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- 2. Nagaland University-led international research team turns apple-leaf waste into green corrosion shield**
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- 4. First IndiaSkills Regional Competition 2025–26 for North-East kicks off in Guwahati**



Additional Director General (Administration, Broadcasting Operations and Content), Akashvani and Doordarshan, North East Zone, Satyajeet Dash, is on a three-day visit to Kohima. This marks his first visit to Nagaland since assuming charge as ADG, North East Zone, in January this year. Upon his arrival at Akashvani Kohima this afternoon, Mr Dash interacted with the staff and assignees of the station. During the interaction, he was briefed on matters related to programming, operations and maintenance of technical infrastructure, while issues concerning the welfare of assignees were also discussed. Mr Dash stated that the purpose of his visit was to engage with all staff members and encourage self-confidence so that everyone can contribute productively to the organisation. He commended Akashvani Kohima for producing programmes in 15 different dialects, highlighting the station's role in preserving linguistic diversity.

On the occasion, the ADG administered the Swachhta Pledge to the staff as part of Swachhta Pakhwada 2026. Later, he also inspected the studio setup and the earth station. Mr Dash will inspect Doordarshan Kohima tomorrow.



Researchers from Nagaland University and the University of Science and Technology, Beijing have developed an eco-friendly solution to combat metal corrosion using carbon quantum dots derived from discarded apple leaves. The joint study was led by Prof. Ambrish Singh from NU's Department of Chemistry, and Prof. Yujie Qiang of University of Science and Technology. Prof. Qiang, said, the team used a green hydrothermal process to convert apple leaves into nanoscale carbon particles doped with sulfur and nitrogen, allowing them to form a stable protective film on copper surfaces that block corrosive ions. Elaborating on the applications, Prof. Singh said this could significantly extend the service life of pipelines, storage tanks and industrial equipment while reducing environmental and health hazards. More from our correspondent...

(VC : The research showed that the apple-leaf carbon quantum dots can effectively suppress copper corrosion in acidic environments, achieving over 94 percent inhibition efficiency, which can rise to more than 96 percent with longer exposure. The research highlights a sustainable and non-toxic alternative to conventional corrosion inhibitors used across industries, and underscores the waste-to-wealth potential of agricultural residue. The findings have been published in the peer-reviewed Journal of Alloys and Compounds. While the current results are based on

laboratory-scale validation, researchers plan to advance toward pilot-scale testing and real-world deployment, including integration with existing protective coatings.)



Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Angshuman Dey, yesterday inspected ongoing projects under the PM's Development Initiative for North East (PM-DeVINE) and North Eastern Council (NEC) schemes in Dimapur district. At Thiluxu village, he reviewed an NEC-funded project on coffee value addition, which includes procurement of coffee roasting machines and entrepreneurship training. The project aims to improve market access and enhance income generation for coffee growers and entrepreneurs. Mr Dey also inspected the construction of a Common Facility Centre Emporium for Handloom and Handicraft at Agri Expo Nagaland, implemented by the Nagaland Khadi and Village Industries Board, and visited the state-of-the-art Cane and Bamboo Technology facility at the Nagaland Bamboo Resource Centre under the Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extended greetings to the Khamniungan community on the occasion of Khaosaois-Hok-Ah. In a message on social media, he said the festival marks a period of rest and thanksgiving at the close of the farming season, and celebrates the harvest and the achievements of the year. Mr Rio conveyed wishes of joy, togetherness and lasting prosperity.



Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Education, Jayant Chaudhary, today inaugurated the IndiaSkills Regional Competition 2025–26 for the North-East in Guwahati, Assam. The event marks the first time India's premier skilling championship is being conducted for the North Eastern Region. Speaking at the event, Mr Chaudhary said IndiaSkills celebrates excellence and dignity of work, and reflects confidence in youth of the North-East to lead India's skilled workforce. He also highlighted the importance of integrating skill development with formal education under the National Education Policy 2020, to expand opportunities for employability and entrepreneurship in the rapidly evolving economy.

The competition brings together 162 young participants from all eight North-Eastern states, competing across 26 skill categories.



A month-long capacity building programme on data analytics for state government employees began in NIELIT, Kohima today. Addressing the event, Commissioner & Secretary, School Education & SCERT, Kevileno Angami, highlighted the importance of data in governance, and stressed that data must go beyond record-keeping and be effectively analysed and used for informed decision-making. Ms Angami called upon the government employees to adopt evidence-based approaches while preparing proposals and making decisions. She also underscored the need for inter-departmental collaboration and data sharing for effective governance. Director, NIELIT Nagaland and Assam, L. Lanuwanbang, highlighted the growing importance of data analytics and digital skills in enhancing administrative efficiency. He emphasized the need for continuous capacity building to keep up with rapidly evolving technologies. The programme is part of the state government's ongoing efforts to promote data-driven decision-making across departments. It will conclude on 13th February.



Government e-Marketplace (GeM) and World Trade Centre (WTC) Mumbai today signed a Memorandum of Understanding to boost outreach and strengthen MSME participation in public procurement. The partnership will promote inclusive access for startups, women entrepreneurs and smaller enterprises, while enhancing GeM's global presence. It will focus on capacity building, supplier outreach and knowledge sharing in areas such as artificial intelligence, sustainability and green procurement.



The last date for submission of applications for engagement of Part-Time Correspondents (PTCs) by Akashvani Kohima in 11 districts of Nagaland is tomorrow. The districts include Chümoukedima, Longleng, Meluri, Mon, Noklak, Peren, Phek, Shamator, Tuensang, Tseminyu, and Zunheboto. Necessary details and prescribed proforma may be accessed from www.newsonair.gov.in under the vacancies section in the notification issued on 19th December 2025.

