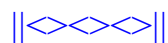


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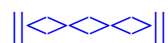
:: THE HEADLINES ::

- Rajya Sabha pays tribute to former Nagaland Governor La Ganesan as champion of public service
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio welcomes Ajay Kumar Bhalla as new Nagaland Governor; expresses hope for peace and progress
- Lok Sabha lauds Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's space mission as milestone in Viksit Bharat 2047
- And, NSF and Northeast Students' Organisation stage sit-in protest over rising illegal immigration in region



Rajya Sabha today paid tribute to former Nagaland Governor and former member of Parliament La Ganesan, who passed away on August 15. Deputy Chairman Harivansh made an obituary reference, remembering him as a tireless champion of social and cultural causes, who worked with distinction and dignity upholding the values of public service and unity.

The House observed silence as a mark of respect to the departed leader. La Ganesan had served as a member of the Upper house representing Madhya Pradesh from October 2016 to April 2018.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has welcomed Ajay Kumar Bhalla, on assuming charge as the Governor of Nagaland, alongside his responsibilities in Manipur. Welcoming him on behalf of the people of Nagaland, the Chief Minister said Mr Bhalla's vast experience will be invaluable in advancing peace, harmony, and progress in the State. Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton also warmly welcomed Mr Bhalla on taking charge as Nagaland Governor. In a social media post, he said, Mr Bhalla's wide administrative experience and dedication to public service will bring valuable guidance to Nagaland. Mr Patton said, the state is looking forward to his support in furthering peace, harmony, and progress for the people of the state



Lok Sabha today took up a special discussion on India's first astronaut, Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's recent mission aboard the International Space Station, focusing on the critical role of the space programme for Viksit Bharat by 2047. Speaker Om Birla congratulated Group Captain Shukla on behalf of the entire House.

Science and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh initiated the discussion. He said in 2040, an Indian astronaut will set foot on the moon, heralding Viksit Bharat years before 2047.

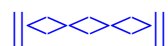
The discussion remained inconclusive as the House was adjourned due to noisy protests by the Opposition.



President Droupadi Murmu today met a group of tribal individuals representing various states in New Delhi under the 'Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan' of the Tribal Affairs Ministry. In a social media post, President Murmu said the invaluable knowledge of the tribal communities, their cultural heritage, and their lifestyle must be preserved. The President further sought support for tribal communities and said that they could become active participants in the country's developmental journey with due respect and dignity.

The Naga Students' Federation (NSF), under the aegis of the Northeast Students' Organisation (NESO), held a sit-in strike today demanding the eviction of illegal immigrants from the Northeast. The protest at Naga Solidarity Park in Kohima was participated by several student leaders and youth. In the keynote address, NESO Secretary General Mutsikhoyo Yhobu, expressed serious concern over the escalating issue of illegal migration in the region.

Following the protest, NESO representatives submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister of Nagaland. The organisation outlined six key demands, including the immediate detection and deportation of illegal immigrants, sealing of Indo-Bangladesh border, enhanced border security with modern surveillance, and coordination among states to prevent internal relocation of migrants. They also called for stronger legal safeguards to protect indigenous rights, culture, language, and land, and setting up a Special Review Committee to address population surges in specific areas. NESO, which represents eight major student movements across the Northeastern states, urged the Centre and state governments to address the issue with seriousness and urgency.



The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Nagaland has issued show-cause notices to the Nagaland Congress and the United Naga Democratic Party. The move comes after the Election Commission of India listed the parties among 476 Registered Unrecognised Political Parties across the country that may face delisting for not contesting any election since 2019. The parties have been given until August 26 to respond with written representations, supported by affidavits and documents. Hearings have been scheduled on the same day at the CEO's office in Kohima. Should the parties fail to respond, the Commission will proceed with delisting without further notice.



The annual physical verification for 2025-2026 of all pensioners, both life and family, drawing pension from Kohima South Treasury will be conducted from September 10 to 19. Pensioners have been asked to appear in person at the treasury office with their PPO book, renewed NPA ID card, and the pension

verification certificate. The Office cautioned that payments will be stopped for those failing to complete the verification.



Minister of State for Education Jayant Chaudhary has said, the government has a zero tolerance policy on student safety in schools. Replying to supplementaries during the Question Hour in the Lok Sabha today, Mr Chaudhary said, guidelines are issued from time to time to states and Union Territories, and school boards for the safety of students. He said, recently the Union Education Ministry has written a letter to States and UTs to ensure student safety and their well-being.



And, in weather, India Meteorological Department has forecast continued heavy rainfall over isolated places in the northeastern states during the next seven days. In Nagaland, thunderstorm with lightning are very likely tomorrow at isolated areas over the districts of Kiphire, Kohima, Longleng, Peren, Tuensang, Wokha, and Zunheboto.

