

## Evening News Script

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1. Cooperation Minister Jacob Zhimomi says Nagaland can leverage land as economic asset
2. Union Minister Amit Shah lays foundation stone of country's first cooperative university
3. Nagaland government delegation in Japan to explore developmental partnerships
4. And, Heavy rains trigger flash floods and landslides across Nagaland



Nagaland's PHED & Cooperation Minister Jacob Zhimomi today said, the State's abundant land resources can become assets in driving the economic growth and empowering local communities. The Minister said this while speaking at the International Cooperative Day, also known as COOPS DAY, at the office of RCS office in Kohima. He underscored the critical role of cooperatives and the untapped potential of land as an economic asset. Noting that Nagas are fortunate to have their own land, Mr Zhimomi described this abundant "land" as a capital and a startup for the state, which the state can leverage collective ownership.

The Minister also noted that the Ministry of Cooperation is set to become one of the most important ministries in the central government, playing a fundamental role in the country's growth trajectory. He emphasized that all state governments are moving forward with development efforts to help make India a fully developed nation by 2047, and in this journey, Nagaland cannot be left behind.

Mr Zhimomi also said the state has about 8,000 cooperative societies, out of the 6.5 lakh societies in the country. He however noted that with the help of technology, the department is able to identify both performing and non-

performing cooperative societies. He added the department will soon begin a screening process to evaluate societies that are either non-functional or burdened with debts.

Mr Zhimomi further informed that the state governments from the Northeast region have requested the central government to allocate more projects to the region to help address the economic disparities and boost development. The Minister also called for shared responsibility, active participation and collective decision-making from all stakeholders to advance the cooperative movement in the state.



Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah today laid the foundation stone of the country's first cooperative university, Tribhuvan Sahakari Vishwavidyalaya, at Anand, Gujarat. During the program, Mr. Shah said that the university will do work like policy making, data analysis, cooperative development strategies and research in the cooperative sector. Besides, it will not only prepare cooperative employees but also dedicated leaders in the cooperative sector.

During the event, Mr. Shah also unveiled a special bilingual module on cooperation prepared for school students by the Cooperation Ministry and NCERT.



A high-level delegation from the Government of Nagaland is currently on an official visit to Japan, to explore collaborations and developmental partnerships with government agencies, private corporations, and civil society organisations. Yesterday, Chairman of the Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland, Abu Metha, and Advisor for Industries and Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu, led meetings in Tokyo with key organisations including NYK Line, the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Konnekt Asia, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency. Discussions focused on human resource development in sectors such as agriculture, hospitality, healthcare, tourism, arts and culture, sports, and film. These meetings lay the groundwork for further formal talks scheduled during the upcoming visit of Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio.



Director of Youth Resources and Sports, Kethosituo Sekhose, today reaffirmed the state government's commitment to uplifting the society through youth empowerment, education, and sports. He was addressing the inauguration

programme of the new floor extension of Don Bosco College Kohima. Mr Sekhose outlined several government initiatives, including Catch Them Young, Nagaland Super League, Inter-School Leagues, and TaFMA. He informed that the Department has also digitally mapped the sporting infrastructure of all schools and colleges across the state, thereby streamlining the process for proposing projects.

On the occasion, Mr Sekhose lauded Don Bosco institutions for their long-standing role in nurturing values, leadership, and responsible citizenship, alongside academic pursuits, and urged students to make the most of the opportunities.



Aggrieved landowners from Phek district have issued an ultimatum to the district administration over the long-pending compensation for their lands acquired for the Kohima–Jessami two-lane road project. In the notice served to the Deputy Commissioner, the landowners demanded the immediate release of compensation for Packages 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the national highway project. They also urged the Deputy Commissioner to write to the concerned authorities, pressing for disbursement of the overdue payments. Citing repeated appeals and administrative inaction, they warned of a total blockade of the Kohima–Jessami Highway if the compensation is not released by July 15.



And, Nagaland continues to reel under the impact of relentless monsoon rains, with flash floods and waterlogging reported across multiple districts, including Dimapur, Wokha and Niuland. We have reports from our correspondents...

The District Disaster Management Authority Dimapur has issued an advisory warning residents against venturing near rivers and streams citing high probability of flash floods. Villages along river banks have been urged to strictly prohibit water-related activities until the monsoon ends. Meanwhile, Wokha district also witnessed continuous heavy rainfall triggering flash floods, causing significant damage to standing crops and essential agricultural infrastructure.

In Niuland, the District Administration reported widespread flooding submerging residential houses and causing extensive damage to paddy fields, farms, and roads. Over 70 villages have been affected, with thousands of farmers displaced. A major landslide carried away a portion of the road connecting to Ghokuto Village, cutting it off from all essential services. The District Administration is monitoring the situation, however, ongoing rains continue to hamper relief operations.

