

Evening News Script

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- President Murmu says education of daughters most effective investment in Nation's progress
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio credits teachers for Nagaland's achievement of 95.7% literacy rate.
- Nagaland honours 13 teachers for exceptional service.
- BJP Nagaland holds organisational workshop cum State Executive Meeting in Dimapur.

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President Droupadi Murmu has said that providing the best possible education to daughters is the most effective way to promote women-led development. Addressing the gathering after presenting the National Teachers Awards 2025 in New Delhi today, the President emphasised that girls' education should be accorded the highest priority. She added that the investment in daughters' education is a priceless contribution to the development of families, society, and the nation.

The President expressed happiness that the Gross Enrollment Ratio of girls in higher education has shown a significant rise in recent years. The President said that education empowers individuals, enabling children from the weakest backgrounds to achieve remarkable progress. She said, just like food, clothing, and shelter, education is essential for a person's dignity and security. President Murmu highlighted that the National Education Policy 2020 lays special emphasis on making education more accessible and seamless at the school

level. Out of the 45 National Teachers Awardees, Ms. Peleno Petenilhu from Nagaland also received the award from President Murmu.

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On the occasion of Teachers’ Day, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today presented the State Teachers’ Award 2025 to 13 teachers from across the state in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister Zelaing, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, MLA and Advisor, School Education and SCERT, Nagaland, R. Masakui Rungsung, Consul General, CGI Vancouver, Canada, and other cabinet members and legislators. The awards were presented at the State Level Teachers’ Day celebration at the NBCC Convention Hall, Kohima. The awardees were: K. Nzanbeni Lotha, GT from GHSS, Diphupar 'A', Chumoukedima; Avilhou Sokra, GT from PM Shri GHSS Chumoukedima; Mary Hangsing, Teacher from Mount Mary Higher Secondary School, Chümoukedima; L. Tsulongthong, GT from GHSS Pungro, Kiphire; Shumei Antony, GT Hindi from GMS Leinak, Longleng; Rhoshutho, PT from GPS Meluri Town; Imojungla, GT from GHS Sumi, Mokokchung; Nafisa Ali, Teacher from St. Joseph's School, Mon; John Konyak, PT from GMS Shangsa, Mon; Agwamlie Poirang, GT from GHSS Peren; Dr. Bijay Kumar Mishra, PGT from GHSS Phek; M. Chibeni Humtsoe, GT from PM Shri GMS Wokha Town–A; and M. Samuel Sema, GT from GHSS Satakha, Zunheboto. CM Rio also launched Mission SOAR Nagaland. Meanwhile, the Award for Excellence in School Safety Policy Compliance was presented to Government Middle School, Dobagaon; GMS Naga New Model Sumi; St. Joseph School, Tuensang; and The Vineyard, Kohima.

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Nagaland held an organisational workshop titled “Sanghathanatmak Karyashala” cum State Executive Meeting at Town Hall, Dimapur today, with senior leaders including Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton and State BJP President Benjamin Yepthomi in attendance. Addressing

the gathering, Patton urged party legislators and workers to gear up for the 2028 Assembly Elections with the aim of contesting and winning all 60 seats.

He said the BJP must expand beyond its current reach and work for a full majority under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. “There’s no resolution stopping us from contesting more seats,” he stated, urging MLAs to work across constituencies and engage closely with grassroots workers. State BJP President Benjamin Yepthomi called the event a moment of “reflection and renewal,” reaffirming the party’s commitment to growth in Nagaland. He highlighted the Centre’s focus on development in the Northeast and emphasized that the BJP’s real strength lies in its karyakartas. He urged party members to stay united, humble, and reach out to every village and household.

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The Directorate of School Education Nagaland had on Teachers Day declared tomorrow as a general holiday for all Government and Private Schools functioning within the state of Nagaland in honour of teachers. The holiday was declared through a notification issued by Principal Director of School Education, Shashank Pratap Singh today.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio credited teachers for Nagaland's achievement of 95.7% literacy, making it the third most literate state in India. Speaking at the State-Level Teachers’ Day celebration in Kohima today, he praised teachers as the backbone of the education system, urging them to continue fostering curiosity, critical thinking, and compassion in students.

He highlighted Nagaland’s pupil-teacher ratio of 13:1 (and 7:1 in government schools as a key strength, and shared that the state currently has 2,734

schools, 32,801 teachers, and 4,10,389 students. Rio expressed satisfaction with the progress of the School Leadership Academy of Nagaland, which now provides mandatory training for school heads and has received national recognition for two consecutive years. Under the NEP 2020, he announced key initiatives such as launch of the SOAR Mission to enhance curriculum, teaching, and assessment; Readiness of the Nagaland State Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage Education' Formation of the Nagaland State School Standards Authority and drafting of a School Quality Assessment Framework, Plans to introduce music education at the elementary level in collaboration with TaFMA, Promotion of mother-tongue-based education, in partnership with Nagaland University, convergence approach with the Department of Social Welfare for foundational education.

The Chief Minister concluded by emphasizing alignment with NEP 2020, SDG 4, NIPUN Bharat, and UNESCO's Education 2030 Agenda to ensure globally informed interventions.

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Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal has launched Angikaar 2025 campaign under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, PMAY – Urban, 2.0. The campaign is an outreach programme, which will accelerate the implementation of PMAY–Urban by creating widespread awareness about the scheme across the country. It will also fast-track verification of applications under the scheme and expedite the completion of already sanctioned houses.

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