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- Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio stresses on harnessing natural strengths to pursue excellence
- Nagaland Police seize narcotics worth 15 crore rupees, arrest five in major drug bust
- Justice Y Longkumer emphasizes key role of panel lawyers in adapting to new criminal laws
- IIT Delhi emerges country's top institute in QS World University Rankings; Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauds feat



Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio has emphasized the importance of pursuing excellence in areas where one has natural strength. Speaking at the TaFMA Excellence Awards 2025 ceremony today, he acknowledged that while Nagaland still needs to catch up with global standards in many areas, the state has already made impressive strides in fields like music, arts, and sports. He urged the youth to continue upholding the state's reputation with excellence on both national and international platforms, reassuring the government's commitment to empowering the creative sector through meaningful recognition and infrastructure.

During the ceremony, 10 individuals were honoured with the TaFMA Excellence Awards 2025. While Hito Kiho, Director of Nagaland Madrigal Singers, received the Ultimate Achiever Award, other honourees include Fifth Note Band, Ruopfuzhano Whiso, Arenla Subong, Lenen Jamir, Tiameren Aier, Nagaland Madrigal Singers, Trance Effect, Bendang Walling, and Alobo Naga. During the event, Dr Rio also unveiled a grand piano gifted to the state by renowned music composer Dr. A.R. Rahman.



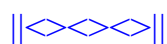
In a significant move in the ongoing battle fight against drugs, Nagaland Police have seized narcotics worth 15 crore rupees and arrested five individuals in recent operations. Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton informed this in a social media post, and congratulated the Nagaland Police on the remarkable success under the leadership of Director General of Police (DGP) Rupin Sharma. Mr Patton, who is also Minister in-charge Home, said, these achievements are a reflection of the commitment, vigilance, and teamwork of the police personnel. The Deputy CM extended his heartfelt appreciation to every officer involved.



Justice Y Longkumer of the Gauhati High Court Kohima Bench, today highlighted the crucial role of panel lawyers in the evolving Indian legal system. Speaking at an orientation program in Kohima, she emphasized the need for lawyers to adapt to the newly introduced Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, which replace outdated laws like the Indian Penal Code and Criminal Procedure code. She asserted that panel lawyers often serve as first line of access to justice for the marginalized and under-represented. With the reforms in the legal system, they also have to play the role of educators, advisors and counsellors for citizens, she added. Justice Longkumer further stressed the need for lawyers to be thorough in areas like victim compensation and digital evidence to avoid confusion for citizens or hamper justice. The program, organized by the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority, featured various technical sessions.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today reaffirmed that the government is committed to furthering research and innovation ecosystems for the benefit of India's youth. His remark comes after a record 54 Indian Institutes were featured in the QS World University Rankings, with IIT Delhi emerging as the country's top-ranked Institute. Responding to a post by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on social media, the Prime Minister welcomed the Rankings as a testament to India's growing stature in global education and research.



Officers and Staff of Akashvani Kohima today participated in the Yoga Session as part of International Day of Yoga 2025. Yoga Instructor from AYUSH Nagaland, Kelhouzasie Lawrence demonstrated asanas such as the standing postures and breathing techniques to the staff. Mr Lawrence also shared on the benefits of Yoga practices in daily life.



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.” This evening, we explore on the common myths and misconceptions about practicing Yoga?

Yoga is often misunderstood due to myths that link it one religion or culture. However, yoga is not tied to any specific religion. Some groups integrate Yoga practices such as meditation into their religion, as it facilitates spiritual growth and improves faith formation. Yoga is a holistic approach, while physical exercise mainly focuses on the physical side. Further, Yoga is a holistic approach, while physical exercise mainly focuses on the physical side. Yoga is not expensive as it does not require any special equipment and can be practised anywhere.



The Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, an awareness and benefit saturation campaign, is gaining momentum across Nagaland, bringing government welfare schemes to the doorstep of tribal communities. At an event in Kuda village today, the camp provided services like Aadhaar enrolment, health check-ups, pension registration, among others. The second day of the campaign in Tuensang district covered Chingmei, Chendang and Waoshu Villages with participation from 10 departments, providing services such as pension schemes, Ayushman Bharat registrations, and Kisan Credit Cards. Meanwhile, Akuluto in Zunheboto also hosted a camp, where citizens were informed about various government schemes, including Job Cards, Ration Card registration, and financial literacy. Similar programs were also conducted at Shamator district and Chepoketa Village in Phek. The initiative aims to ensure last-mile delivery of vital services and empowering citizens at the grassroots level.



The mortal remains of Lamnunthem Singson, a cabin crew member from Manipur who lost her life in the Ahmedabad plane crash, were received at Dimapur airport this afternoon. Family members and community leaders gathered at the airport for a solemn condolence service. Paying tribute on behalf of the State Government, Chumoukedima Deputy Commissioner, Dr. John Polan, and Commissioner of Police, Kevithuto Sophie, laid wreaths in honor of the 26-year-old. Singson, who hailed from Kangpokpi district of Manipur, was the third among five siblings and the sole breadwinner of her family. She was among the

12 crew members and 230 passengers aboard the Air India flight AI-171, which tragically crashed shortly after take-off on June 12. The mortal remains are being taken to her hometown, where she will be laid to rest. A send-off service was also held at Kohima.



And, India Meteorological Department has forecast continued heavy to very heavy rainfall over Northeast India till the 25th of this month. The weather body also said, light to moderate rainfall is likely at many places accompanied with thunderstorm, lightning to continue over Northeast India during the next seven days.

