during the 18th Lok Sabha, it could significantly change the electoral timeline for both the Lok Sabha and the Nagaland Legislative Assembly.



Parliamentary Affairs Minister K.G. Kenye has underscored the crucial role of the Legislature in shaping democratic governance. Referring to the Legislature as the "Temple of Democracy," he emphasised that it is where policies are conceived and transformed into laws that govern the state and its citizens. The Minister made this statement on the last day of the 6th Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly today. Mr Kenye highlighted the vital collaboration between the Legislature and the Government machinery in serving the public and ensuring effective governance, noting the establishment of Assembly Committees for this purpose. He also raised concerns over non-attendance of Administrative Heads of Departments and Heads of Departments in important Assembly meetings. The Minister therefore called for strict adherence to attendance requirements, emphasizing that delegating these responsibilities to junior officers is unacceptable.



Chief Minister and Minister-in-Charge of Finance, Neiphiu Rio, today presented copies of Appropriation Accounts 2023-24, Finance Accounts Volume-I & II of 2023-24, and the State Finances Audit Report from the Comptroller and Auditor

General (CAG) of India for the year ended March 31, 2023, in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly. The House passed the Nagaland Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2025, moved by Chief Minister Rio, which included the Regularization of Excess Expenditure for the year 2017-18, as recommended by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in its 132nd Report for 2023-24. The Assembly also voted on Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2024-2025 through the Nagaland Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2025. The House subsequently voted on the Demand for Grants for the year 2025-2026 and passed the Nagaland Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2025. Additionally, the members adopted the Nagaland Goods and Services Tax (Tenth Amendment) Bill, 2024, by voice vote, which was moved by the Finance Minister. Meanwhile, Speaker Sharingain Longkumer announced creation of two new committees namely Committee on Environment & Climate Change and Committee on Urban Local Bodies and Village & Tribal Councils.



Nagaland, along with the rest of the world, observed International Women's Day today. During an event in Kohima, Advisor for Social Welfare Wangpang Konyak, emphasized the need for continued efforts to tackle significant challenges women face in society. While recognizing the crucial roles women play in families, communities, and the economy in Nagaland, he reaffirmed the state government's commitment to ensuring that policies and programs continue to empower all individuals, particularly women and marginalized communities.

During the event, the NSCW Excellence Award 2025 was awarded to noted author Easterine Kire and seasoned journalist Monalisa Changkija, while A Alemla Chang, an entrepreneur dedicated to skill development in tailoring, embroidery and stitching, was honoured with the NSCW Award 2025. Six SHG Women Achievers were also felicitated.



On the occasion of International Women's Day, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio paid tribute to the resilience, strength, and wisdom of women. He acknowledged the women's invaluable contributions to families the workforce, and society, highlighting the critical roles they play in nurturing, leading, and serving. Mr

Rio called upon all to continue support of their progress and empowerment for an equitable society.



President Droupadi Murmu today stressed that there should be more women in the workforce as India is heading towards becoming the third biggest economy in the world. Addressing a day long conference on the theme ‘Nari Shakti Se Viksit Bharat’ in New Delhi today to mark the International Women’s Day, the President emphasized that the daughters of the nation are playing a crucial role in realizing the vision of a developed India.

She highlighted the importance of society creating a supportive environment to help them progress and fulfill their potential. President Murmu stated that the Central government is continuously working to ensure that women in the country are politically, economically, and socially empowered, and are able to lead the nation towards the vision of a developed India.

