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Advisor Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome stresses need to preserve tribal languages

State Cabinet to discuss call for reservation policy review on August 6

Five Tribes Committee on Review of Reservation defers stir awaiting Cabinet decision

State government urged to take urgent concrete action to mitigate human-elephant conflict

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Advisor for School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, has highlighted the urgent need to preserve indigenous languages in Nagaland. Speaking at the inaugural session of a 7-day Refresher Course for language educators at Nagaland University Kohima Campus, he emphasized that identity and language are crucial for communities without written scripts. Dr. Yhome highlighted complexities of language preservation in a multilingual state like Nagaland. He noted that the Department's efforts to develop tribal language textbooks remain in the early stage due to challenges, including translation hurdles. He stressed the importance of teaching children in their mother tongue, in line with the National Education Policy, acknowledging that implementation remains difficult.

Describing language work as not only academic, but social and cultural responsibility, Dr Yhome commended efforts of tribal literature boards, and suggested the use of AI to support vocabulary building and research, besides investments in labs and formal collaborations.

Meanwhile, Commissioner & Secretary, School Education & SCERT, Kevileno Angami, and Principal Director Shashank Singh, also reaffirmed the government's commitment to strengthening indigenous language education.

Nagaland state Government met with representatives of the Five Tribes Committee on Review of Reservation Policy today at Civil Secretariat in Kohima. The government was represented by newly appointed Chief Secretary, Sentiyanger Imchen and other senior officials. Speaking to media after the meeting, Committee Convenor Tesinlo Semy, said the meeting was held at the invitation of the Chief Secretary, wherein it was informed that the state Cabinet would meet on August 6 to discuss the issue.

Mr Semy reiterated that the committee remains steadfast in its core demand, and will decide the next course of action after the Cabinet meeting. Mr Semy said, the government also assured that the commission to address the issue will be notified within two weeks.

Lotha Hoho has urged the state government to take immediate and concrete action to address the rising threat of human-elephant conflict, in the wake of the recent elephant attack that claimed the life of a 72-year-old farmer in New Riphyim Village, Wokha. In a statement, the Hoho called for urgent deployment of rapid response teams and early warning systems in vulnerable areas. It also emphasized the need for sustainable, community-based strategies to mitigate conflicts. The Hoho also sought ex-gratia compensation to the family of the deceased, as well as long-term support for families affected by wildlife conflicts. Highlighting that Wokha district records the highest frequency of human-wildlife conflict in Nagaland, the Hoho urged that the Divisional Forest Office in Doyang be upgraded to a dedicated Wildlife Range or Division. The organization urged the authorities to act with

urgency, foresight, and compassion, to prevent further tragedies.

MLAs Kevipodi Sophie and Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso, along with Deputy Commissioner of Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, Additional SP Kohima, Soriso Quinker and other officials, conducted an on-site inspection of the damaged road stretch near BSF camp in Kohima. The visit was prompted by worsening condition of the road which has become nearly unmotorable due to continuous movement of heavy vehicles. The team assessed the damage and discussed urgent measures to restore the road. Officials assured that immediate steps will be taken to restore the road and ensure safety for commuters, while exploring long-term solutions to prevent further deterioration.

Both Houses of the Parliament have been adjourned for the day. The Rajya Sabha was adjourned as mark of respect to Senior Jharkhand Mukti Morcha leader and sitting MP Shibu Soren who passed away in New Delhi this morning, while proceedings of the Lok Sabha were marred following opposition protest. Amid the noisy scene, Union Minister for Labour and Employment Mansukh Mandaviya replied to a question related to employment in government sector companies. He said, 11 lakh aspirants got jobs in the last 16 months under the Rozgar Mela. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju expressed displeasure over the protest of opposition MPs due to which discussions on National Sports Governance Bill 2025 and the National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill 2015 could not proceed.

In the Rajya Sabha, the members paid tribute to former Jharkhand Chief Minister Shibu Soren. Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh said, Mr Soren played a prominent role in the movement for the rights and upliftment of tribal communities. The House observed silence for a while, as a mark of respect to the departed leader.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development has extended the special registration drive for the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) till the 15th of this month. The PMMVY, a door-to-door awareness-cum-enrolment campaign, led by Anganwadi and ASHA workers, aims to reach out to all eligible pregnant and lactating women and ensure their timely registration under the scheme.

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, JNV, Kohima is set to host 24 JNVs from across North East as part of Cluster Level Competition: Art in Education and Kala Utsav on 6th and 7th August. Organized by the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Regional Office, Shillong, the cultural event, aims to promote and celebrate the artistic talents of students.

And, The third day of the 24th Dr T. Ao Inter-District Football Championship 2025 saw more action-packed matches as teams battled for early dominance in the prestigious tournament. Niuland delivered a stunning performance, thrashing Shamator 9 to nothing in a completely one-sided encounter. Dimapur edged past Noklak with a narrow 1-nil victory. Phek also put on a strong show, defeating Kiphire 2-1. Meanwhile, defending champions Tuensang continued their title defense with a solid 3-nil win against Zunheboto.