

## Morning News Script

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The Nagaland government yesterday strongly opposed the Centre's proposal to grant a separate constitutional provision — potentially under Article 370 — for the proposed Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA), calling it a move that would "amount to territorial bifurcation of the state". Addressing a press conference in Kohima following the state cabinet meeting, Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs and Government Spokesperson K G Kenye said that while the state supports the demand for administrative, financial, and judicial autonomy for the Eastern region, it is firmly against the creation of any separate political identity that severs its constitutional and territorial link with Nagaland.

### **(FNTA 1- BYTE: )**

Mr Kenye said the Centre's proposal to place the FNTA under a new constitutional article, akin to Article 370, has raised serious concerns. Instead, he said, the state government proposes an arrangement under Article 371A, similar to the autonomous councils in Assam under Article 371B

### **FNTA-2 :**

The Minister said, the state cabinet also flagged suggestions such as granting voting rights to ex officio members in regional councils as unconstitutional. A Nagaland Cabinet delegation is scheduled to visit New Delhi after Independence Day to present the state's stand before the Union Home Ministry, Mr Kenye said.

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Nagaland Government has approved the constitution of a seven member Commission to examine the State's 48-year-old job reservation policy. Informing this to media persons yesterday, the state government spokesperson, and Minister KG Kenye said, the Commission would be called 'Reservation Review Commission', spearheaded by a high-ranking former government officer as Chairman. The Commission will include one official each from the Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department, Law and Justice Department, the Home Commissioner, along with a representative each from the Central Nagaland Tribes Council, ENPO, and Tenyimi Union Nagaland.

### **KENYE 1 S/B:**

Minister Kenye further said, the Commission will be given a period of six months to submit its report effectively, from the day that they are appointed, subject to extension.

## **KENYE 2 S/B:**

The Minister also viewed that the implementation of the reforms may coincide with the caste-based census scheduled by the Centre in January 2026.

## **KENYE BYTE 3:**

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Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton extended warm greetings to the Khamniungan community on the occasion of the Biam Festival, a celebration of unity and gratitude for a bountiful harvest. In a message, Mr Patton wished the community peace and prosperity, stating, the celebrations bring forth peace and prosperity to the community. He also conveyed greetings on behalf of the state BJP legislators, calling for a joyous and meaningful celebration. Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Nagaland, S. Phangnon Konyak, also extended Biam greetings to the Khamniungan community. In her message, Ms. Konyak expressed hope that the festival would continue to symbolize togetherness, unity, peace, reconciliation, and thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest and blessings.

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Under the Panchayati Raj Institutions - Community-Based Organizations (PRI-CBO) convergence initiative, an Adult Literacy Campaign was launched yesterday at Yanthamo Village . The program is a collaborative effort between the Zukhumki Federation NSRLM (Chukitong Block), the District Administration, the Department of School Education, and the District Hub for Empowerment of Women. The campaign commenced with the enrollment of 30 adult learners, with night classes scheduled every Tuesday and Friday. The initiative aims to provide basic reading and writing skills to adults who missed out on formal education.

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