

THE HEADLINES :-

- **Northeast parties join hands to form single political entity to amplify regional issues**
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- **Enforcement Directorate investigating alleged foreign remittance violations linked to Nagaland firm**
- **Nagaland state employees stage car rally for restoration of old pension scheme**



In a major political development, leaders from different parties of the northeast have come together to form a single political entity to raise issues of the region. Key signatories to the joint statement include Nagaland's Mmhonlumo Kikon, Meghalaya Chief Minister and National People's Party president Conrad Sangma, Pradyot Manikya of TIPRA Motha, and Daniel Langthasa from People's Party Assam. Announcing the move at press conference in New Delhi today, Mr Sangma said, the new entity will represent the aspirations of the northeast people at the national level.

A nine-member committee has been set up to chart the next steps, including the modalities and structure of the proposed political entity.



President Droupadi Murmu has said that education is not just a means of self-reliance, but also an inspiration for the development of society and the nation. She was addressing the 20th convocation of Kumaun University in Nainital, Uttarakhand, today. The President urged students to use their education in serving the underprivileged and in nation-building, emphasizing that education strengthens intellect, skills, and moral values. She reaffirmed that the government's goal is to make India a developed nation by 2047, and that the youth will play the most crucial role in achieving this vision.



In its first action in Nagaland, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) today carried out search and seizure operations as part of an investigation under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). According to officials, the agency's Dimapur Sub Zone searched a total of seven premises, two each in Dimapur and Guwahati, and three in Chennai. The case involves Lima Imsong and others. According to ED, its initial findings reveal that Imsong Global Suppliers Co., a firm owned by Lima Imsong, allegedly received large sums of foreign remittances under the guise of exporting human hair, an activity deemed 'uncommon and commercially unviable' in Dimapur. However, the firm failed to provide the required export documents, such as shipping bills and invoices, leading to violations under FEMA and related RBI guidelines. The agency claimed that the foreign funds were further diverted to the personal accounts of Mr Imsong and his family members, as well as to Inchem India Pvt. Ltd, another company controlled by Mr Imsong. The investigation is ongoing.



Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla, has extended his greetings to the people of Nagaland, particularly the Sikh community, on the occasion of Guru Nanak Devji's Birth Anniversary. In his message, he emphasized Guru Nanak's universal message of love, peace, and humanism which continues to inspire and enlighten people across the world. Highlighting the Guru's call to live with compassion, selflessness, and devotion to the service of others, the Governor urged all citizens to uphold these noble ideals and strive to create a society founded on harmony, equality, and goodwill. As the state joins in celebrating the sacred occasion, the

Governor prayed for a peaceful, prosperous, and harmonious Nagaland, and expressed hope that the divine teachings of Guru Nanak will continue to guide the people.



The Nagaland National Pension System Government Service Employees Forum (NNPSGSEF) today held a car rally in Kohima over its demand for restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). The rally, which started at Indira Gandhi Stadium and ended at the Civil Secretariat, featured a car sticker campaign. NNPSGSEF President Avizo Nienu noted that the demand is not just for employee benefits, but to secure the future of Nagaland's citizens.

Vice-President of the forum, Jentinochet, emphasized that the campaign is not against the government, but against the current market-linked pension system.

At the culmination, the forum submitted a representation to the Chief Secretary, urging the reversion to OPS for state employees appointed after January 1, 2010. The NNPSGSEF claimed the National Pension System is detrimental to employees' welfare, as it left retirees vulnerable with no guaranteed pension security. It contended that the OPS offers more financial stability and has been successfully restored in other states.



The Tokhü Emong Bird Count 2025 was officially launched today at the Nature Learning Centre, Forest Office Complex, Dimapur, marking the state of the four-day statewide bird monitoring event. Speaking at the launch event, Divisional Forest Officer, Wokha Forest Division & Doyang Plantation Division, Suman W. M. Sivachar emphasized the importance of citizen science and the growing role of community participation in conservation efforts. The event featured a demonstration on eBird mobile app and a birding session. During the count period till November 7, citizens across the state are encouraged to record birds on eBird.



In observance of the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a series of events were held across districts today. In Wokha, My Bharat Wokha, in coordination with the District Administration, organized a Unity March to promote communal harmony and reflect on Patel's contributions to the nation. The event featured a unity pledge, cultural performances and garlanding of Patel's portrait. In Shamator, a District-Level Essay Competition was held at Government Higher Secondary School, where Athsangla Wongcham of St. Xavier School, was declared the winner. Meanwhile, Meluri will hold a District Level Unity March on November 15. As part of the pre-event activities, schools will host programs such as Essay Competition, Talks, Poster Making, Cleanliness Drive, and Wellness Sessions.



The IDFC FIRST Bank Senior Women's Inter-Zonal T20 Trophy 2025 kicked off today at the Nagaland Cricket Stadium in Chümoukedima. In the opening match, North Zone defeated South Zone by 96 runs. Chasing 153, South Zone were bowled out for 56 in 14.3 overs. In the second match played at Sovima Cricket Ground, West Zone registered a commanding 126-run victory over North East Zone. West Zone set a challenging target of 202, and in response, North East Zone could only muster 75 for 8 wickets in 20 overs.

