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- Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman says corporate investment in Nagaland is increasingly focused on equipping youth.
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio & Deputy CM Y Patton lauds Union Minister Sitharaman's 3-day visit to Nagaland.
- Nation celebrates Janjatiya Gaurav Divas commemorating 150th birth anniversary of freedom fighter and tribal leader Birsa Munda./
- DCPU Zunheboto holds Block Level Sensitization Programme on child rights, protection and legal adoption.

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Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today said corporate investment in Nagaland is increasingly focused on equipping youth with advanced, technology-oriented skills. In Dimapur, she inaugurated the AI & Future Skills Centre of Excellence at Nagaland Tool Room & Training Centre, highlighting two major initiatives driving this shift: a Tata Group semiconductor training programme in Kohima and a CYIENT Foundation partnership in Dimapur offering AI-driven manufacturing and 3D printing training.

BYTE SITHARAMAN:

She said the programmes aim to prepare Nagaland's youth for emerging opportunities in India's technology sector. Ms Sitharaman also reviewed progress under the 112 Aspirational Districts initiative and led a credit outreach programme with major banks to boost loan access and financial inclusion.

BYTE SITHARAMAN 2: During the visit, she met Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and cabinet ministers to review the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment scheme. Ms Sitharaman also virtually inaugurated a Pre-Fab Multipurpose Hall in Phek and a Guest House for administrative officers in Zunheboto

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today said the state cabinet held a review meeting of Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) projects with Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Taking to his social media handle, Mr Rio expressed sincere gratitude for Ms Sitharaman's visit to Nagaland and for her valuable feedback and guidance. The Chief Minister said the state government looks forward to her continued support and leadership while working towards the developmental goals.

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Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton said Ms Sitharaman's visit brought meaningful conversations on development, partnership, and the aspirations of the people of Nagaland. In his X handle, Mr Patton expressed gratitude for the warmth shared, the insights exchanged, and the encouragement extended to the State.

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The Nation celebrated Janjatiya Gaurav Divas today to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of the freedom fighter and tribal leader Bhagwan Birsa Munda. The Centre has marked 15th November as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, recognising the importance of keeping tribal history alive. Over the years, this observance has expanded into Janjatiya Gaurav Week, celebrated across ministries and states with cultural programs, exhibitions, and educational activities that bring the legacy of tribal heroes to life. Akashvani correspondent reports that over the past decade, the vision of tribal development has expanded into a nationwide mission. Today, 42 ministries actively contribute to tribal welfare through the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes. The government has continuously emphasised the development of museums and memorials dedicated to tribal freedom fighters. 11 museums have been approved across ten states.

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The Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada 2025 concluded today with a Tribal Walkathon from the Nagaland Civil Secretariat to the NLA Gate in Kohima. Flagging off the event, Advisor for Tribal Affairs and Election H. Tovihoto Ayemi said the walkathon commemorated the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, calling him one of India's greatest tribal freedom fighters. Noting Nagaland's nearly 100% tribal population compared to India's 8–9%, he highlighted the significant cultural, artistic and nation-building contributions of tribal communities and urged unity for the state's and the nation's progress.

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Tribal Affairs Secretary Angelina Tajen, in her keynote address, said the Pakhwada honours Birsa Munda's courage and enduring legacy.

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She described the walkathon as a symbol of unity, pride and resilience, and called for continued efforts toward tribal socio-economic development and empowerment while upholding the values Munda championed. The event also featured a Tribal Paintings exhibition and a Tribal Cuisines Competition at the DUDA Conference Hall. The Khiamniungan tribe won first place, followed by the Phom and Konyak tribes in second and third positions.

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As part of Child Rights Week from 14th to 21st November, the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) Zunheboto held a Block Level Sensitization Programme on child rights, protection and legal adoption today at Atoizu Town Hall. District Child Protection Officer Ruzonuo Rita Rutsa spoke on child rights, legal frameworks and the role of community participation in safeguarding children. Legal-cum-Protection Officer Luaying Konyak briefed attendees on child protection mechanisms, legal adoption procedures and the responsibilities of statutory bodies. The programme aimed to enhance grassroots awareness and strengthen community responsibility in promoting and protecting child rights.

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The Office of the Deputy Commissioner Kohima, led by DC B. Henok Buchem, joined the live streaming of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address from Gujarat and observed Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh at the DC's Office today. Addressing the gathering, Buchem said the day honours tribal pride and the legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, stressing the need to preserve traditional culture amid growing modern influences. He urged parents to teach their children their native dialects, noting that many youths struggle to engage in community and church activities due to unfamiliarity with their mother tongues. He encouraged families to reconnect with their roots by taking children to their villages to strengthen cultural bonds.

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Nagaland is participating in the 44th India International Trade Fair (IITF), which opened at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, yesterday. The Nagaland Pavilion was inaugurated by Joint Secretary (MSME) Mercy Epao, who was joined by officials from Nagaland House, the Industries & Commerce Department, and the Planning & Transformation Department. After the inauguration, Epao toured the pavilion's stalls and encouraged exhibitors to utilise MSME ministry schemes for branding and design support. The pavilion features a range of Nagaland's signature products, including handlooms, handicrafts, food items and dry flowers. The 14-day fair, concluding on 27 November, includes participation from 12 countries.

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