

THE HEADLINES:

- Nagaland accords state funeral to senior legislator and sitting MLA Imkong L. Imchen
- Nagaland Police enhancing forensic capabilities
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to begin 3-day visit to Nagaland from tomorrow
- Northeast states to experience temperature drop over next few days



The Nagaland government today accorded a state funeral to the senior legislator and sitting MLA Imkong L. Imchen at his official residence in Kohima. A Guard of Honour and a 12 Gun Salute were presented as a mark of respect to the veteran leader.

In a solemn service, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, Deputy Chief Ministers T.R. Zeliang and Y. Patton, former Chief Minister and former Governor Dr. S.C. Jamir, along with legislators, bureaucrats, tribal leaders, civil society organisations, and well-wishers paid their final respects. In his tribute, Chief Minister Rio described Mr Imchen as a dedicated leader whose devotion and contributions to public service will be remembered by generations to come. Speaker Sharingain Longkumer, Chief Secretary Sentiyanger Imchen, BJP leader & Minister Temjen Imna Along, Heads of Department from the IPR and Soil Conservation, and representatives of the Naga Students' Federation, Kohima Ao Telongjem, and Mangmetong Senso Telongjem, Kohima also delivered tributes. Family members of the departed leader shared emotional Eulogies during the service. Following the state funeral, the mortal remains of Mr Imchen were taken to his native village, Mangmetong in Mokokchung district, where the burial will take place tomorrow. Advisor Imchen passed away yesterday at a private hospital in Guwahati due to health complications.



Nagaland is ramping up its forensic capabilities to meet growing demands for crime scene investigations. At a press briefing yesterday, Director General of Police Rupin Sharma said proposals will be sent to the state government to improve district-level response and ensure quicker deployment of forensic

teams to crime scenes. He emphasized that the currently forensic lab in Dimapur is 'decently placed' to handle the state's exiting workload.

Meanwhile, Additional DGP (Law & Order) Sandeep Tamgadge informed that the state government has approved procurement of mobile forensic vans for all districts.

The measures are expected to address the demands arising from the country's new criminal laws that mandate forensic visits to crime scenes for serious offenses.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will embark on a three-day visit to Nagaland from tomorrow. During her visit, she will inaugurate several projects and initiatives across the Aspirational District of Kiphire, as well as Kohima and Chümoukedima. In Kiphire, the Union Minister will hand over CSR initiatives of the State Bank of India and the Small Industries Development Bank of India. She will inaugurate the Government Industrial Training Institute and other projects in Kiphire. In Kohima, Ms. Sitharaman will launch SAMARTH (Students Advancing Mindsets in AI, Robotics Technology and Digital Hardware) at NIELIT. Later, she will inaugurate the AI Centre of Excellence for Skilling at the Nagaland Tool Room and Training Centre in Dimapur. During her visit, the finance minister is also expected to meet and interact with tribal leaders, beneficiaries, and students.



Today is Public Service Broadcasting Day. This day is observed on the 12th of November every year to mark the historic address of the Father of the nation and freedom Fighter Mahatma Gandhi through the radio. On this day in 1947, Mahatma Gandhi paid his first and only visit to the Broadcasting House in New Delhi, and addressed the grief-stricken Indians staying in Kurukshetra and displaced from Pakistan, through a special broadcast on the Deepawali festival. In 2000, then Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Sushma Swaraj declared 12th of November as Public Service Broadcasting Day. Since then, Akashvani has been celebrating the occasion every year with special programmes and events.



Advisor for School Education, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome urged for the renewal of Government Schools to ease the financial strain families face by shifting to private schools. Addressing the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Government High School Chetheba yesterday, Dr Yhome emphasized for the need for ensure equitable and affordable education. The Advisor highlighted merit in upgrading the school to a Higher Secondary, citing the growing population in the town and saturation of Higher Secondary institutions in Kohima. Urging government teachers to be more dedicated, he encouraged the community to support local schools by reporting absenteeism and teacher shortages, assuring appropriate government actions. Also addressing the event, Advisor for CAWD and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo, advised students to pursue diverse opportunities to meet the challenges of today's job market.



Chairman of Nagaland Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited, Prasielie Pienyü, today emphasized the need to preserve traditional crafts and foster self-reliance among artisans and weavers. Speaking at the inauguration of the Handloom Exhibition at Urban Haat, Dimapur, he encouraged artisans to pursue creativity and innovation, while urging the public to promote local products.

The exhibition will run until November 24, and features 60 participants from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and various districts of Nagaland showcasing a wide range of handloom, khadi, and handicraft items.



The country is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its national song, Vande Mataram. A song that has inspired generations of Indians to unite, rise and celebrate the spirit of the nation. Today, our correspondent brings a reports on the timeless melody of Vande Mataram resonating through the soulful strains of Raag Desh.

"The majestic melody of Vande Mataram has been woven into the nostalgic Raag Desh, echoing the depths of patriotism and devotion. The most popular and recognized version of Vande Mataram is based on Raag Desh. This raag is known for its patriotic and devotional character and is often used for compositions that evoke love for the motherland. Raag Desh is an audava-sampurna raga, which uses five notes in ascent and all seven notes in descent. Its structure lends itself to expressing both veer rasa and shringar rasa, making it suitable for a patriotic anthem. The mellifluous raag flows like a river through the emotions of India which reflects tranquil yet powerful feelings among the people. Legendary

classical singer Pandit Bhimsen Joshi sang the soulful song in Raag desh, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of all Indians."



The India Meteorological Department has forecast a drop in minimum temperatures by 2 to 3 degrees Celsius across the Northeastern states for the next 4 to 5 days. However, no significant changes are expected in the following two days. The department also said, shallow to moderate fog conditions are likely to prevail over the region during the next five days.

