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- State government to revert transfer of 33 teachers from Eastern districts
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- NSF serves 10-day ultimatum to state government to resolve RMSA 2016 teachers issue

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On the occasion of World Bamboo Day, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio highlighted the significance of bamboo as a symbol of resilience, versatility, and sustainability. He emphasized that bamboo has long been an integral part of Nagaland's heritage, economy, and daily life. Mr Rio urged everyone to continue nurturing this resource and promoting its role in livelihoods, innovation, and sustainable development in the region.

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Nagaland observed World Bamboo Day today under the theme 'Next Generation Bamboo Solution, Innovation, and Design.' At the event at Nagaland Bamboo Resource Centre, Sovima, Development Commissioner Temsunaro Aier, described bamboo as the 'green gold' of Nagaland, highlighting its cultural, ecological, and economic significance.

Ms Aier lauded the efforts of the Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency, NBDA, in supporting artisans, farmers, and self-help groups through training, skill development, and financial assistance. During the event, it was announced that NBDA is establishing a state-of-the-art Technology Park at the Nagaland Bamboo Resource Centre, to further enhance facilities and create employment opportunities.

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The Nagaland government has decided to revert the transfer of 33 teachers posted out of the eastern districts during a recent rationalisation exercise. The decision was taken at an emergency meeting chaired by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio yesterday, following mounting protests. The meeting was attended by legislators from the Eastern Nagaland areas, including ministers C L John and P

Paiwang Konyak and Advisor Wangpang Konyak, Advisor for School Education Dr Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, and other senior officials. The Eastern Nagaland Students Federation, ENSF, had launched an agitation on Monday closing government schools and offices in the districts of Mon, Tuensang, Kiphire, Longleng, Noklak, and Shamator. It argued that the rationalisation led to critical shortages of teachers, as many were transferred without relievers against sanctioned posts. Accepting the government's invitation for talks on September 20, the ENSF has kept its agitation on hold.

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Advisor for Industry & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu, has emphasized the transformative role Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) can play in skill development, entrepreneurship, and livelihood creation across the Northeast. During the North East CSR Connect 2025, organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry in New Delhi, she pointed to the stark disparity in CSR investments, and urged corporates to invest across all eight Northeastern states.

Acknowledging factors such as small state size and difficult terrain, Ms Jakhalu proposed a 'sister state' model, where high-income states like Gujarat and Maharashtra could partner with low-income Northeastern states to foster balanced development. Lamenting that investment summits often fail to lead to concrete action, the Advisor urged companies to view Nagaland as an investment-friendly state, with hospitable and hardworking population.

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The Naga Students Federation (NSF) has served a 10-day ultimatum to the state government, demanding resolution of the long-pending grievances of the 367 RMSA 2016 batch teachers. In a letter addressed to Chief Secretary, the NSF acknowledged the invaluable service of the teachers which has played a vital role in strengthening school education and shaping the lives of Naga students. The NSF cautioned that failure of government action within the stipulated 10 days would compel it to begin agitations to safeguard the teachers' rights and ensure them due justice.

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The Naga People's Front (NPF) will hold its General Convention on October 21, coinciding with the Party's 63rd Foundation Day. This was informed by NPF Secretary General and MLA Achumbemo Kikon, following the party's Central Office Bearers (COB) meeting today. Mr Kikon said, the COB's meeting

followed the September 6 resolution by the NPF Central Executive Council urging Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and the NDPP to unite in strengthening the regional party.

Mr Kikon acknowledged the positive response of the NDPP's Central Executive Board to its proposed merger. He said, the NPF remains hopeful that when the NDPP holds its General Convention on October 18, it will decide to become a part of the NPF. Addressing speculations regarding the party's nomenclature and symbol post the likely merger, he said the Cock is a symbol dear to all Naga people, and both parties are in agreement to retain the same.

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Under the Next-Generation GST reforms, the government has extended significant relief to the bicycle industry aiming to make eco-friendly transport accessible and affordable for the common man. GST on bicycles and bicycles parts has been reduced from 12 percent to 5 percent to promote affordability, accessibility, and sustainable mobility solutions. This rationalization marks a significant step leading towards cheaper movement and increased bicycle usage among students, fitness enthusiasts, and young professionals. The step is expected to boost the production as well as the nation's economy.

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