

THE HEADLINES :-

- **Kohima Press Club marks 25 years; PCI President urges press to remain accountable to public**
- **Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio calls for ethical journalism amid technological changes**
- **State government advises timely Aadhaar Biometric update for children**
- **Nitin Nabin becomes National President of Bharatiya Janata Party**



Kohima Press Club (KPC) today marked its 25th Anniversary with the theme 'Traversing 25 years of Storytelling: Inspiring the future'. Gracing the Jubilee, President of the Press Club of India, Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty said, that practicing journalism has become increasingly challenging over the past two decades largely due to a flawed financial model. She said the increasing corporate control over media houses and declining editorial independence have weakened public interest journalism, blurring the line between journalism and public relations. Emphasising the press as the fourth pillar of democracy, she said journalists' allegiance must remain solely with the public, and play a key role in holding governments accountable.

Ms. Pisharoty also lauded the KPC on its milestone, and called for wider deliberations on journalism by engaging voices from across the Northeast. On the occasion, President of KPC, Alice Yhoshü, recalled the club's pioneering members for their visionary leaderships. Reflecting on the jubilee's theme, Ms Yhoshü said the club seeks to celebrate the legacy while also prepare for the next chapter of responsible storytelling in Nagaland and beyond. Bringing her greetings, former KPC Vice President, Vibou Seyie, appreciated the present leadership and wished for renewed vision, commitment and strength to uphold the truth and ethical journalism at all costs. The Kohima Press Club also observed a minute's silence in memory of the departed members. The Club also hosted a first-of-its-kind Northeast Media Conclave to mark the milestone anniversary.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today urged journalists to uphold truth, ethics and sensitivity amid rapid technological changes, misinformation and complex social realities. Addressing the valedictory session of the 25th Jubilee celebrations of the Kohima Press Club, Mr Rio observed that rising negativity and controversial reporting in parts of the global media have made responsible journalism more important than ever.

Congratulating the Kohima Press Club on its Silver Jubilee, the Chief Minister described the journey as a significant milestone in the service of journalism, democratic principles and the people of Nagaland. He said sustaining a press institution for 25 years in a state like Nagaland with a troubled history and limited

economic base was 'extraordinary'. He said, the growth of Kohima Press Club, since its establishment in 2001, into a strong and respectable body that upholds ethical reporting and responsible storytelling, reflects the evolution of journalism in Nagaland as the fourth pillar of democracy. He appreciated KPC's initiatives beyond routine reporting, including media education, social and charitable activities.

Mr Rio also lauded the North East Media Conclave organised as part of jubilee celebrations, and expressed hope that the Kohima Press Club would continue to be a beacon of fearless and responsible journalism. Earlier, the Chief Minister unveiled the Commemorative Plaque and released the Souvenir of the 25th Anniversary of Kohima Press Club.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today participated in the Khaozaosie Hok-Ah Mini Hornbill Festival celebration of the Khamniungan community at Nokhu in Noklak district. Addressing the gathering, Mr Rio called for unity and trust among communities. He added that the celebration marked by feasting, gratitude, and togetherness, reflected the rich cultural heritage and traditions of the community. The event featured vibrant cultural performances and exhibition of local handicrafts.



Office of the Commissioner, Nagaland, has advised parents, guardians and students to ensure timely completion of the Mandatory Biometric Update, MBU, in Aadhaar to ensure seamless access to student benefits. It said updated biometric data is required for school admissions, entrance examinations, scholarships, Direct Benefit Transfer schemes, APPAR ID and other Aadhaar-based services. As per existing rules, failure to complete biometric updates between the ages of 5 to 7 years and 15 to 17 years may lead to deactivation of the Aadhaar number. To ensure full coverage, the UIDAI Regional Office, Guwahati, in coordination with the State Government and District Administration, will conduct a special MBU drive in schools. The update is free of cost for children aged 5 to 17 years till 30th of September this year. Students may also visit their nearest Aadhaar enrolment centres for updating Biometric.



BJP working president Nitin Nabin has been elected as the new national president of the party today. Party's National Returning Officer Dr. K Laxman announced Mr Nabin's appointment as the party president and handed him over the certificate of election on Sangathan Parv at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi. Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Mr Nabin on being appointed as the national president of BJP. He underscored that Mr Nabin possesses youthful energy and extensive experience in organisational work that will be very beneficial for every worker of the party.

Addressing the gathering, newly elected BJP National President Nabin described the day as a moment of resolve. Mr Nabin is the youngest national President in the party's history and the first BJP leader from Bihar to be appointed to the post.



Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has congratulated to Nitin Nabin on his unanimous election as the National President of BJP. He extended best wishes to Mr Nabin for a successful tenure. Meanwhile, also conveying congratulations, BJP Nagaland said Mr Nabin's journey from a grassroots worker to the youngest National President is an inspiration to every Karyakarta in Nagaland and across India.



In commemoration of 90 years of broadcasting and 150 years of National song, a Mass Singing of Vande Mataram was organised at the Akashvani Kohima's office complex today, with the participation of students from PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Kohima. On the occasion, the Hindi Essay Writing Competition prize winners were felicitated by Deputy Director General, Akashvani Dibrugarh and In-charge, Kohima Cluster, KK Rengma. The event also coincided with the 63 years of broadcasting by Akashvani Kohima.

