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- Nagaland's Health Department signs MoU with C-CAMP to boost public health system
- Dimapur tagged as non-attainment city, pollution levels rise 35 percent between 2020 and 2024
- Counting of votes for Vice Presidential election underway

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Government of India and the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN-K) Niki faction have agreed to extend their ceasefire agreement for another year, effective from September 8, 2025, to September 7, 2026. According to the agreement, the extension aims to facilitate lasting peace in Nagaland with the active involvement of the Naga people. The ceasefire will remain subject to adherence to the mutually agreed Ceasefire Ground Rules, which may be reviewed and amended with the participation of both parties. The agreement was formally signed in New Delhi today by Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Prashant Lokhande, Supervisor, Ceasefire Supervisory Board (CFSB), NSCN-K Niki Abel Zingru Thuer, and Secretary, CFSB, NSCN-K Niki, Ameka Achumi.

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Nagaland's Department of Health & Family Welfare has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) to enhance the state's public health system through innovative, indigenous health technologies. The partnership was unveiled today by Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Anoop Khinchi, and C-CAMP Director & CEO Dr. Taslimarif Saiyed. More from our correspondent...

C-CAMP has previously supported Nagaland's public health during the COVID-19 pandemic by setting up oxygen-supported facilities in Dimapur and Mokokchung. Building on these, the new partnership aims to ensure equitable access to quality healthcare for all citizens, and create a resilient and inclusive health system in Nagaland.

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Dimapur has been categorised as a non-attainment city by the Central Pollution Control Board, with pollution levels rising by 35 percent between 2020 and 2024. This was informed by Nodal Officer, National Clean Air Programme

(NCAP), Nagaland Pollution Control Board (NPCB), Yanathung Kithan, during a talk show on air quality in Dimapur today. The talk was conducted under the NCAP to mark the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies. He said, NCAP is targeting a 40 percent reduction in air pollution by 2026, and called for collective efforts from all sections of the society. The event gathered policymakers, youth, and media to discuss air quality issues. Meanwhile, Kohima District Administration also held a public engagement event under NCAP 2024-25 at Don Bosco College. Highlighting the importance of clean air, Deputy Commissioner Kohima B. Henok Buchem, urged students to lead citizen participation in combating air pollution.

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The counting of votes for the Vice Presidential election is underway at New Parliament Building. The voting for the election was held between 10 AM and 5 PM. The fight for the Vice Presidential election is between NDA nominee and Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan and INDIA bloc nominee and former Supreme Court Judge B Sudershan Reddy. Members of both Houses of Parliament cast their votes to elect the next Vice President of India.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of creating a more efficient and citizen-friendly economy was realised as the GST Council on 3rd September approved rates rationalisation with a focus on common man. Today we look at the reforms undertaken for the cosmetics sector. Our correspondent reports that the GST reforms have been carried out with a focus on the common man and will come into effect from the 22nd of this month.

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The Nagaland Home Guards' Service Association (NHGSA) held its 15th General Session today in Toluvi, Dimapur. Addressing the event, Commandant General, Home Guards, Civil Defence & SDRF, Aotemsu, lauded the achievements of the association over the years, and encouraged members to build on its proud legacy, despite facing challenges. Mr. Aotemsu emphasized the vital role of the Association as a platform that ensures member's concerns are heard and addressed. The session saw the election of a new team of office bearers, led by District Commandant, Kohima Wopenthung Kikon, as new President. The 15th General Session reaffirmed NHGSA's commitment to excellence, and its principle of selfless service to the community.

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Along with the rest of the nation, Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA) will observe the 3rd Quarterly National Lok Adalat for 2025 in all district headquarters on 13th of this month. As part of the initiative, NSLSA said, 11 Lok Adalat Benches will be set up by the District Legal Services Authorities. The Lok Adalats will take up pre-litigation and pending civil and criminal cases tied to Motor Accident claims, Family disputes, Land Acquisition, pension, rent,

Electricity & Water Bills, among others. According to NSLSA, the 2nd Quarter National Lok Adalat held on 10th May disposed off 219 cases with a settlement amount of more than 2 crore rupees. For more information, individuals can approach the respective DLSAs or the NSLSA office located at DC office compound, Kohima, or dial toll free Helpline numbers 15100 or 9118003453883.

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The 2nd edition of the Inter-Khelo India Centre Under-15 Badminton Tournament commenced today in Pfutsero. Addressing the opening ceremony, MLA Dr. Neisatuo Mero, encouraged young players to embrace three key virtues of hard work, consistency, and discipline. He further urged the players to uphold self-discipline to not only excel in sports but also in life. Dr. Mero also acknowledged the Department of Youth Resources and Sports for its continued support and effort in promoting and nurturing young talent. Athletes from Phek, Niuland, Wokha, Mokokchung, Zunheboto, Athibung (Peren), Mon, Kiphire, and Longleng districts are participating in the tournament. The two-day event will culminate tomorrow.

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The India Meteorological Department has forecast light to moderate rain with thunderstorms to continue in Nagaland and the other Northeastern states till Thursday. Heavy rainfall is also expected in isolated locations during this period. The department said, heavy to very heavy rains are likely in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, from September 12 to 15.

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