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- Governor La Ganesan emphasizes unity over infrastructure in driving development
- National IP Yatra Nagaland 2025 on Intellectual Property Rights begins in Kohima
- Minister for PHED Jacob Zhimomi applauds growth of Naga-Style wrestling, calls for unique state identity
- And, Centre approves 2 percent DA hike to Central Government employees



Nagaland Governor, La Ganesan, has underscored that infrastructure alone cannot drive progress, highlighting that it is the people and their unity that can transform vision into reality. Speaking during his visit to Meluri today, the Governor pointed out the region's bright future and vast developmental potential. He described Meluri, the youngest district in Nagaland, as a "Land of Fortunes," citing its rich mineral resources, biodiversity, and tourism prospects. He mentioned the proposed inland waterway linking Myanmar's Chindwin River to Nagaland's Tizu River as a key development project, and also pointed to the International Trade Centre at Avangkhu, which will bolster Meluri's role as Nagaland's gateway to ASEAN nations and position it as an international trade hub. The Governor underscored the government's commitment to enhancing road and transport infrastructure, and called on citizens, government departments, and organizations to also actively engage in the region's development. Reflecting on the vision of a developed India by 2047, he encouraged Meluri to set an example for the nation by balancing security, tradition, and development. During the visit, the Governor also held a security coordination meeting at 39 Assam Rifles COB Meluri.



The two-day National IP Yatra Nagaland 2025 on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) began in Kohima today. The workshop is hosted by the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland in collaboration with the Ministry of Micro,

Small and Medium Enterprises and the Patent Information Centre, Nagaland Science & Technology Council. Speaking at the inaugural programme, Advisor for Agriculture Department, Mhathung Yanthan, said that Intellectual Property Rights are not just legal tools but also means of empowerment, economic growth, and cultural preservation. He asserted that these rights protect traditional knowledge, promote innovation, and ensure that economic benefits reach local communities. The Advisor called upon everyone to recommit to protecting and promoting Nagaland's intellectual property.

Joint Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Reny Wilfred, mentioned that NASTEC is assisting the public with registrations, and outlined various benefits of IP registration provided under IDAN. Mr. Wilfred further informed that individuals with inquiries about IP rights may call the toll-free number at 9436030303.



Mission Director & Scientist 'D', Nagaland Science Mission & NASTEC, Department of Science & Technology, Dr. Nesatalu Hiese, highlighted Nagaland's vast potential for Geographical Indication (GI) tags, given its rich traditional heritage and biodiversity. Addressing the two-day workshop of the National IP Yatra Nagaland 2025 on IPR in Kohima today, she emphasized the significant role of IP protection in today's competitive technological world. Dr. Hiese said, without proper documentation, Nagaland's rich history is being lost and diluted, leading to biopiracy and misappropriation of indigenous traditional knowledge. She noted that two GI infringement cases are ongoing in the state.

To address such issues, the Department of Science and Technology, under the aegis of the PIC, along with the Nagaland Handloom and Handicraft Corporation, has initiated a project called "Documentation of Naga Traditional Apparel Motif Design on Ornaments" to conduct documentation required for GI filing. Dr. Hiese said that with funding from the state government, the project aims to complete its publication by end of this year. Further, highlighting that the state is yet to benefit from its existing four GI tags, she emphasized the importance of post-GI processes and commercialization. Dr. Hiese suggested the creation of IP centers at the district level to raise awareness at the grassroots level.



Minister for Public Health Engineering Department Jacob Zhimomi today said Nagaland needs a unique identity, suggesting that that wrestling could serve as a potential defining identity for the state. Gracing the 15th Nagaland Wrestling Association (NWA) Open Championship held at Khouchiezhie, Kohima Local Ground, he expressed delight that Naga-style wrestling has gained momentum

over the years, with increased participation from various tribes, whereas it was once primarily practiced by the Tenyimi community.

The Minister called for unity and inclusive development in the state, reaffirming the government's commitment to promoting its sportspersons. He highlighted that sufficient funds have been allocated for various sports disciplines, and assured support to uplift wrestling as well. 18-year old Khrielhounuo Thevo from Seiyhama Village won the first women open Naga Wrestling Championship 2025 in the 60Kg and above category defeating 15-year old Lütholü Vezhü, from Upper Khomi village. Vizoseno Kiso, 20, from Sakhabama village won the below 60kg category defeating Kulungolü Nakhro, 14, of Thenyizu village.



Dimapur district administration today convened a meeting to discuss matters concerning the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation of 1873. The meeting was attended by representatives from various community organizations, including Bengali, Jain, Agarwal, Bihari, Bhojpuri, Marwari, Kerala, Telugu, Utkal (Oria), Sikh, Muslim Council Dimapur, and Dimapur Gorkha Union. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner outlined plans to set up an administrative cell for identifying individuals belonging to Categories I and II under the Regulation. Meanwhile, those in Category III may apply for Inner Line Permits (ILP). Further, it was announced that daily wage laborers from neighboring states would be issued a 30-day permit at a nominal rate, and transit passengers with valid tickets passing through Dimapur, Chumoukedima, and Niuland districts would not require an ILP. Meanwhile, the Marwari Samaj expressed support for implementation of ILP in Dimapur, but urged that contributions of the many Non-Naga communities be also recognised.



The Union Cabinet has approved 2 percent hike in Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief to Pensioners. This will come into effect from 1st January of this year, and will benefit 48.66 lakh Central Government employees and 66.55 lakh pensioners.

