

Morning News Script

0730 hrs

13th August 2025

<><><><><>

The Nagaland Home Department has directed compulsory attendance for all government employees during the upcoming Independence Day celebrations on August 15. A report :

V/C: The Home Department in a circular directed that , all officers and staff of departments located in Kohima are required to attend the official function at the Civil Secretariat Plaza at 9:00 AM. Attendance sheets must be submitted to the Home Department for further action. Deputy Commissioners across districts have also been instructed to ensure that officers and staff under their jurisdictions attend the local celebrations without fail. Respective DCs are to collect and forward the attendance records to the Home Department.

<><><><><>

The Five Tribes Committee on Review of Reservation Policy (CoRRP) has called for an indefinite boycott of all State Government programmes, including the upcoming Independence Day celebrations on August 15, over unresolved issues with Nagaland's reservation policy. The decision follows a unanimous resolution passed on August 9 by apex bodies of the Angami, Ao, Lotha, Rengma, and Sumi tribes. The CoRRP opposes the inclusion of civil society members in the recently formed Reservation Review Commission. The committee's key demands include reconstituting the Commission without CSO members, limiting its tenure to six months, and suspending the Backward Tribe Reservation Policy if its implementation is tied to the census. We have more reports from our correspondent:

CoRRP V/C: *In line with the directive, CoRRP has instructed its units in eight districts to abstain from all government meetings and events. For Independence Day, the public has been urged to voluntarily stay away from official programmes, while student bodies have been asked to ensure no compulsory participation in celebrations beyond campuses. The CoRRP has called for the boycott to remain peaceful)*

Meanwhile, the Ao Senden has formally informed the Deputy Commissioner of Mokokchung of its decision to fully support the boycott and abstain from all government functions.

<><><><><>

Nagaland University, Kohima Campus Meriema, yesterday observed Anti-Ragging Day, marking the beginning of the Anti-Ragging Week as declared by the University Grants Commission (UGC). Associate Dean of Students' Welfare, Dr. Temsulemba Walling noted that NUKC has had no reported cases of ragging and encouraged students to uphold a culture of respect and inclusivity. Dean of the School of Humanities & Education, Prof. Jano S. Liegise, praised the campus for remaining largely free from ragging and urged continued vigilance, referencing the Supreme Court's anti-ragging rulings. In celebration of the occasion and with an aim to continue creating awareness, the University also organized competitions-Poster making competition under the theme- 'My Campus, My Safe Place' and videography competition under the theme- 'Disrupt the Silence, Foster the Connection.'

<><><><><>

Col (Dr) Smita Misra, a distinguished officer of the Army Education Corps, assumed charge yesterday as the tenth Principal of Sainik School Punglwa. Prior to her appointment, Col (Dr) Misra held several key instructional and staff positions across academic institutions and defence establishments. We have a report:

SANIK V/C: Col (Dr) Misra's previous roles include Vice Principal of Sainik School Kapurthala (Punjab), Principal of Sainik School Ghorakhal (Uttarakhand), and Chief Instructor at the AEC Training College & Centre, Pachmarhi (2023–2025). Her career has been marked by dedication and excellence in service. She was awarded the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Commendation Card in 2007 and the GOC-in-C Southern Command Commendation Card in 2018 for her outstanding contributions. With Col (Dr) Smita Misra vast experience in the field of educations, Sainik School Punglwa is poised for holistic growth and development.

<><><><><>

In a thrilling build-up to the finals, crowd-favourites Mon are set to clash with Mokokchung today in the first Semi-Final of the Dr. T. Ao Trophy 2025. The much-anticipated showdown kicks off at 3 p.m. at IG Stadium, promising high-octane football as both teams battle for a coveted spot in the finals. Meanwhile, the 4th Quarter-Final between Kohima and Wokha was disrupted by thick fog and poor visibility, leading to multiple stoppages. With the score tied at 1–1 and 77 :40 minutes played, the remaining minutes of play will resume at 8:30 this morning, with both teams eager to seal a place in the semis. The winner of the fourth Quarter-Final will face Niuland in the second Semi-Final, scheduled for 6 p.m. today.

<><><><><>

And, The India Meteorological Department has forecast that rainfall and thunderstorms are likely to continue across many parts of Nagaland over the next two days. Thunderstorms with lightning and heavy rain are very likely at isolated places of Peren, Wokha, Mokokchung, and Kiphire today

.

<><><><><>