

**THE HEADLINES:-**

- 1. NPF expresses concern over gun-fighting between Naga armed groups in Myanmar, resulting in casualties and injuries.**
- 2. Researchers from Nagaland University discovers new plant species.**
- 3. Dimapur District Congress Committee launches 'MGNREGA Bachao Sangram'.**
- 4. Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya says pivotal role of country's youth is essential in shaping nation's future.**



The Naga People's Front (NPF) has expressed concern over yesterday's gunfighting between two Naga armed groups in Myanmar, resulting in casualties and injuries. The NPF condemned the violence as "discouraging" and a setback for the Naga community's aspirations for peace and unity in the New Year. The party also warned that continued fighting could disrupt the upcoming Naga Yoya New Year festival, scheduled for January 15th in Layshi Town, Naga Self-Administered Zone. The festival is a key event for fostering unity among the Naga people. In its statement, the NPF called on all Naga political groups to exercise restraint, engage in dialogue, and prioritize peace. It reaffirmed its commitment to a permanent, honorable, and inclusive solution to the Naga political issue, while extending condolences to the victims' families and wishing the injured a speedy recovery.



Researchers from Nagaland University — Vieneite-o Koza and co-researcher Joynath Pegu, led by Dr. Gyati Yam, discovered a new plant species during systematic field surveys conducted between 2023 and 2025 in the Kavünhou Community Reserved Forest, Khezhakeno village, Phek district. The research was supported by Nagaland University through the Start-Up Project for Young Faculty and has been published in the renowned international scientific journal Kew Bulletin. We have a report:

(V/C : The discovery emerged from botanical exploration in the high-altitude forests of Phek district and led to the identification of a new species, *Hoya nagaensis* (Apocynaceae: Asclepiadoideae), further highlighting Nagaland's significance as a biodiversity hotspot in Northeast region. The discovery highlights the conservation significance of community-protected forests in Nagaland and the need for continued botanical exploration and habitat-based conservation. The formal description of *Hoya nagaensis* strengthens the taxonomy of the genus and underscores Nagaland's importance as a centre of under-documented plant diversity in Northeast India.)



The Dimapur District Congress Committee, DDCC today launched 'MGNREGA Bachao Sangram' and announced to gradually scale it up with panchayat-level and sit-in protests at the grassroots levels. Addressing media persons at Congress Bhavan Dimapur today, DDCC president Kutoho Chishi said the recently passed Bill Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) VB-GRAM-G Bill threatens to dismantle the core principles of MGNREGA endangering rural employment and livelihoods by limiting job guarantees that exclude vulnerable sections. Mr Chishi said the campaign seeks to expose the

adverse impact of the VB-GRAM-G Bill on rural employment, income security, and socio-economic stability in Dimapur and across Nagaland and the entire nation.



Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said that the pivotal role of country's youth is essential in shaping the nation's future. Addressing the inaugural ceremony of Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue 2026 in New Delhi today, Mr Mandaviya said, the dialogue encourages the young leaders to contribute solutions in areas such as technology, entrepreneurship, governance, sustainability, and social development. Highlighting the importance of the young leaders' dialogue, Mr Mandaviya said that the platform reflects the government's commitment to actively engage young minds in nation-building.

The three-day event, which commenced yesterday, will conclude on the 12th of this month.



Prime Minister's flagship platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, PRAGATI, has marked a significant milestone with the successful conduct of its 50th meeting. Since its launch by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, PRAGATI has transformed governance by enabling real-time monitoring and resolution of key infrastructure projects and public grievances through direct Prime Ministerial review. The platform exemplifies cooperative federalism, bringing together the Centre, States, and Union Ministries on a single digital interface. Today, in this special series, we take a look at the Solapur Super Thermal Power Station in Maharashtra.

**(V/C: *The Solapur Super Thermal Power Station in Maharashtra has emerged as a key project in strengthening regional energy security and meeting the state's growing power demand. The project has been developed at a cost of around 11 thousand 406 crore rupees, with a total installed capacity of one thousand 320 megawatts. It was taken up in March 2012. During the PRAGATI review, held on 30th December 2015, construction work was at a foundational stage. The review enabled focused leadership and time-bound coordination, helping resolve critical issues and placing the project on a clear execution path. Prime Minister Narendra Modi directed the Chief Secretary of Maharashtra to resolve the rehabilitation issue by February 2016 and Power Secretary to complete both units of the project by January 2017. The Solapur Super Thermal Power Station has emerged as a strong example of the PRAGATI mechanism, in accelerating complex infrastructure projects by resolving land, water, rehabilitation, and transmission issues at an early stage. It was fully commissioned in March 2019. The Solapur Super Thermal Power plant has ensured reliable power supply, strengthens energy security, and supports industrial and economic growth across the region.***



World Hindi Day was observed today. The day is commemorated every year with the objective to promote use of Hindi language abroad. It aims to encourage the use of Hindi on international platforms, including diplomacy, education and cultural exchange. On this day in 2006, the First World Hindi Conference was held in Nagpur with the aim to promote the language worldwide and since then, every year 10th January is being observed as the World Hindi Day. Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh has stressed that language keeps culture alive and the aim is to spread country's culture and rich heritage through Hindi language.



A Tourism Awareness Training on Tour Operation and Tour Guiding organised by the Department of Tourism, Government of Nagaland, in collaboration with the Nagaland Tourism Association was held today at Maova Christian Church Campus, Maova Village. The programme was conducted aligned with the upcoming Mimkut Mini Hornbill Tribal Festival, scheduled for 16th-17th January at Maova Village. Delivering the keynote address Keholeno Kennao, Senior Tourist Officer, Dimapur, emphasized the role of community-based tourism & promoting sustainable tourism. She encouraged local youths to view tourism as a viable profession, recognise the tourism potential of their village, and actively participate in community-driven initiatives.



The 67th Kohima Village Sports Association Meet 2026, hosted by the Kohima Village Youth Organisation (KVYO), began today with the opening ceremony held at Khouchiezhie, Kohima Local Ground. Nagaland's Advisor for School Education and SCERT, Dr Kekhrielhoulie Yhome in his speech as the Chief Host, highlighted that sports, besides competition, have become essential for daily life to keep a person healthy and are turning into one of the biggest industries, asserting the need to take them seriously. The Advisor also stressed the need to pursue sports with confidence so as to earn a name for oneself and bring pride to parents, the village, the state, and the nation. Mr Yhome also warned sportspersons against pride and instead advised them to inspire others with humility. Additionally, he implored that sports events should imbibe greater understanding, cooperation, and foster oneness among the people. Chairman of the Kohima Village Council Helievio Solo also addressed the event, while Medo-o Keretsü, Head GB of Kohima Village, pronounced the traditional blessings. The sports meet will culminate on January 16. The week-long mega sports event will feature athletics, volleyball, basketball, football, cricket, badminton, table tennis, shooting, and wrestling, with over 700 athletes, besides management officials, umpires, and others, involved in the meet.

