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Government of Nagaland, through the Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence for Foreign Languages and partner institutions, will organise Nagaland–Japan Connect 2026 to promote investment and strengthen people-to-people ties between Nagaland and Japan. The event is scheduled to be held in Dimapur on 28th of this month. The initiative follows a high-level visit to Japan led by Chief Minister. Neiphiu Rio. Nagaland–Japan Connect 2026 will highlight career opportunities in Japan, conduct job interviews with visiting Japanese companies, feature cultural activities, B2G interactions and exchange of MoUs. It aims to create global employment avenues for Naga youth and is envisioned as a recurring flagship event on Nagaland’s annual calendar.

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Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Social Justice & Empowerment, B L Verma said the central government remains steadfast in its commitment to the prosperity and development of the Northeast and its people. The Minister who is on a two day visit to Nagaland visited various ongoing projects under Chumoukedima district including Unity Mall, Fair Price shops, Anganwadi centers and Centre for Disease Control and Cancer treatment at Christian Institute Of Health Sciences and Research. Addressing media persons after a review meeting of central projects at Chumoukedima DC conference hall yesterday , Mr Verma said Nagaland and the Northeast have witnessed significant transformation since 2014, with improved road, air and rail connectivity. He noted that the transformation of this region under Prime Minister Narendra Modi is truly significant. Highlighting social welfare initiatives, he said over 14 lakh beneficiaries in Nagaland receive free rations monthly, with about 11,000 metric tonnes of rice allotted. He further said, several schemes for Persons with Disabilities have benefited thousands across the region.

Responding to reports of ration cuts, Mr Verma warned that any deduction is unacceptable and strict action will be taken against erring dealers.

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MLA and Secretary General of the Naga People's Front (NPF), Achumbemo Kikon, has stressed the need for Naga unity and strong regional politics, saying the merger of regional parties reflects the will of the people. Addressing party workers at the inauguration of the NPF Meluri Division office yesterday, Mr Kikon said the unification was aimed at ending political fragmentation. He said the merger, effected on October 21, 2025, was completed within three months and recognised by the Election Commission of India, which has also named Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio as NPF President. The NPF Secretary General urged party workers not to be misled by rumours and reaffirmed the party's commitment to unity and a peaceful resolution of the Naga political issue.

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The Lotha Hoho conducted a spot inspection of the Nagaland Foothill Road project under Baghty Division, expressing concern over delays and poor quality of work. The Hoho urged contractors to expedite construction and adhere to DPR specifications, warning of further delays due to the approaching monsoon. The Hoho also appealed for the early commencement of the second phase of the Nagaland Foothill Road, now renamed the Trans-Nagaland Expressway. It also noted incomplete bridges, culverts and substandard earthwork along the 38.6-km Merapani–Doyang Bridge stretch. The Hoho said, it closely monitor the project and take appropriate action if delays persist. JE PWD R&B Baghty Division, Yanbemo Ngullie said efforts are underway to expedite the work and assured that construction is being carried out in accordance with DPR specifications.

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and, Nineteen-year-old Venü Vadeo from from Runguzu village, defended his reigning Champion title at 31st Wrestling Meet of the Chozuba Range Wrestling Association. The event was held at the Local Ground, Chozuba Town yesterday. In the final bout Mr Vadeo defeated his 22 year old elder brother Mülecüyi Vadeo, to clinch the title. In the Under-15 category, 14-year-old Mütüve Dozo, from Thuvopisu village secured the first position.

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