

Evening News Script

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THE HEADLINES :-

- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio calls for mandatory geotechnical reports for all building permits
- Chief Minister Rio urges ULBs to enforce building bye-laws to prevent disasters
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan says NEP route to achieve Viksit Bharat 2047
- Nagaland sees steady progress in education through NEP reforms

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has called for mandated Geotechnical reports for all building permits especially in landslide prone areas of Nagaland. Speaking at the inaugural of the three-day training on Urban and Local Resilience for elected Urban Local Bodies of Nagaland in Kohima today, Mr Rio said geo-technical report is absolutely essential before any infrastructure development in the state due to its complex, young, and unstable geology. He therefore called upon the councilors to never approve a project without soil truth. The Chief Minister emphasized that ULB-led scrutiny should begin in every town in the state.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has called upon all elected members of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across Nagaland to take decisive action in enforcing building bye-laws, with a clear focus on disaster risk reduction. He said this during a training programme for elected ULBs in Kohima today. Highlighting on how monsoon rains affected lives and livelihoods in Dimapur and other areas, the Chief Minister said such events cannot be the future of the state.

Stating that as elected guardians they have the power to regulate Building bye-laws, Mr Rio directed for enforcement of Earthquake Zone V Standards in the state, adding that no structure should be allowed without compliance to the bye-

laws' safety standards. He also demanded for flood-resilient building designs, including raised plinth levels and stormwater drainage systems. Calling for settling illegal encroachment on riverbanks and hillsides, and a zero-compromise policy for violators, he urged ULBs to issue stop-work orders for non-compliant structures and demolish unsafe constructions particularly those located on landslide-prone slopes or flood channels. To ensure smooth and lawful implementation, the Chief Minister highlighted the need to train municipal officials on legal enforcement protocols, penalties, and public awareness campaigns.

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Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has said that the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 serves as a philosophical framework designed to promote world-class education universally, and it has become the most significant route towards achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. Speaking at the Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam 2025 in New Delhi, marking five years of NEP today, he highlighted that the policy represents a transformative renaissance in the Indian education system.

Mr Pradhan said NEP establishes a strong foundation for a holistic, inclusive, and future-ready education system.

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Marking the 5th anniversary of the National Education Policy 2020, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan today virtually dedicated 10 PM SHRI schools and laid the foundation stones for 23 hostels in Nagaland. More from our correspondent...

In Kohima, the event was attended by Advisor, School Education & SCERT, Dr Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, Commissioner & Secretary, School Education & SCERT, Kevileno Angami, and officials from the education department, Samagra Shiksha, SCERT, and NBSE.

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Nagaland is gradually making progress in education with a series of policy interventions bringing systemic transformation. This remark was made by Deputy Mission Director Samagra Shiksha Nagaland and Nodal Officer NEP 2020, Kelhikha Kenye in an exclusive conversation with Akashvani News Kohima on the 5th anniversary of National Education Policy today. He said, the five years of the policy implementation shows that the state is making incremental progress in several indicators such as Performance Grading Index 2023-24, PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan report, among others.

Talking about the challenges faced in implementing NEP in Nagaland, Mr Kenye said, bridging digital gap and strengthening school infrastructure has been a priority.

Looking ahead, Mr Kenye said implementation of NEP 2020 in true spirit by all stakeholders can truly lead to empowering the upcoming generation and improve productivity of human capital which will increase job creation and employability of the youth.

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Joint Chief Executive Officer of the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) Dr Johnny Ruangmei has revealed that the state suffered a staggering economic loss of approximately 365.7 crore rupees during the 2018 monsoon season. Highlighting the 2018 data, jointly compiled by NSDMA and the Ministry of Home Affairs, he informed that Roads and bridge were the worst hit, accounting for 187.4 crore rupees in damages. The human toll was also significant, with 16 lives lost that year due to monsoon-related incidents, he added.

Mr Ruangmei further said as part of efforts to build resilience, the state is now focusing on institutional training and capacity building. He said, the NSDMA is advocating for the inclusion of disaster risk reduction measures in all infrastructure development projects. The Jt CEO urged all stakeholders to work

together in promoting a culture of disaster preparedness, resilience, and sustainable development across the state.

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And, The government is set to launch the PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana on 1st of next month to boost employment and social security across sectors, with special focus on manufacturing. The scheme aims to create over 3.5 crore jobs in two years, with 1.92 crore first-time employees entering the workforce. While first-time workers will receive one month's wage of up to 15,000 rupees, employers will be incentivized for generating new jobs. The scheme will benefit jobs created between 1st August and 31st of July 2027.

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