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4. And, Nagaland's Eshenthung Kikon awarded Shaurya Chakra for gallantry



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today stressed that it is important to develop the North East region in order to build a developed India. Inaugurating the Rising North East Investors Summit in New Delhi, Mr Modi urged investors to explore the different sectors across the region, saying the North East is now becoming a land of opportunities.

The Prime Minister stated that EAST means - Empower, Act, Strengthen and Transform. He pointed out that there was a time when the North East was merely called a Frontier Region but it is emerging as the Front-Runner of Growth. He affirmed that the Northeast embodies the essence of Ashtalakshmi.

Mr Modi also said northeast states will be the gateway to 200 billion dollar trade with ASEAN countries. Speaking on the occasion, DoNER Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said the government has worked towards giving a boost to infrastructure and connection in north east region.



Nagaland Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio today highlighted the textile potential of Nagaland and its neighbouring states at the Rising Northeast Investors Summit 2025. Speaking on 'Threads of Heritage: Textiles, Handlooms & Handicrafts in Focus', Dr Rio termed the gathering as more than business, but a celebration of the region's culture and living legacy. Highlighting the region's diversity, with over 200 tribes and 192 languages, he emphasized that its crafts are expressions of resilience, creativity, hope, and empowerment, with women comprising over 70 percent of the artisan workforce. He said, textiles represent the region's second-largest economic activity after agriculture.

In Nagaland, Dr Rio said, efforts are underway to ensure quality control in yarn, colour, and handloom to meet global standards. Tribal and women's organizations are being tapped to preserve authenticity, standardize designs, and ensure fair pricing. Dr Rio pitched Northeast as a goldmine for investors, and urged collaboration to shape a brighter future for the region.



Nagaland Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio also held a series of meetings with representatives from corporate companies, foreign delegations, and private investor. He highlighted Nagaland's commitment to ease of doing business through streamlined clearances, and its strong talent pool. Dr Rio invited investors to collaborate with Nagaland in the shared mission of nation-building.

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Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar has nominated Member of Parliament S. Phangnon Konyak as a member of the Court of Nagaland University. Ms Konyak assured to actively contribute to policy reviews and uphold the University's legacy of excellence. The MP reaffirmed to elevate state's only Central University to be at par with the others across the country through quality education, progressive policies and engagement with stakeholders.

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Minister for Power KG Kenye today underscored the need to harness the untapped energy resources in the state. Speaking at the inauguration of the 2.4 Megawatts Duilumroi Hydro Electric Project at Poilwa Village under Peren District, he noted that despite over 60 years of statehood, Nagaland has only achieved power generation capacity of 26 megawatts. He noted that the state continues to struggle to meet its own growing energy demands. The minister highlighted the abundance of natural resources and energy prospects in the state that remain underutilized, and urged stakeholders to develop such potentials.

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Nagaland's Eshenthung Kikon, Assistant Commandant of 4th Assam Rifles has been conferred Shaurya Chakra, India's third-highest peacetime military honour. President Droupadi Murmu conferred the prestigious award in recognition of Mr Kikon's exemplary display of professionalism, leadership, and courage during a close hand-to-hand combat with miscreants in a sensitive area in Manipur. He and

his team swiftly overpowered and apprehended 12 armed cadres, recovering five weapons, a substantial cache of ammunition, and war-like stores. Deputy Chief Minister (Home) Y Patton congratulated Mr Kikon on the award, hailing him as a proud son of Nagaland and an inspiration.

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In a powerful show of unity and patriotism, students and faculty from Kohima College and T.M. Government Higher Secondary School, alongside the Assam Rifles Pipe Band and NCC cadets, participated in a Tiranga Yatra at Kohima today. The march, featuring a 175-metre long national flag, commenced from Kohima College and concluded at the New Secretariat Junction. Minister for Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along also joined the march. Earlier, addressing the students, Mr Along expressed deep gratitude and pride that the day was a solemn and honourable occasion for everyone. Minister Along highlighted the nation's unwavering resolve against terrorism and affirmed Nagaland's solidarity with the country.

Mr. Along also extended his heartfelt thanks to all participants for their role in the solidarity march.

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