

**THE HEADLINES:**

- **Two-day 22nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region Zone-III Conference concludes**
- **Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Harivansh, calls for integrating environmental protection with human development**
- **Nagaland observes Remembrance Day honouring heroes of the Battle of Kohima**
- **Advisor Imkong L. Imchen, passes away at 75.**



The two-day 22nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zone-III Conference concluded this evening in Kohima. The conference, held under the theme 'Policy, Progress & People: Legislatures as Catalysts of Change,' focused on discussions around 'Role of Legislatures in Achieving Viksit Bharat 2047' and 'Climate Change – In the Light of Recent Cloudbursts and Landslides in the Northeast Region.' Delivering his closing remarks, Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Harivansh, said that during the two sessions, participants witnessed the true spirit of parliamentary democracy, with vibrant debates, thoughtful exchanges, and a shared commitment to the people they serve. The Deputy Chairman expressed confidence that even within the North-East, each state is striving to address its unique governance challenges.

Earlier, Members of the CPA India Region Zone-III adopted nine resolutions during the conference and participated in a tree plantation drive to mark Conference. The members also observed a minute's silence in memory of Advisor for Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen, who passed away today.



Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Harivansh, has emphasized the importance of integrating environmental protection with human development, rather than viewing it as an obstacle to economic activity. Delivering his keynote address on 'Climate Change: In the light of recent cloudbursts and landslides in some North East region' on the final day of the CPA Conference in Kohima today, he

noted, India has been proactive in addressing climate challenges through national policies, local initiatives, and community engagement. The Deputy Chairman urged states to continually assess their preparedness and upgrade infrastructure, and underscored the role of technology in disaster management.

Calling for synergies among the North Eastern states, Mr. Harivansh said development must be planned with climate realities in mind, strengthening administrative capacities, updating regulations, and implementing State Climate Action Plans. He suggested setting up dedicated legislative committees to monitor the implementation of these plans. The Deputy Chairman added that without a holistic approach, responses will remain reactive, addressing incidents as they occur, rather than working toward reducing their occurrence and building more resilient infrastructure.



Nagaland today joined in observing Remembrance Day, paying tribute to those who laid down their lives during the Battle of Kohima, one of the most decisive battles of the Second World War. The observance was organised by the Government of Nagaland in collaboration with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio led tributes at a solemn ceremony at the Kohima War Cemetery, laying wreaths at the memorial. The gathering also observed two minutes of silence in remembrance of the soldiers. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Birla described the day as one of remembrance, gratitude, and inspiration. Reflecting on the enduring legacy of the fallen soldiers, Mr. Birla recalled the famous epitaph inscribed at the cemetery - 'When you go home, tell them: we gave our today for Your tomorrow.'

Describing India as a 'land of warriors and the brave,' Mr. Birla expressed hope that this day would remind everyone of the country's enduring spirit of courage and unity.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said the Remembrance Day holds a unique and profound meaning in Nagaland. Addressing the ceremony at Kohima War Cemetery today, he said, the cemetery is not only a burial ground but a living testament to the extraordinary courage of those who fought here.

Mr Rio noted that while the state's history was once defined by war, it must now become a voice for peace, unity, and universal brotherhood. He reaffirmed the state's commitment that Kohima will continue to stand as a beacon of hope and

an advocate for humanity. The Chief Minister also conveyed deepest respect to all veterans and their families, the fallen heroes resting here, and the people of Nagaland who have preserved the hallowed ground with dignity and devotion.



Advisor for Information and Public Relations, and Soil and Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen, passed away today at Apollo Hospital in Guwahati due to heart complications. He was 75. A seasoned leader, Mr Imkong was actively involved in a number of civil organisations in his youth before shifting to politics. A native of Mangmetong village in Mokokchung district, he was first elected to the 10th Nagaland Legislative Assembly in 2003 and successfully re-elected in all subsequent terms, holding various portfolios. Mr Imchen is survived by his wife, three sons and two daughters. A state funeral is scheduled at his official residence in Kohima tomorrow at 9:30 AM.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio expressed profound sorrow at the passing of Advisor Imkong L. Imchen. In a tribute, the Chief Minister described Mr Imchen as a visionary leader and a dear friend with whom he shared a long and close working relationship. Mr Rio remembered his tireless efforts for the welfare of the people. He noted that Mr Imchen's passing represents a significant loss for both the Ao community and the broader Naga people, leaving behind a void that will be hard to fill. The Chief Minister extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, and prayed for strength and comfort for them during this time of grief. The Chief Minister also called on the people of Nagaland to honor Mr Imchen's legacy, which will continue to inspire future generations.



Condolences are pouring in from across the state following the passing of Advisor Imkong L. Imchen. In a message, Governor of Nagaland, Ajay Kumar Bhalla, expressed deep sorrow over the loss. He hailed Mr Imchen's lifelong service to society, as a student leader, public leader, Cabinet Minister, and Advisor to the Government of Nagaland. Deputy Chief Ministers Y. Patton and TR Zeliang also paid tribute to the late leader. Mr Patton remembered him as a respected and seasoned figure in Nagaland's political landscape. He lauded Mr Imchen for upholding integrity, humility, and perseverance through his decades in public life. Meanwhile, Mr Zeliang also recalled his long association with the Advisor, and described him as a gentleman and scholar whose wisdom shaped meaningful progress for the state. Other ministers also condoled the

loss, including Health Minister Paiwang Konyak who said the legacy of Mr Imchen's legacy of honesty, service and compassion will continue to inspire generations.



Nagaland Police, in coordination with the Narcotics Control Bureau, will host a two-day conference of Anti-Narcotics Task Forces of all eight North-East states and West Bengal from Thursday. Announcing this at a press conference today, Director General of Police Rupin Sharma said the event is first of its kind aimed at tackling narcotics challenges and framing unified strategies for the region.

Clarifying concerns on the ongoing Nagaland Police recruitment, Mr Sharma said candidates must pay the 300 rupees examination fee to be eligible, and urged critics to recognize the cost involved in the digital system.

