

**THE HEADLINES :-**

- **India and Sri Lanka sign agreements in defence, energy and trade sectors to promote strategic and developmental partnership.**
- **Union Minister of State Dr. Sukanta Mazumdar affirms DoNER Ministry's Commitment to promoting economic growth and investment in Northeast including Nagaland; says total of 420 projects sanctioned for Nagaland under DoNER.**
- **Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio says Konyak Heritage Complex is aimed at empowering community growth.**
- **Minister Jacob Zhimomi stresses the need for participatory growth and youth empowerment.**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi held bilateral talks with Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Disanayake in Colombo today, aimed at bolstering the strategic and developmental partnership between the two neighbours. Several agreements in various sectors including Defence, energy and trade were signed in the presence of the two leaders. Addressing the joint press conference, Prime Minister Modi highlighted that President Disanayake had chosen India for his first foreign visit, calling it a reflection of the deep and special ties between the two nations. The two leaders also discussed the long-standing fishermen issue and agreed to adopt a humanitarian approach. Mr. Modi stressed the need for the quick release of detained fishermen and the return of their boats.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also received the 'Mithra Vibhushana award' from Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Disanayake. Mr. Modi said, it's an honour to 140 crore Indians and shows the historical relation and deep friendship between the people of the two countries.



Minister of State for Education and DoNER, Dr. Sukanta Mazumdar emphasized the pivotal role of the Ministry of DoNER in advancing the vision of balanced, sustainable, and inclusive growth for the North Eastern region. Speaking at the inauguration of the Konyak Heritage Complex cum Konyak Aoleang-Monyu 2025 in Mon town today, Dr. Mazumdar noted that the establishment of the Ministry marked a significant step in the Government of India's commitment to addressing the unique challenges faced by the North Eastern States. The Minister also highlighted several

key policies and interventions by the Ministry of DoNER and the Government of India in Nagaland over the past few years. He that a total of 420 projects, amounting to 5,081 crore rupees, have been sanctioned for Nagaland under various schemes of the Ministry of DoNER, including NESIDS (Roads), NESIDS (Other than road infrastructure), NEC schemes, and PM-DEVINE, with a focus on infrastructure, healthcare, education, and employment generation. Of these, 305 projects, worth 3,185 crore rupees have already been successfully completed, delivering tangible benefits to the people of Nagaland.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio along with Union Minister of State for Education and DoNER, Dr. Sukanta Mazumdar, today inaugurated the Konyak Heritage Complex at Mon and unveiled a monolith coinciding with Aoleang Monyu festival of the Konyak community. Addressing the gathering, Mr Rio said, the Konyak Heritage Complex is a development initiative by the Nagaland Government, aimed at empowering community growth, which features traditional morungs, modern sports facilities, and vibrant spaces where art, creativity, and talents can be nurtured and celebrated. Mr. Rio said, though the work of the Heriatge are done through NEC & DoNER while other works are being managed by the state government. He said though DUDA department will be looking after the Heritage complex, Mr Rio urged the Konyak community to maintain the complex. Stressing on the importance of culture, Mr Rio said, one must protect, promote and preserve one's identity.

Emphasizing on the importance of festival, Mr Rio said that one must not forget the legacy of the ancestors, adding that the success of the festival is due to collective efforts and unity. Mr Rio urged the Konyak community to lead as an example to other Naga tribe through their cultural promotion and preservation. Later, the Chief Minister and the Union Minister of State also inspected the Morungs and Museum. The Heritage Complex housed nine morungs of nine constituencies, museum, amphitheater and multi purpose hall.



Union Minister of State for Education and DoNER, Dr. Sukanta Mazumdar, today lauded the Konyak Heritage Complex and Konyak Heritage Site as a significant initiative dedicated to preserving and promoting the rich cultural legacy of the Konyak tribe. Speaking at the inauguration of the Konyak Heritage Complex cum Konyak Aoleang-Monyu 2025 in Mon town, Dr. Mazumdar noted that the multidisciplinary site has been designed to enhance tourism, support local livelihoods, and ensure that future generations stay connected to their cultural roots.

The Minister credited the success of this ambitious project to the hard work of the Department of Underdeveloped Areas, Government of Nagaland, and the generous support from the North Eastern Council and the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER). He emphasized that the project stands as a symbol of the Central government's commitment to preserving and celebrating Nagaland's diverse cultural heritage. While maintaining that festivals play a vital role in preserving culture, he said, the festival is a beautiful reminder of the importance of cultural preservation in our rapidly changing world.

Dr Mazumdar further said our nation is blessed with diverse communities, each contributing uniquely to our cultural identity, and the Konyaks are an integral part of this beautiful mosaic.



Minister for Public Health Engineering Department and Cooperation, Jacob Zhimomi, stressed the need for participatory development and a collective journey toward peace and prosperity in the state. Speaking at the inaugural session of the 31st Biennial General Conference of the Angami Students' Union held at Khonoma village, he commended the contributions of Angami leaders in preserving Naga identity. Mr Zhimomi observed that Nagaland is blessed with a well-educated and informed youth population, many of whom are employed in both government and private sectors, while others work as farmers and entrepreneurs

He underlined that it is not feasible for any government to absorb all youth into public service and emphasized the importance of start-ups and entrepreneurship. Furthermore Zhimomi reminded the Angami community to reflect, support one another, and work collectively for the social and economic development of Nagaland.

