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- CoRRP and 5 tribal bodies to abstain from government functions, Independence Day over composition of Reservation Review Commission.
- Chief Minister Rio hopes International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples will foster greater awareness on indigenous rights.
- Nagaland unit of All India Freedom Fighters and Successors Organization observes 83rd Quit India Movement Day.
- BJP Nagaland to launch *Har Ghar Tiranga* campaign and *Tiranga Yatra* from August 11.



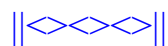
The Committee on review of Reservation Policy (CoRRP) during a meeting today decided that its Apex tribal bodies and frontal organisations would abstain from government functions, including the Independence Day celebration. The meeting took place in Kohima in the presence of CoRRP members and representatives of the Apex Tribal bodies — Ao, Angami, Lotha, Sumi, and Rengma. Addressing the media after the meeting, CoRRP Convenor Tesinlo Semy the joint meeting deliberated on the Cabinet decision taken on August 6.

He acknowledged and appreciated the government's move to set up the Reservation Review Commission but expressed dissatisfaction with its composition. According to him, the inclusion of civil society organisations (CSOs) in the Commission was unacceptable, and CoRRP had therefore decided not to participate in any government functions, including the Independence Day celebration. Semy maintained that the Committee opposed the inclusion of CSOs in order to ensure the Commission's independence and impartiality. He added that all Commission members should be government officials, either retired or in

service. Member Secretary of CoRRP, Captain GK Zhimomi, said that the demand for the Commission was not originally from CoRRP, but was an outcome of the June 3 meeting with the State Government, headed by Deputy Chief Minister (Home) Y Patton. During that meeting, CoRRP reiterated its core demands, and it was decided that an independent Commission would be set up.



The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is being celebrated today. This year's theme is- "Indigenous Peoples and AI: Defending Rights, Shaping Futures." On the occasion, Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio stated that it is a time to share our truths, tell our stories, and honour our deep connection to the land. Mr Rio expressed hope that the day will foster greater awareness and appreciation of the rich heritage, identity, and rights of indigenous communities.



Along with the rest of the country, Nagaland State unit of All India Freedom Fighters and Successors Organization today observed the 83rd Quit India Movement Day at its office, in Upper Chandmari, Kohima under the Chairmanship of its President Mr. Zelizhu Angami. During the observance, a three-minute silence was observed to pay tribute to the Freedom Fighters who sacrificed their lives for our Mother Land

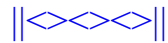


The Nagaland unit of BJP will launch the *Har Ghar Tiranga* campaign and *Tiranga Yatra* from August 11 to 15 to mark Independence Day. At a press conference in Dimapur, BJP Nagaland Chief Spokesperson N. Kakuto Chishi said the campaign aims to encourage citizens to hoist the national flag at home, symbolizing individual pride and patriotism. Key events include free medical camps in all 11 district jails, cleanliness drives across 60 mandals, a Tiranga Bike Yatra, visits to the Deaf Biblical Seminary and ex-servicemen families, and observance of Partition Horrors Remembrance Day.

Other highlights include a Hand Cart Tiranga Yatra, food drive, sanitary pad distribution, and football tournaments.



BJP Nagaland State President Benjamin Yepthomi, along with former MLAs and representatives from the Dimapur Railway Union, called on Union Minister for Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw, in New Delhi to deliberate on the long-pending redevelopment project of Dimapur Railway Station. The delegation emphasized the strategic importance of Dimapur as a gateway to the Northeast and urged the swift resumption of the stalled project to meet the growing needs of passengers and boost regional connectivity.



The Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal A P Singh has said that India downed five fighter aircrafts of Pakistan during Operation Sindoor. Speaking at the 16th Air Chief L M Katre lecture in Bengaluru today, the Chief of the Air Staff said, five Pakistan Air force aircrafts and one AWaCS aircraft were put down by India. Speaking in detail along with video footage, he said they have downed at least five fighter aircraft and one large aircraft which could either be an ELINT aircraft or an AEW&C aircraft.

The Air Chief Marshal informed that the jets were taken down at a distance of about 300 kilometers, which he added is the largest ever recorded surface to air kill that one can talk about. He also mentioned about attacks on Shahbaz Jacobabad airfield being destroyed by Indian missiles, where some aircrafts like F16 were damaged.



Power supply to Tuli Sub-Division, Longleng, and Mon districts has been disrupted following the collapse of a 66 kV transmission tower at Yisemyong area in Mokokchung district. The State Power Department reported that the incident occurred yesterday at around 5:00 A.M. According to the department, after intensive line patrolling, the fault was located in the evening at approximately 4:00 P.M. The collapse of the transmission tower has been attributed to massive landslides in the area. The department stated that all possible arrangements are being made to assess the situation and restore power supply at the earliest. It also appealed to consumers in the affected areas to bear with the inconvenience, assuring that every effort is being made to resolve the issue promptly.



Phek district administration has informed that all traffic along the Pfutsero to Phek 2-Lane Road (Package-III, between Losami and Phek Village) is completely restricted due to ongoing landslides and rockfalls. Informing that road clearance is in progress, the Deputy Commissioner said movement will remain suspended until the route is declared safe. He said two alternate routes for commuters are Pfutsero–Porba–Sakraba–Pholami–Khomi–Losami–Losatephe–Lanezho and Zero Point–Chetheba–Runguzu Nasa–Runguzu–Thuvopisu–Surhoba–Phek–Lanezho.

