

THE HEADLINES:

1. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio says, construction sector is the largest engine of employment in the state, providing livelihoods to thousands of youth.
2. Nagaland Health & Family Welfare Secretary, Tainiu underscores need for adaptable and people-centered healthcare framework.
3. Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J.P Nadda says, the country now has 819 medical colleges.
4. Samagra Shiksha Nagaland organizes State Level Kala Utsav 2025–26.



The Association of Nagaland Architects (ANA) celebrated its 25th anniversary under the theme “Celebrating community, nurturing Creativity” today at Chümoukedima. Addressing the gathering as guest of honour, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said, construction sector is the largest engine of employment in the state, providing livelihoods to thousands of youth, presenting tremendous economic opportunity. He said, architects are more than just designers of buildings, they are custodians of heritage, interpreters of culture, and visionaries. He said, every structure they design and every space they plan, contributes to identity of Nagaland. Mr. Rio said that 25 years is not merely a passage of time but a testament to vision and perseverance.

The Chief Minister further called upon ANA and its members to take lead role in encouraging and training local people and introduce them to new technologies, modern construction techniques, and sustainable practices.

Also, speaking during the occasion, Dr. Gauri Nitin Shiurkar, Member of Council of Architecture of India described Nagaland’s architecture as a true reflection of its people — resilient, rooted, and expressive. She observed that a new generation of architects is now blending wisdom of the past with aspirations of the future, an evolution that preserves the soul of Naga design.



The Nagaland In-Service Doctor’s Association (NIDA) held its annual conference & general body meeting under the theme “Building a Resilient Health System” at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima yesterday. Nagaland Health & Family Welfare Secretary Tainiu underscored the need for an

adaptable and people-centered healthcare framework. Doctors are recognized as the essential pillars of healthcare, saving lives and improving public well-being. They are described as guardians of health, forming the backbone of a healthy community. The meeting also deliberated on emerging challenges, policy matters and to engage with Government representatives to advocate reforms. It is both a reflective and forward exercise that reinforces NIDA's role and responsible stakeholder in Nagaland health governance.



Union Health and Family Welfare Minister JP Nadda has highlighted country's progress in medical education, stating that the country now has 819 medical colleges. He said, undergraduate medical seats in the country have now increased from 51 thousand to 1 lakh 29 thousand. Addressing the 50th Convocation of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, the Minister also noted that the number of postgraduate medical seats has also increased to nearly 78 thousand.

Mr Nadda underlined that in the fields of medical sciences, training, and healthcare, AIIMS has established itself as a leader in healthcare excellence and patient care. The Minister highlighted that AIIMS has also taken lead in AI-driven diagnostics and robotic surgery training.



Samagra Shiksha Nagaland successfully organized the State Level Kala Utsav 2025–26 at Mt. Tabor Retreat Centre, Kohima yesterday. Joint Secretary Department of School Education and Deputy Project Director- Nagaland Education Project (NECTAR), Avelu Ruho, gracing the event as special guest, commended the participating students and teachers for their dedication and creativity. She encouraged youth to preserve their indigenous art forms and oral traditions, reminding them that culture is not merely a performance but a living legacy that connects generations. The event witnessed participation of 79 students representing various districts of Nagaland, each showcasing exceptional talent in seven art categories. Each category reflected diversity and richness of Nagaland's artistic landscape, celebrating interweaving of tradition and modern imagination. The winners of State Level Kala Utsav 2025–26 will represent Nagaland at the National Level Kala Utsav 2025.



The 11th annual general meeting of Nagaland Police Retired Officers Association was held today at Chumoukedima. Exhorting the gathering during a fellowship of retired police officers, former Inspector General of Police, K. Mero, recalled his early years in 1983, where he appeared for Nagaland Public Service Commission while serving as a teacher at Government High School, Pfutsero. Addressing his fellow retirees, he acknowledged their achievements and reflecting on the passing of several colleagues in the past year, he urged everyone to remain thankful for the gift of life and good health. At 68 years of age now, Mero emphasized the importance of fellowship, urging retirees to stay connected, to visit and encourage one another while commending the Association's President for maintaining regular contact among members.



Under the next-generation GST reforms, Government has provided major relief to leather and footwear sector. The reforms aimed at easing the burden on young manufacturers, have made production more cost-effective, and ensured that quality footwear becomes more affordable for consumers. Under the new tax structure, GST has been reduced from 12 percent to 5 percent on chamois leather, composition leather made from leather fibre, and leather prepared after tanning or crusting. This rationalisation has significantly reduced input costs for manufacturers and encouraged great production within the country. Footwear priced up to 2,500 rupees per pair now attract just 5 percent GST instead of 12 percent, making stylish and durable footwear more accessible to young and middle-income consumers.



Advisor to Chief Minister, Dr. Chumben Murry launched two books titled “The Unshaken Bond, Silent Battles of Discord” and “The Wings of Silence” written by Z. Libenthung Murry. The Advisor lauded the author's effort, noting that writers have become fewer in number today, with most coming from academic or theological backgrounds. Emphasizing that writing requires wisdom, time, and dedication, Mr. Murry urged the gathering to cultivate both reading and writing habits. Author Z. Libenthung Murry, dedicated the book “The Wings of Silence” to his parents, while his second work is a fiction novel exploring themes of forgiveness, redemption, love, hope and human judgment.

