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President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla to discharge the functions of Nagaland Governor in addition to his own duties. A Rashtrapati Bhavan Communique said, consequent upon the demise of the Governor of Nagaland La. Ganesan, the President, has appointed Mr Bhalla as the Governor of the state.



A solemn memorial service was held at Raj Bhavan, Kohima, yesterday to honour the life, service, leadership and dedication of the late Nagaland Governor La Ganesan. The service was attended by members of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly who gathered to pay final respects and floral tributes to the departed leader. Speaking at the ceremony, Assembly Speaker Sharingain Longkumer, described the gathering as a fellowship of love and remembrance, expressing deep sorrow at the passing of the Governor. He said, the loss has left a huge vacuum. In keeping with the Naga tradition where the home of the departed is never left empty, the Speaker said the fellowship at Raj Bhavan was a gesture of solidarity with the Governor's family. Mr Longkumer extended his gratitude to the legislators for their presence, calling it a profound tribute to the constitutional head of the State.



The Nagaland RMSA 2016 Batch Teachers Association has announced it will begin a pen-down strike from August 26, if the state government fails to meet their demands by August 25. At a press conference yesterday, association members led by President Imlitemjen reiterated their demand for implementing the Supreme Court's order on scale pay, payment of salaries since April, and recognition of their service benefits. They claimed that this was discriminatory since earlier RMSA batches of 2010-2013 were granted regular scale pay. The association termed the continued silence from the authorities as deeply disappointing.

The teachers, currently working across 133 government schools, had earlier given a representation to the government in June. However, as there was no response from the government, it served an ultimatum to the State Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, on August 13 giving seven working days to address the issue. If no action is taken within the stipulated period, they warned they would launch the phased democratic agitation.



For the first time, India is going to host the biggest international winter sports event. The Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025 will be organized from the 20th to 23rd of August at the Maharana Pratap Sports College, in Raipur, Dehradun. President of ISAI, Amitabh Sharma, informed that more than 11 Asian countries will participate in this historic competition.



In sports, The Nagaland Under-17 girls' football team is set to arrive in New Delhi today to compete in the 64th Subroto Cup International Football Tournament. Represented by SHRI PM Government High School, Meriema, the team comprises 16 players under the guidance of coach Kevilebei Zashümo and manager Easter Longkumer. The Nagaland girls will face Haryana in their opening match on August 20. The tournament kicks off on August 19 at Dr. Ambedkar Stadium in New Delhi, with 32 teams participating in the Junior Girls category.



And, Nagaland is expected to witness moderate to heavy rain with thunderstorm in most districts until August 19. In its latest update, the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) said heavy rain and thunderstorms are likely today in Chumoukedima, Dimapur, Longleng, Niuland, and Kiphire. Other districts may see light to moderate rainfall, which could intensify in the coming days.

For any emergencies, public are advised to contact the State Emergency Operation Centre at toll-free number 1070.

