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1. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, Union Home Minister Amit Shah discuss key Nagaland issues
2. Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya urges citizens to join Drug-Free India Campaign
3. Kohima Press Club workshop stresses media sensitivity in child protection
4. And, Dimapur DC Tinojongshi Chang highlights media's role in bridging gap between government programmes and public



Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi today, to discuss on development and peace-related initiatives in the state. In a post on X, Mr Rio expressed gratitude for the Union Minister's continued support to Nagaland, particularly in fostering peace and development. The Chief Minister was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton, who shared that the meeting was meaningful.



Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Mansukh Mandaviya has emphasized the importance of a drug-free youth in achieving India's goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047. Speaking at the inaugural session of the 'Youth Spiritual Summit' in Varanasi, Mr. Mandaviya urged citizens to prioritize nation-building and join the Drug-Free India Campaign. He called on every citizen to pledge to connect at least five youth to the initiative.

Over 500 youth representatives from 100 socio-cultural and spiritual organizations are participating in the summit, which will conclude tomorrow with the release of the Kashi Declaration, outlining a comprehensive action plan to create a drug-free India.



District & Sessions Judge Phek and former Registrar of the Supreme Court of India, Mezivolu T. Therieh, has underscored the pivotal role of media in shaping public perception and safeguarding child rights, especially in cases involving minors. Speaking at the one-day workshop on Understanding Child Rights and Child Protection - Role of Media organised by Kohima Press Club in collaboration with Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights in Kohima today, Ms. Therieh stressed that Media reflects what the society is. She highlighted the crucial responsibility of media to ensure privacy of children involved in legal cases whether as victims, accused, or witnesses.

Ms. Therieh warned that failing to protect the identity of a child could lead to imprisonment of up to six months, a fine of two lakh rupees, or both. She also referred to Section 72 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, which mandates confidentiality and privacy in cases involving children, particularly in sexual offence cases. She urged media professionals to promote child rights to information and freedom of expression, while cautioning that consent is irrelevant when it comes to children, especially in sexual offences cases. Even if a minor provides consent, she clarified, it is not legally valid. Ms. Therieh appealed to the media to avoid sensationalising stories involving



A one-day media workshop titled “Vartalap”, focusing on '11 Years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Government', was held today at Dimapur. Addressing the inaugural session, Deputy Commissioner of Dimapur, Tinojongshi Chang, underscored the pivotal role of media in bridging the gap between government programmes and the public, especially in rural areas. He also encouraged journalists to highlight success stories which can serve as inspiration for others.

Meanwhile, PRO Defence for Nagaland, Manipur, and Arunachal Pradesh, Lieutenant Colonel Amit Shukla, highlighted recent reforms in the Defence Ministry including integration of AI and indigenous products, and civil-military coordination. He also noted the Indian Army’s role in Nagaland through infrastructure projects under Project Sevak and recruitment efforts. The workshop also spotlighted the contributions of the National Cadet Corps, and informed that a dedicated NCC Training Academy will soon come up in Chümoukedima. The workshop, organised by Press Information Bureau (PIB), Kohima, included technical sessions on PIB Factcheck and Related Issues as well as various schemes under the health department.



In a boost to local agriculture and entrepreneurship, the first-ever Mango Festival was celebrated today at Longmatra in Kiphire district. Addressing the event,

Advisor Kiusumew Yimchunger encouraged farmers to continue mango cultivation beyond the festival, and stressed on bringing produce to the markets. He also highlighted the government's commitment in supporting agri activities through modern machinery and other systems.

Deputy Commissioner Temsuwati Longkumer urged farmers to adopt cluster farming and organic branding. He noted the festival as a small step towards a bigger goal and also expressed hope that it would become an annual event.

District Horticulture Officer Sentinungba Longchar said the department would soon introduce commercial varieties of mango and work with Land Resources to promote the crop.



The Department of School Education has issued a firm reminder to all teachers and staff to mark their attendance using the SMILE app. Heads of institutions have also been asked to closely monitor regular usage of the app. The Department warned that disciplinary action would be initiated against defaulters. The SMILE app went live on 1st February this year, making it mandatory for all department staff to mark attendance using the app. More from our correspondent...

In areas without internet, the department has instructed SMILE app Coordinator to update attendance from a networked area every 30 days. For assistance, users may contact helpline numbers 8974102488 or 6909644519.



And, Nagaland is expected to see continued showers during the weekend. India Meteorological Department has forecast light to moderate rainfall at many parts across the Northeast during the next seven days, with heavy rainfall likely at isolated areas of Nagaland and its neighbouring states till 21st of June.

