

THE HEADLINES:

- Nagaland Civil Service officers must help shape policy and public mindsets, says Minister K G Kenye.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says 100 crore citizens included in social security schemes in last 11 years.
- Justice Serto encourages all tribes in Nagaland to translate Universal Declaration of Human Rights in their own dialect.
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio announces Austria and Malta as official country partners for Hornbill Festival.



Attributing the role played by the Nagaland Civil Service Association (NCSA) in shaping the destiny of the present day Nagaland, Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs K G Kenye today called upon the officers to use their wide field experience to play a more active role in shaping the future of the state. He was addressing the 47th General Conference of the Nagaland Civil Service Association (NCSA) held at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Kohima. He emphasised that the civil servants of the state and the elected representatives must work as a team, adding that both should complement and supplement each other.

The Minister called the NCS the most valued machinery of the government, noting that if this machinery ever breaks down, governance itself would collapse, as no one else can take their place. Calling them the best minds and the cream of society, Mr Kenye encouraged deeper interaction with elected members, the formulation of new policy frameworks, and continued engagement with grassroots leaders to build a shared vision for the future.

Furthermore, Mr Kenye encouraged officers not to remain silent or confined only to official duties but to actively contribute to social responsibilities as well.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the government has expanded social security coverage from 25 crore people in 2014 to nearly 100 crore people at present. Addressing gathering while participating, in the Centenary Celebrations of Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba in Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh Prime Minister appealed to the public to support the Vocal for Local initiative by purchasing locally made products and strengthening the local economy.

The Prime Minister said that across the country, more than four crore such accounts have been opened so far, with savings of nearly 3.5 lakh crore rupees, reflecting growing financial security for girl children. He noted that although Sri Sathya Sai Baba is not physically present, his eternal principles of love, service and universal brotherhood continue to guide crores of devotees across the world.



Justice Songkhupchung Serto, Chairperson of Nagaland State Human Rights Commission (NSHRC) graced the one-day Legal & Human Rights Campaign at Konyak Union Office Hall. The programme was jointly organized by the NSHRC and District Level Services Authority Mon, in collaboration with Konyak Student's' Union. In his address, Justice Serto, while maintaining that Universal Declaration of Human Rights is the most influential document, encouraged all the tribes in the state to translate in their own language for better understanding. Advocate Moba Konyak, Deputy Legal Aid Defence Counsel, Mon spoke on "Right to Health & Education as human Rights", while "Protection of Human Rights Act" was explained by R. Nzanbemo Lotha, Member of NSHRC. The NSHRC team also visited the Mon District Hospital, District Jail, Police Station and GHSS "C" Mon.



Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today announced Austria and Malta as official country partners for the upcoming Hornbill Festival after meetings with their representatives in New Delhi. Malta's High Commissioner Reuben Gauci thanked Nagaland for the partnership and said Malta aims to strengthen ties and people-to-people connections through its participation. Dr. Gisela Kristoferitsch of the Austrian Embassy said Austria will send trade delegations and explore collaboration opportunities during the festival. Welcoming both nations, Chief Minister Rio said their involvement would enrich the festival and help build cultural, creative, and sectoral partnerships.



President Droupadi Murmu today said that Digital India is a transformative initiative that has opened doors to countless opportunities by bringing technology within the reach of citizens. Addressing the 5th Annual Convocation of National Institute of Technology in New Delhi, the President said that fast internet service and the latest technology are being taken to remote areas to provide equal opportunities. She said that institutions like NITs can play a vital role in creating model digital villages and urged students to think in new directions and strive to discover technologies that do not yet exist.



The 5th Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan campaign was held yesterday at Kohima Science College (Autonomous), Jotsoma with MLA and Advisor for Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak, as the special guest. The programme was organised by the Department of Social Welfare, Nagaland, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the college. In his address, Mr Konyak stated that drug abuse has become a major health concern not only in Nagaland but across the country.

Encouraging the students, Mr Konyak urged them to “be a change maker and the future of Nagaland” and reminded them to “be smart, not to start.” The Advisor also appreciated the efforts of law enforcement agencies in tackling issues related to delinquency and substance abuse.



The 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will begin tomorrow at Panaji, Goa. This cinematic extravaganza, featuring 240 films from 81 countries, will continue until 28th of this month. Our correspondent reports that this year's film festival will continue to live up to its traditional reputation, featuring several unique events.

"Goa, a global tourism destination, is now set to become a global film destination with the grand celebration of IFFI 2025. Spanning across multiple venues, the film festival is a celebration of world cinema. Cultural centres and theatres in the state are set to welcome cinephiles, art lovers and industry professionals from tomorrow. Brazilian film "The Blue Trail" will open the film festival with its premiere at Ravindra Bhavan in Margao. India has further expanded its international collaboration this year, awarding special awards and honours to films and artists from various countries. With the spirit of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," the excitement of the festival is palpable in every corner of Panaji. IFFI 2025 marks the beginning of a unique cinematic celebration of the finest

films. With Nikhil Kumar, Adarsh for Akashvani News, Panaji."



The Nagaland State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) launched a three-day State Level SHG Exhibition-cum-Sale today at Old NST Parking, Kohima, under DAY-NULM and the DJAY-S pilot initiative. It is aimed at promoting women-led SHG enterprises and supporting sustainable livelihoods. Under DJAY, all ULBs will be covered, with special focus on vulnerable groups such as construction, transport, gig, care, waste, and domestic workers.

