



Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), S. Krishnan, has reaffirmed the Government of India's commitment to supporting Nagaland in strengthening its IT infrastructure and advancing the next generation of strategic technology initiatives proposed by the State. He stated this during a meeting with Advisor for Information Technology & Communication, Economics & Statistics, and Evaluation, H. Sethrongkyu Sangtam, in Kohima yesterday. During the interaction, Advisor Sethrongkyu briefed the Secretary on several flagship technological initiatives envisioned by the State Government to build a robust and future-ready digital governance ecosystem. These include the AI-powered State Data Centre, the State Cyber Security Operations Centre, and NagaChain, a blockchain-based governance framework. In response, the MeitY Secretary commended the Nagaland Government for its proactive and innovative approach in the IT sector. He noted that the initiatives presented were aligned with national priorities on cybersecurity, data governance, and inclusive digital identity frameworks. Mr Krishnan also underscored the importance of sustained collaboration between the State and the Centre to ensure the successful execution of such transformative programmes.

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In the ongoing 26th Hornbill Festival, the Cultural Connect of Day 7 enthralled visitors with a spectacular showcase of the rich cultural diversity and spirit of harmony among the eight North Eastern States. The event was held yesterday at the Unity Plaza, Naga Heritage Village, Kisama, Kohima. Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Home & Border Affairs Yanthungo Patton graced the programme as the Host, while Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, Advisor for School Education and SCERT, served as the Co-Host. S. Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, attended as the Special Guest, along with other dignitaries. The cultural highlights featured the iconic Cheraw or Bamboo Dance of Mizoram, followed by the Nyishi community of Arunachal Pradesh presenting Juju Jaja Jaminja. From Manipur, the Kabui Rongmei community showcased Duisha Laam, also known as the Waterfall Dance. Tripura's Chakma community performed the popular Bizu Dance, while the Khasi community from Meghalaya presented the Mastieh Dance. Representing Nagaland, Lotha women performed Nzanta and Mungyanta, Sikkim's Bhutia community enthralled the audience with

the Snow Lion Dance (Singhi Chham), a performance honouring Mt. Khangchendzonga and the Karbi community of Assam with their traditional Chong Kedam. The event was curated by the North East Zone Cultural Centre Dimapur, reflecting the collective cultural heritage and unity of the North Eastern region.

