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- Nagaland Government Spokesperson K.G. Kenye says talks on FNT inching towards final settlement
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicates Kartavya Bhavan-3 to nation
- MLA Y Mhonbemo Humtsoe urges councillors to rise above political affiliations for public welfare

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In a significant development, Nagaland Government Spokesperson and Minister K.G. Kenye has confirmed that talks on the Frontier Nagaland Territory Authority are inching towards a final settlement after more than a decade of confidential negotiations. He said this while addressing a press conference in Kohima this evening.

Mr Kenye noted that it was originally a bilateral dialogue between the Centre and the Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation (ENPO) since 2010. He said following the inclusion of the state government in the process last year, discussions have intensified, with the government now actively offering observations and recommendations. Cautioning that the road to resolution is complex and delicate, Mr Kenye noted that the state government is treading carefully. Highlighting the sensitivity of the matter, he also stressed the broader implications of territorial reorganization for Nagaland.

The Minister also acknowledged the political mandate and responsibility entrusted to the state government by its people.

While emphasizing that the process is still underway and not finalized, Mr Kenye assured that 'considerable progress' has been made.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed pride in dedicating the Kartavya Bhavan-3 to the nation and highlighted it as an example of state-of-the-art infrastructure. Mr Modi said, Kartavya Bhavan is a symbol of government's commitment and continuous efforts toward serving every individual. He added it will not only help in swiftly delivering government's policies and schemes to the people but will also provide a new momentum to the nation's development. Kartavya Bhavan-3 is part of the broader transformation of the Central Vista, and is the first among several upcoming Common Central Secretariat buildings.

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PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Kohima, is currently hosting 24 JNVs from across Northeast India for the two-day "Art in Education and Kala Utsav Meet 2025", under the aegis of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Regional Office Shillong. The event, which began today, aims to celebrate and promote artistic expression among students through various cultural and creative activities. Nearly 200 students from JNVs across Nagaland, Manipur, and Meghalaya are participating. Inaugurating the event, Additional Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Ruopfukuotuo Noudi emphasized the role of creativity in personality development which is essential towards a Viksit Bharat.

He also noted the potential of the music industry as a viable career path and encouraged students to channel digital tools wisely in their creative journey. Principal of JNV Kohima, Mahesh Prasad Shivhare, expressed pride in hosting the event. He said, this year's Kala Utsav is special, adding that this is not just a competition but a celebration of our unity in diversity. Highlighting the theme of this year's event "Viksit Bharat – Vision for 2047", the Principal invited students to envision and express what a developed India could look like as the nation approaches 100 years of independence. He urged all to pledged to encourage and respect each other's uniqueness and celebrate the diversity of the Northeastern states.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extended greetings to the Khamniungan community on the occasion of Biam, the festival of gratitude for a bountiful harvest. Mr Rio hoped that the celebration would strengthen family ties, foster community unity, and renew the spirit of togetherness.

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MLA Y Mhonbemo Humtsoe has encouraged elected councillors to rise above party affiliations and personal interests to work with unity for the welfare of the public. Speaking at the inauguration of the WTC Daily Market at Wokha Bazar today, he emphasized the need for mutual respect, collective responsibility, and inclusive governance. He urged the council to empower women and ensure equality within its structure. Mr Humtsoe also stressed the need to improve drainage systems, cleanliness, and form committees to explore schemes and growth opportunities.

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Proceedings of both the Houses of Parliament today were again disrupted by the opposition parties over the issue of Special Intensive Revision conducted in Bihar, leading to adjournment of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha for the day. In Lok Sabha, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju said, SIR is under sub-judice in the Supreme Court and it cannot be discussed in the House. Amidst the noisy scene, the House passed the Merchant Shipping Bill 2024 with amendments. Speaker Om Birla paid homage to the victims of the 1945 Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings in Japan.

In the Rajya Sabha, Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge raised the issue of point of order saying that rules should be equal for everyone. The House passed the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill 2025. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the statement of estimated receipts and expenditure of the State of Manipur for 2025-26 in both houses.

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Dimapur Municipal Council Employees' Welfare Union has called off its agitation on the second day following a written assurance from DMC CEO to clear pending salaries and other benefits. The union stated that the decision to call off the strike was taken during the executive meeting of the union today where they deliberated on the matter. Dimapur Municipal Council, CEO has assured that three months salaries would be cleared by August 20 and streamline employee benefits by October. He also assured that phase field deployment of DMC official staff will be implemented by September.

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The Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Programme 2025, featuring District-level Youth Parliament and Debate Competitions, was held today, at Kohima College and Jubilee Memorial College Hall, Mokokchung. The events featured mock Youth Parliaments on the theme 'Emergency Period in India'. Addressing the event in Kohima, Deputy Commissioner, B. Henok Buchem, emphasized youth engagement in democratic processes and national development. He also stressed on the value of soft skills such as analytical thinking, communication, empathy, and

leadership. Vuruthong from St. Joseph’s College won the debate competition, while Kajol Kumari from Alder College secured the top spot in the Youth Parliament session. Meanwhile, gracing the programme in Mokokchung, Deputy Commissioner Ajit Kumar Verma urged students to uphold constitutional values and understand the nation's democratic framework.

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