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- Nagaland signs partnership with UK for Hornbill Festival 2025.
- Minister KG Kenye calls for stronger rural economy at the launch of Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana.
- Deputy Commissioner Wokha imposes temporary traffic restrictions on Doyang Bridge along Wokha–Merapani Road.
- Dimapur Municipal Council launches Digital Rate Board for real-time access to updated market prices.

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The Government of Nagaland and the British Council have signed an agreement formalising the United Kingdom as a country partner for the upcoming Hornbill Festival, to be held from 1 to 10 December in Kohima. The agreement was signed by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Alison Barrett MBE, Director India, British Council, in the presence of British High Commissioner Lindy Cameron and senior officials. As part of the partnership, the British Council, working with the British Deputy High Commission in Kolkata, will curate special programming for the festival.

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Nagaland Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs KG Kenye today called for strengthening state's rural economy, urging a shift away from the state's "stage-centric" approach of limiting activities to halls and formal events. Speaking at the launch of the Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY) and distribution of tools to the Kezuwe, Letshe, Kepolu and Khomi VDVK clusters in Chizami in Phek district, he encouraged

deeper engagement with the land. The Minister highlighted Nagaland as one of the world's major biodiversity hotspots, stressing the need to maximise its natural advantages.

Mr Kenye said the state has strong potential to produce and export local goods, but emphasised that manual effort remains essential in organic farming, handlooms, handicrafts and other local industries. He also noted the honey sector's untapped potential and urged better organisation of the value chain.



Deputy Commission Wokha, Vineet Kumar has imposed temporary traffic restrictions on the Doyang Bridge along the Wokha–Merapani Road to facilitate essential repair works and ensure public safety. The order, issued following a request from the Executive Engineer of PWD (R&B), Baghty Division, stated that the restrictions would be in effect from 19th to 23rd of this month. We have a report:

Under the directive, Heavy commercial vehicles—including tractor-trailers, tippers/dumpers, tankers and similar vehicles—will be completely restricted. Medium commercial vehicles, such as mini trucks, buses and excavators, will also face movement restrictions. Light motor vehicles not exceeding pickup size—including Mahindra Bolero Pik-Up, Tata Yodha and Isuzu D-MAX — may be allowed to ply. The order has been issued in the interest of public safety and citizens are urged to comply strictly with the temporary measures.



Dimapur Municipal Council (DMC) today launched its Digital Rate Board at New Market, Dimapur, providing the public with real-time access to updated market prices. The Digital Rate Board was formally inaugurated by DMC Chairperson Hukheto Yephthomi, who stated that the initiative reflects DMC's broader goal of improving public convenience through technology. In his address, CEO Thungchabemo Tungoe highlighted DMC's commitment to modernising public services, noting that the installation of digital boards at three locations is just the beginning. He added that the system offers clear, daily updates on rates and

categories, and also allows businesses and event organisers to advertise, generating revenue to support further developments. Delivering the keynote address, Neingutoulie Kenguruse, Convenor of the Market Review Committee, said that digital boards have been set up at Supermarket, New Market, and Murgi Patti to support fair and transparent business practices.



Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Diphupar ‘A’ inaugurated its upgraded Multi Skill Lab today, marking a significant advancement in strengthening skill-based education in Nagaland. Delivering the keynote address, CSR Regional Lead of LIC Housing Finance Ltd. Abhinav Das described the initiative as a unique CSR effort focused on both skill development and livelihood creation through a supportive ecosystem. Mr Das shared that the project emerged from discussions on tackling student dropouts and improving employability, aiming to equip Nagaland’s youth with practical, future-ready skills.

Mission Director of Samagra Shiksha, L. Jamithung Lotha, called the upgraded Lab an important milestone for the state’s education system. He noted that the initiative aligns with NEP 2020 and NCF 2023, signalling a shift toward experiential, real-world learning. Mr Lotha emphasised the lab’s potential to train students in engineering, electronics, agriculture, food processing, energy and environmental sciences.



In Bangladesh, the International Crimes Tribunal has convicted former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of crimes against humanity. The media in Bangladesh reported that the Tribunal pronounced the death sentence for former Prime Minister, in a months-long trial. The charges against Hasina originate from the student-led uprising of July-August last year, during which, prosecutors allege, the then Awami League government carried out a violent suppression of protesters.



A book titled “Naga Village Formation: Oral History and Archaeology” authored by Dr. Libemo Kithan, Associate Professor, Department of History, Mount Tiyi College, Wokha, Nagaland, was released today. It was formally released in Bodoland University, Kokrajhar, Assam, during the 44th Session (Conference) of North East India History Association by Speaker of Assam Legislative Assembly Biswajit Daimary. The book entails a multidisciplinary approach, combining oral history with an archaeological method, to determine the historical validity of the Naga migration and settlement.



The inaugural session of the three-day National Workshop on Basic Hands-On Training in Computational Linguistics today at the Department of Linguistics, Nagaland University. Head of Department Prof. Pangersenla Walling delivered the opening remarks, underscoring the need for digital competencies in linguistic research. Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. N Venuh offered encouraging greetings and insights on Naga languages, while Dean of Humanities Prof. Jano S. Liegise highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary learning in the digital age. Resource person Dr. Amalesh Gope stressed on the role of computational tools in contemporary linguistic research, motivating participants to fully engage in the hands-on training.



And, in local sport, the 12th Kohima Open Tournament – G. Rio Memorial Volleyball Trophy – began today at Kohima Local Ground. The four-day event organised by Kohima District Volleyball Association (KDVA). features 13 men’s teams and 12 women’s teams from Nagaland, Assam and Manipur. Declaring the tournament open, MLA and Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio, encouraged players to pursue sports with discipline and professionalism, aiming for national and international standards. We have a report:

: Advisor Zhaleo Rio officially declared the tournament open while oath-taking was led by KDVA technical committee convenor Vizobeilie Punyü. In the men's category, champion will receive 1 lakh 50 thousand rupees and runners-up will get 80 thousand rupees while losing semi-finalists will get 25

thousand each. Champions of women's category will get 80 thousand rupees, runners-up 50 thousand rupees and losing semi-finalists 15 thousand each. The best best spiker and setter in both categories will get 5,000 rupees each.

