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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says Northeast emerging as shining chapter in India's progress
- Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio launches Nagaland Skill & Entrepreneurship Mission 2025
- Nationwide Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan launched in Nagaland

And, Apex bodies of five Naga tribes stage protest rallies over state's reservation policy



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the entire Northeast is emerging as a shining chapter in India's progress. Addressing the Sikkim @50 event virtually today, the Prime Minister asserted that the Centre is fully supporting Sikkim in its growth. Reaffirming his inclusive development agenda, the Prime Minister said, it is necessary to do a balanced development of every state and region of the nation to make India 'Viksit'.

Mr. Modi said, every state and region of India has its own speciality and therefore, the government has brought the North East to the centre of development. The Prime Minister virtually laid the foundation stone and inaugurated multiple development projects in Sikkim. Mr. Modi was originally scheduled to attend the event in person in Gangtok but had to address the gathering virtually from Bagdogra due to inclement weather.



Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio today launched the Nagaland Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Mission 2025 in Kohima. Dr Rio noted that the initiative, a key highlight of his Budget Speech 2025-26, aims to empower 5,000 youth in the state with market-driven skills and create job opportunities through training, placement, and entrepreneurship support. He said, youths will be trained in sectors like construction, tourism, hospitality, healthcare, and IT, to ensure up to 80 percent employment or entrepreneurship. Dr Rio said, this will replace degree dependency with hands-on expertise, backed by CMMFI, Skill Loans and incubation. On the occasion, MoUs were exchanged with training partners, School of Agriculture, Nagaland University; Pinnacle Skills; Eagle Crest; and All India Society of Electronics and Computer Technology.



Nationwide Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan began across the country today. In Nagaland, Advisor for Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan launched the state-level campaign from Kohima village Council Hall. Speaking at the event, the Advisor stressed the urgent need for transformation in agricultural practices, urging farmers to adopt scientific and climate-resilient practices to enhance productivity and income. He said, traditional farming practices need to be integrated with modern solutions. Calling for a mindset shift, Mr Yanthan called for taking up farming as an enterprise, and not merely a subsistence activity.

Highlighting the pivotal role of women, he criticized discrimination in workforce, especially as women are often the primary contributors to agricultural activities. The Advisor called for collective action, shared learning, and a strategic shift toward scientific and sustainable agriculture.

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Lok Sabha MP S Supongmeren Jamir today underscored the vital role of agriculture in the Naga Society, urging farmers to shift from traditional subsistence farming to commercially viable practice. Launching the "Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan" in Dimapur, he encouraged farmers to fully utilize state institutions and centres of excellence supporting this transition. He also stressed the need to improve agricultural marketing, calling for better infrastructure, cold chains, transport, post-harvest facilities, GI tags, and market linkages. Mr Jamir assured full support for initiatives promoting agriculture in the state. At the launch program at Wokha, Deputy Commissioner Vineet Kumar, highlighted the need to bridge the gap between agricultural innovation and grassroots implementation. On the occasion, the Krishi Rath was flagged off to make the start of village outreach activities, which will run until June 12.

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Apex bodies of five tribes of Nagaland, namely Angami, Ao, Lotha, Rengma, and Sumi, today staged democratic protest rallies in their inhabited areas, demanding the review of the state's 48-year-old reservation policy. Rallies were held in eight districts, where leaders asserted that the policy has disadvantaged certain tribes for decades and also clarified that the movement is not against any community but a call for fair reform. The protest marches were carried out to the respective Deputy Commissioner offices and submitted a memorandum. The tribes further cautioned that they will intensify their agitation in various forms till their grievances are addressed.

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Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio has emphasized on meritocracy, accountability, and skill development as key to Nagaland's progress. Speaking after inaugurating the Angami Gazetted Officers' Krotho (AGOK) Badze Multi-Utility Centre at Meriema today, he called merit-based achievement as the foundation of the government's agenda. Dr Rio raised concern over absenteeism in government services, calling it unacceptable. Stressing on economic self-reliance, he urged youth to pursue entrepreneurship, skill building, and microfinance. On the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, the CM warned that Nagaland risks falling behind if proactive steps are not taken. Touching upon the Naga political issue, Dr Rio called for collective efforts to find a lasting resolution.



As a run-up to International Day of Yoga 2025, Akashvani News Kohima brings you a special series - "Practice Yoga for Good Health and Wellness." Each day, we will explore a new aspect of Yoga to help you energize your body, calm your mind, and uplift your spirit. This evening's focus is, Does Yoga protocol vary according to different age groups?

UNDERPLAY YOGA MUSIC- Yes, yoga protocols can vary according to different age groups to accommodate the physical and mental needs of each group. For Children: Yoga often includes a playful approach to engage their attention and develop motor skills. For Teenagers: It can focus on building strength, flexibility, and coping with academic stress and peer pressure. For Adults: They may practice yoga for fitness, stress relief, and mindfulness. For the Elderly: They might follow gentle yoga practices emphasizing balance, joint mobility, breathing, and relaxation to maintain physical health, prevent injury, and manage any health ailments.

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Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton conducted surprise inspections across government offices in Wokha today, reinforcing the 'No Work, No Pay' policy and addressing staff absenteeism. Checks were carried out at Civil Hospital and the PWD office, where multiple staff were found absent. Mr Patton ordered a day's salary cut for absentees without approved leave. Stressing continued surprise checks, he urged strict adherence to attendance rules. Mr Patton also inspected the Mount Tiyi College Multi-Sports Complex, and assured that necessary repairs would be initiated under Common Pool Fund.

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