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- Nagaland Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio emphasizes importance of showcasing local talent and preserving authenticity of tribal designs.
- High-level consultative meeting held on Human-Elephant Conflict in Wokha district. And,
- Nagaland Minister Metsubo Jamir says Nagaland government is sustaining highest employment ratio in country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the country from Kashmir to Kanyakumari is now connected with the railway network. Mr Modi said this after inaugurating the Chenab Bridge and Anji Khad Bridge today in Katra, Jammu and Kashmir. Mr Modi also laid the foundation stone, inaugurated and dedicated to the nation multiple development projects worth over 46 thousand crore rupees. Addressing the gathering, he said that development projects will provide fresh momentum to the progress of Jammu and Kashmir and are a huge celebration of India's unity and willpower. He described Jammu and Kashmir as crown jewel of India, adding that Chenab and Anji bridge will serve as gateway to prosperity for J & K.

Nagaland State Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change today held a high-level consultative meeting on Human-Elephant Conflict in Wokha district. Minister of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, C. L. John and key dignitaries—including Agriculture Advisor Mhathung Yanthan, MLAs Y. M. Humtsoe and Achumbemo Kikon, and District Disaster Management Authority Chairman, Vineet Kumar attended the meeting. C.L. John expressed concern over the rising human-elephant conflict, calling it a serious departmental issue. While ruling out relocation due to practical challenges, he stressed the need for elephant birth control measures and assured that necessary steps would be taken. The issues discussed in the meeting included funding, compensation for affected farmers, stronger field presence, wildlife education, and early warning systems.

Community representatives present in the meeting demanded additional forest guard deployment, compensation and defensive equipment to protect lives and livelihoods.

Nagaland Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio today emphasized the importance of showcasing local talent and preserving the authenticity of tribal designs. He said this at the inauguration of the Nagaland State Emporium in Kohima. Describing the emporium as a "small cooperation but a significant milestone," Dr. Rio said it would serve as a symbol of unity in diversity by bringing together the art, craftsmanship, and culture of the state's 17 major tribes and numerous sub-tribes under one roof.

Calling for collaboration between the Department of Industries and Commerce, Women Resource Development, and the Handloom & Handicrafts sector, the Chief Minister urged a unified approach to promoting Nagaland's cultural products at a commercial level. He also stressed the need for proper documentation of traditional designs, dances, songs, food, and motifs. He noted, that any changes to traditional designs, must be approved by tribal bodies.

He further encouraged mechanization where necessary to boost production and make Nagaland a leading hub for indigenous arts and crafts. Chairman of the Nagaland Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd., Prasielie Pienyu, informed that the project was completed at a cost of 11.25 crore rupees. During the programme, Chief Minister Rio and Advisor Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu launched the Unity Shawl for both male and female wear.

Nagaland Minister of Rural Development and State Institute of Rural Development, Metsubo Jamir today said that Nagaland government is sustaining the highest employment ratio in the country. Addressing the 5th General Conference of the Central Naga Students Union in Dimapur, Mr. Jamir urged the young people to not only wait for government jobs but to explore in various fields. He saidthat even though the Central Naga Students Union is a very young organisation, there is unity and that will lead in progress in thoughts and mindsets. Mr. Jamir emphasized that the three tribes of Ao, Lotha and Sema, as the pioneers, have contributed to the development of the Nagas. He encouraged them to come together and show that the central Nagas will always contribute for the well-being of the Nagas.

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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 discover different postures to stay healthy with Yoga. This evening, we explore on Trikona or The Triangle Posture.

UNDERPLAY: Trikona means triangle. Tri means three and kona is an angle. The āsana resembles three arms triangles made by the trunk and the limbs. It helps in preventing flat foot, and strengthening the calf, thigh and waist muscles. The āsana also makes the spine flexible, improves lungs capacity.

Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio has greeted the Muslim community on the occasion of Id-ul-Zuha. In a social media post, he expressed hope that this festival of sacrifice will bring peace, harmony and abundant blessings to all people. Dr. Rio called on the people to continue to uphold unity and mutual respect in our beautifully diverse society.

The Supreme Court has allowed National Board of Examinations (NBE) to hold the NEET-PG 2025 examination on August 3, in one shift. The exam was initially scheduled for June 15. A bench of Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Augustine George Masih, which initially questioned the more than two months time sought by the NBE for holding the examination, said the reasons cited for holding NEET-PG 2025 on August 3 appears to be bonafide. The Apex court, however, made it clear no further time will be granted to NBE for holding NEET-PG 2025 examination.

