

**THE HEADLINES:**

- **Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio chairs meeting of Political Affairs Committee of Nagaland government.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi flags off India's first Vande Bharat Sleeper Train between Howrah and Guwahati.**
- **Department of Land Resources organizes Project Level Watershed Mahotsav 2026 at Zunheboto district.**
- **Election Commission issues clarification on Form-7 procedure.**



**PAC:**

**The Political Affairs Committee (PAC) of the Nagaland government, chaired by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, today held a meeting in Chümoukedima district. Speaking to the media after the meeting, Chief Minister Rio addressed concerns regarding the occupation of airport and railway land by armed forces. He stated that the matter would be taken up with the concerned Ministry to explore alternatives. The Chief Minister stated that if the armed forces do not move out, then they will have to provide the state with a new airport as decided in the meeting. Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang informed that the PAC deliberations primarily focused on the Naga political issue. He said the committee resolved to make renewed efforts in 2026 to achieve tangible outcomes. Stressing the need for unity, Zeliang highlighted the importance of creating a common Naga platform. Responding to questions on the existence of more than 33 Naga political groups, Zeliang said the government is urging Naga tribal bodies and civil society organizations to come together and unite under a single umbrella.**

**Also briefing the media, MLA and Chairman of the Sub-Divisional Planning and Development Board, Bhandari, Achumbemo Kikon, said while no resolution was passed, members reached a common understanding to vigorously pursue the resolution of the Naga political issue in 2026. The meeting was attended by Members of the Legislative Assembly, Advisors and Rajya Sabha MP S. Phangnon Konyak.**

## MODI:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today flagged off India's first Vande Bharat Sleeper Train between Howrah and Guwahati (Kamakhya) at Malda town railway station. Mr. Modi also virtually flagged off the Guwahati-Howrah Vande Bharat Sleeper. The fully air-conditioned Vande Bharat Sleeper train is set to offer passengers an airline-like travel experience at economical fares. It will make long-distance journeys faster, safer, and more convenient. Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Modi said this is what the trains of a developed India should be like, and everything envisioned is clearly visible in this Vande Bharat Sleeper Train.

Prime Minister Modi remarked that Indian Railways is undergoing a transformation, with electrification of railway lines and modernization of stations. He highlighted that today, including West Bengal, more than 150 Vande Bharat trains are running across the country. Highlighting that India's rail engines, coaches, and metro coaches are emerging as symbols of India's technology, Mr. Modi said Indian Railways is becoming not only modern but also self-reliant.

## WATERSHED:

Nagaland State Department of Land Resources, today organized a Project Level Watershed Mahotsav 2026, under PMKSY-WDC 2.0, at Zunheboto district. Speaking at the programme, District Project Officer, Land Resources Department, Zunheboto, I Acato Chishi highlighted the importance of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) in addressing water scarcity. He stated that many streams are gradually drying up, affecting even the availability of drinking water, which calls for urgent and collective action in watershed management. Mr. Chishi also mentioned that Tsaphimi village emerged as the national winner of the Watershed Janbhagidari Cup 2025 and was awarded 10 lakh rupees for its outstanding performance. Addressing the event, Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto Dharam Raj, said that despite receiving abundant rainfall, Nagaland continues to face water scarcity due to improper watershed management. He added that the state is still unable to meet the United Nations guideline of 250 litres of water per person per day. In this regard, the DC called for strong community participation in watershed initiatives. The programme also witnessed the virtual and digital launching of Bhumi Poojan for new works in the project areas, Digital Lokarpan for completed works, Mission Watershed Punarutthan, and the launch of

**competitions on social media platforms to promote Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities and enhance public outreach.**

### **EC:**

**Amid allegations and counter-allegations traded between TMC and BJP in West Bengal over Form 7, the Election Commission of India has clarified that any registered voter within a specific constituency could submit any number of forms. The Commission said there is no limit on how many forms an individual can submit. However, to prevent misuse of the process, if a person files more than five objections, that will trigger a mandatory review by the Electoral Registration Officer to ensure the legitimacy of the claims.**

### **EXAM:**

**The Central Nagaland Students' Association has urged the state government and concerned recruitment authorities to uphold fairness, transparency and accountability in the forthcoming written examinations of Nagaland police recruitment. The Association said that it is imperative that the remaining stages of the recruitment process are conducted in a free, fair and impartial manner so as to maintain public trust and ensure that merit prevails above all else. The association also acknowledged the government's effort in addressing the long-standing vacancies in the Nagaland police department, stating that the step has created meaningful employment opportunities for the Naga Youth.**

### **ROAD:**

**The newly completed bypass road adjacent to Khouchiezie Local Ground, Kohima will be open for vehicular traffic with immediate effect. According to an order issued by Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Regional Transport Authority, Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, the road will be open exclusively for Light Motor Vehicles. The order stated that the bypass will function strictly as a one-way road, with traffic moving from the South Gate towards Razhu Point Junction via the North Gate of Khouchiezie Local Ground. Vehicular entry from Razhu Point Junction towards the North Gate has been prohibited. In addition, all street vendors currently operating in and around Razhu Point area, NST area, DC Office Road and Phoolbari have been directed to relocate to designated spaces along the bypass road. Parking of vehicles along the entire stretch of the bypass road has also been strictly prohibited.**

## **GREET:**

**Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has conveyed greetings and best wishes to the Tikhir community on the occasion of Kuhl原因-Nyi. In his message, the Chief Minister expressed hope that the auspicious celebration would inspire unity and brotherhood, and renewed the collective resolve for peace, progress, and harmony among the people. Rajya Sabha MP from Nagaland, S. Phangnon Konyak, has also extended Kuhl原因-Nyi festival greetings to the Tikhir community. The MP expressed hope that the festival ushers in renewed hope, harmony, and goodwill, while strengthening the bonds of togetherness within the community.**