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Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister T. R. Zeliang today described tribalism as the greatest obstacle to the State's growth and prosperity, and urged the youth to become the antidote to this divisive mindset. Speaking at the inaugural session of the All Nagaland College Students' Union (ANCSU) 22nd Biennial General Conference at St. Xavier College, Jalukie, Mr Zeliang cautioned that with a small population, Nagaland cannot afford divisions based on tribe or community. He called on young people to ensure that all Nagas progress together as one united family. The Deputy Chief Minister reminded students that today's generation enjoys unprecedented access to technology and global opportunities, privileges that must be used responsibly.

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The District Level Coordination Committee meeting of the District Tobacco Control Cell, DTCC Kohima, was held today at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall, Kohima chaired by Deputy Commissioner B. Henok Buchem. Mr Buchem expressed concern over children's early exposure to tobacco and

emphasized teachers' vital role in awareness-building. Reminding that police personnel and teachers are authorized to enforce Section 6(b) of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003 which bans tobacco sales within 100 metres of educational institutions, he urged stronger enforcement and formation of teacher-led task forces across schools. Dr. Neingutunuo, District Nodal Officer, highlighted progress under Tobacco Vendor Licensing and declared Mengujuma Village, GMS Mengujuma, GMS Phesama, and Modern Higher Secondary School Kohima as tobacco-free.

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In commemoration of 90 years of broadcasting, Akashvani Kohima conducted Folk Song Competition - "Voices of the Youth" at RCEMPA Jotsoma this evening. Organised by Akashvani Kohima in collaboration with the North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC) and the Task Force for Music and Arts (TAFMA), Government of Nagaland, the competition featured 15 youth groups primarily college students representing diverse Naga tribes.

Addressing the event, Head of Programme, Akashvani Kohima, Ella Kayina, said that Akashvani's yearlong celebration of 90 years of radio broadcasting in India reflects the rich cultural legacy that the organisation has preserved over the decades. She also paid tribute to the state's folk artists, noting that their contributions remain deeply cherished and forever remembered. Ms. Kayina highlighted the various programmes and activities undertaken by Akashvani Kohima as part of the celebrations and emphasised the station's significant role at both the regional and national levels.

Khiamniungan tribe emerged winner of the competition. A special presentation by the Tikhir Women Union, Kohima, also featured during the event, adding to the celebration of Naga heritage and musical tradition.

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The second PM Awas Mela—Shehri under the Angikaar 2025 campaign was held today at Chümoukedima Town Council Hall. The event, organized by the Department of Municipal Affairs, aimed to showcase the achievements and implementation progress under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana—Urban (PMAY-U) and to promote the vision of “Housing for All.” In his address, Advisor, Municipal Affairs & Urban Development, Zhaleo Rio said the goal of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to urban poor and middle class families to help them build or buy affordable houses. He said that under the scheme, the financial assistance has been raised to two lakhs fifty thousand rupees. Mr Rio also encouraged all the ULB councillors, authorities and Department officials to work towards the upliftment of the weaker sections of the society and to spread awareness about the various government schemes. State Mission Director PMAY-U & Additional Director & HoD Municipal Affairs, Temjenrenla Kechu outlined the achievements under PMAY-U and new strategies under the scheme.

V/C PMAWY: Under the mission, a total of nearly 30,000 dwelling units have been covered across the state, with a completion rate of about 96 percent, which is one of the highest completion rates in the North East. Beneficiaries under the first phase of the scheme have been provided with a subsidy amount of rupees 1 lakh 50 thousand rupees, released in three instalments. The Angikaar campaign is a nationwide outreach program under PMAY-U 2.0 to accelerate the scheme's implementation.

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The Nagaland Public Service Commission, NPSC has invited applications for filling up various vacancies under the Government of Nagaland. it has annoucned a total of 96 vacancies, including 24 Calss-I & II Gazetted and 72 Class-III non-Gazetted posts in different government departments. The NPSC informed that the details can be assessed from the Commission's website

npsc.nagaland.gov.in or from its office notice board. Informing that online application form would be available from Thursday noon till the noon 12th of next month, the NPSC said OTR is not mandatory for filling the online application.

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On to sports, the first State-Level Sub-Junior, Junior, and Senior Wushu (Sanda) Championship, organised by the Nagaland Wushu Association (NWA) in collaboration with the Department of Youth Resources and Sports (DYRS), commenced today at the Pele Khezhie Indoor Stadium, Kohima. Guest of Honour, Pele Khezhie, President of Nagaland Contractors and Suppliers Union and Nagaland Taekwondo Association lauded the organisers for hosting Nagaland's first-ever State-Level Wushu Championship, noting that every participant was part of a significant milestone.

Addressing the athletes, Mr Khezhie praised their hard work, discipline, and dedication, reminding them that reaching this stage already makes them winners. Highlighting the values of perseverance and sportsmanship, Mr Khezhie urged the participants to support and motivate one another. A total of 93 athletes from seven districts Peren, Kohima, Zunheboto, Dimapur, Mokokchung, Mon, and Phek are competing in the championship which will conclude tomorrow.

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And, The 69th National School Games Taekwondo U-14 Boys Championship began at K. Kire Badminton Stadium, Police Complex, Chümoukedima today. Speaking as the Special Guest, Advisor for Tribal Affairs and Election, H. Tovihoto Ayemi, said the championship is not merely a sporting competition but a celebration of youthful energy, national unity, and sportsmanship. Emphasizing that the championship is a key step in developing grassroots sports, Mr Ayemi noted that investing in youth today builds a stronger and

healthier India tomorrow. Deputy Inspector General of Police (Border) Imnalensa while urging athletes to overcome fear and doubt, he reminded them that every battle is fought twice, first in the mind and then on the field.

V/C TAEK: The three-day event, hosted by the Department of Youth Resources and Sports Nagaland will conclude on Thursday. The championship features participants from 30 States and Union Territories, along with five CBSE-affiliated units under the School Games Federation of India. Nearly 400 individuals, including around 310 athletes and 75 coaches, managers, and team officials, are taking part in the event.

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