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1. Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party merges with Naga People's Front to form single regional political party in Nagaland.
2. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio elected as Leader of Naga People's Front Legislature Party.
3. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio says NDPP merging with NPF is shared vision of one strong regional party to represent aspirations of people.
4. And, NPF says merger process with NDPP was undertaken in accordance with constitutional provisions.



The Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) has resolved to accept the offer of Naga People's Front (NPF) to merge and form a single regional political party in Nagaland. The decision was made today during the party's 6th General Convention held at the Capital Cultural Hall in Kohima. The event was attended by party members and representatives from across the state. During the convention, delegates deliberated extensively on the NPF's offer to amalgamate, with the aim of consolidating and strengthening regional political identity in Nagaland under one banner. Following detailed discussions, the house adopted a resolution in accordance with Article X of the NDPP Constitution to formally accept the merger proposal. The resolutions were put forward to vote by Minister and Convenor of the Resolution

Committee, K G Kenye, Whice was unanimously accepted by the members.

Mr. Kenye asserted that it is only through a unified power that can bring about the much-needed intensive attention in taking the Naga people forward.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has been elected as Leader of the Naga People's Front Legislature Party. Meanwhile, NPF officially submitted its acceptance with the merger of NDPP to Speaker of Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer today, with Party President Apong Pongener and MLA & Secretary General Achumbemo Kikon handing over the necessary documents. Subsequently, the Speaker formally acknowledged the merger and issued an official Acceptance Letter. The NPF Legislature Party now have 34 members in the house of 60 members Nagaland Legislative Assembly.



Nagaland's Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today said the NDPP merging with the NPF is not just a strategic political move but a step toward a shared vision of one strong regional party that can better represent the aspirations of the people and address the long-standing Naga political issue. Addressing the 6th General Convention of the NDPP in Kohima, Mr. Rio emphasized that unity among political parties is essential and urged members to work together with renewed dedication as one united family.

The Chief Minister also highlighted that the NDPP has no liabilities following the closure of a legal case regarding its deregistration, ensuring a smooth transition in the merger.



The Central Executive Council (CEC) of the NPF today held an emergency meeting at the party headquarters in Kohima to deliberate on the procedural and constitutional steps following the merger with the NDPP. Addressing the meeting, NPF Secretary General, Achumbemo Kikon clarified that the process of merger and adoption of resolutions was being undertaken in accordance with constitutional provisions and the norms of parliamentary democracy. Mr. Kikon also highlighted that both political and legislative procedures were being synchronized to ensure a seamless transition, with necessary communications made to the State Assembly Speaker and Chief Minister's Office.



President of the NDPP, Chingwang Konyak, today called upon party workers to rise above personal feelings and remain dedicated to the collective goal of ensuring progress and peace in Nagaland. Mr. Konyak was addressing the 6th General Convention of the NDPP held at the Capital Cultural Hall in Kohima. On the proposed merger with the NPF, Konyak said he was personally not in favour of the NDPP merging with any other political party, but he would not let his personal feelings override the majority decision of the NDPP General Convention.

Mr. Konyak informed that the NDPP has emerged as the largest regional political party in Nagaland over the past five years, winning all elections it has contested since its inception, except the 2024 Lok Sabha election.



Dimapur and Phek districts have been conferred the Recognition Award for Outstanding Performance and Exemplary Contribution as the Best Performing Districts under the Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan. The award was presented by President Droupadi Murmu during the Aadi Karmayogi National Conclave held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi yesterday. The conclave was organised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. President Murmu also presented awards to top-performing states, districts, blocks, and Integrated Tribal Development Agencies.

A “Tribal Business Conclave”, to promote tribal entrepreneurship, was also announced for November 12. From Nagaland, a delegation led by Secretary, Government of Nagaland, Angelina Tajen, along with officials from various departments, participated in the conclave.



The Deputy Commissioner of Wokha, Vineet Kumar, today said the upcoming Banana Festival aims to empower over 6,000 farmers, promote scientific farming and make Wokha a hub for banana and other agricultural crops. Addressing a press conference at the DC's office, he said over 100 stalls will showcase banana by-products and innovations in farming. Mr. Kumar added that along with technical sessions, a banana-eating competition and a Best Banana Bunch contest is also being organized. The Banana Festival, will be held from October 22 to 24 at the Public Ground in Wokha.



The Nagaland Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Mission under the Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN) is organize a one-month free skill development training in masonry and tiling as well as electrification and plumbing at Peren tentatively in November. A circular issued by the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Tening, Fiirhesie Nyuwi has called on all interested youths and students to register early. The Village Council Chairmen under Tening and Nsong have also been directed to ensure wide publicity within their villages. For further details, citizens can contact, Suizai, Centre Manager, SCK IDAN, Peren, at **7005933705**.

