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- India, Namibia sign four MoUs to deepen partnership by exploring new areas of cooperation
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio showcases Nagaland's investment and tourism potential at Osaka Expo 2025
- MP Supongmeren Jamir chairs first DISHA meeting in Peren
- Nagaland government employees demand old pension scheme, better health benefits



India and Namibia today signed a Memorandum of Understanding in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on setting up of Entrepreneurship Development Center in Namibia. Both countries also signed an MoU on Cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine. Letters of acceptance for Namibia's joining of CDRI and Global Biofuels Alliance have also been presented. The MoUs were signed after delegation-level talks between Prime Minister Modi and Namibian President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah at the State House in the Namibian capital, Windhoek. This is Mr. Modi's first visit to the South African country, during which he was conferred with Namibia's highest civilian award in recognition of his contributions to strengthening bilateral ties. The Prime Minister will also address the Parliament of Namibia during the final leg of his five-nation tour.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today showcased Nagaland's rich potential in investment, tourism, and human resource during a business session at the India Pavilion at Osaka Expo 2025. On a brief visit to Osaka, Japan, Mr Rio is engaged with businesses to promote Nagaland's strength in human resources and tourism. During the session, Advisor to Chief Minister Abu Metha also outlined opportunities in agriculture and creative economy, among others.



Lok Sabha MP and Chairperson of the District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA), S. Supongmeren Jamir, chaired his first DISHA meeting in Peren today. The meeting reviewed the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes and developmental projects across departments in the district. In his address, Mr Jamir emphasized the need to mobilize Central funds and ensure effective implementation of schemes to benefit people at the grassroots. He also proposed introducing inter-district competition among DISHA committees to improve performance. The MP further recommended inviting lead banks and Village Councils to future meetings to improve planning and community participation. Heads of Departments including PHED, Social

Welfare, and RD presented updates on their activities and challenges. The meeting concluded with a call for inclusive, transparent, and accountable development across the district.



Along with the rest of the nation, the Confederation of All Nagaland State Service Employees Association (CANSSEA), today took part in the National Strike called by the All India State Government Employees Federation (AISGEF). The CANSSEA leaders, along with various sister organizations, addressed the media and highlighted their five-point charter of demands for the state, alongside the 11-point AISGEF charter of demands. In its charter of demands, the CANSSEA has asked for rolling back the new National Pension System and Unified Pension Scheme to the Old Pension Scheme, and Constitute State Pay Commissions and ensure the implementation of the Eighth Central Pay Commission along with periodical revision of pay every five years. It also sought implementation of a comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme to ensure cashless treatment in all hospitals for pensioners and employees, including contractuales, improving facilities at all empanelled district hospitals under CMHIS, and implementing in toto the eligibility criteria for induction or selection to IAS Cadre of Nagaland as per Vacancy Circular issued on March 10.

Later, the CANSSEA officials submitted the charter of demands to the Chief Secretary of Nagaland.



Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton conducted surprise inspections across multiple government departments in Wokha today, reinforcing the state's 'No Work, No Pay' policy and commitment to administrative discipline. Mr Patton reviewed attendance records and conducted physical verification at the Department of Transport, Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Water Resources. During the checks, several staff were found to be absent without prior sanction. In all cases, disciplinary measures, including same-day salary deductions, were enforced for unauthorized absences. Mr Patton reminded employees of their responsibility to maintain punctuality and proper leave procedures. He warned of more checks in the coming months. Further, the Deputy CM also engaged with department officials to hear grievances and operational challenges, and assured necessary follow-ups.



Five major tribes of Nagaland, namely Ao, Angami, Lotha, Rengma and Sumi, staged a protest today demanding a review of the state's reservation policy. Under the banner of Five-Tribes Committee on Review of Reservation Policy, they demanded either scrapping of the current job reservation policy, which is in effect since 1977, or to reallocate the unfilled reserved positions specifically to these five major tribes.

The committee has warned of further agitation if the government fails to form the promised commission for review of the policy.



Nagaland Chief Secretary Dr. J. Alam, today inspected flood-hit areas in Chümoukedima District, following days of incessant rainfall across the state. He checked road conditions near the Olive Hospital junction along the National Highway, and directed the administration and NSDMA to intensify visits to flood-affected areas and oversee ongoing relief efforts. Dr. Alam, along with Advisor for New & Renewable Energy and NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe, and district officials, also toured Medziphema sub-division to assess the flood situation. The team inspected severely affected areas including the Piphema-Tsiepama boundary and Kukidolong, where mudslides and landslides have caused significant damage.



Officials of Kohima Municipal Council (KMC) inspected the landslide affected areas in and around Kohima Town today. Speaking to media, KMC Chairperson Neikhozo Soukhire said reports of property damages will be submitted to the government for further action.

During the inspection, the officials visited PHQ areas, Phoolbhari, Razhü Point, Bayavü, and High School areas. Ward Councillors also informed that landslide at PHQ affected area will be compensated and work will be done at the earliest.



Global terror financing watchdog, Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has said that e-commerce platforms have been used in the procurement of materials for a terrorist attack in India. This was revealed in the terrorist attack in Pulwama in 2019 and Gorakhnath Temple in Uttar Pradesh. FATF, in a report on a Comprehensive update on terrorist financing risks, said that digital platforms such as social media, messaging applications and crowdfunding sites are increasingly being abused for terror financing. Several forms of support have been reported, including direct financial support, logistical and material support, or the provision of training.

