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- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio urges unity and peace for Nagaland's progress
- Over 1,000 surgeries done under CM-Mobile Operation Theatre since launch
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauds farmers' contribution to nation-building, says they are strengthening self-reliant India
- Advisor Kudecho Khamo calls for greater support to sportspersons



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has called for unity, peace, and mutual respect as key to the development of Nagaland. Speaking on the second day of the 70th Ao Students' General Conference at Chungtia Village, he emphasized that citizens of the state must set aside divisions and work collectively to achieve progress under the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

On education, the Chief Minister noted that Nagaland now ranks third in the country for literacy. However, he said mere literacy was not enough, and stressed the need for specialized knowledge.

Highlighting the Conference theme 'Strengthening Horizons', Mr Rio called for unity across roles, generations, and viewpoints through renewed dialogue, mutual respect, and cooperation rooted in shared wisdom and vision. The Chief Minister urged the younger generation to lead with confidence and humility, building on the legacy of their forefathers to shape a future of progress.



Over one thousand surgeries have been carried out under the Chief Minister's Mobile Operation Theatre, CM-MOT, initiative since its launch in January last year. This was stated by CM-MOT team leader and MLA Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso at the free surgical camp held at Dhansiripar in Chumoukedima today. He said Dhansiripar was the 23rd location covered under the programme, which aims to deliver quality surgical care at people's doorsteps, especially in rural areas. Advisor for Industries and Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu, urged residents to avail the services and appreciated the medical team for their dedication. The health

camp at Dhasiripar is offering free surgical, dental and anaesthesia services along with OPD consultations, and will conclude on January 15.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that farmers are the strong partners in nation-building and their efforts are greatly strengthening the self-reliant India campaign. He said, the centre is committed to empowering farmers and is working tirelessly in this direction. Mr. Modi said this while addressing the gathering after taking part in Pongal celebrations organised at the residence of Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr L Murugan in New Delhi today.

The Prime Minister said, at this time, other regions of the country are also immersed in festivities of Lohri, Makar Sankranti, Magh Bihu, and festivals like Pongal strengthen the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. Mr Modi emphasised the need to maintain soil health, conserve water, and use resources judiciously for future generations.

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Advisor for CAWD and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo, said Nagaland will soon have a dedicated sports policy aimed at creating greater opportunities for athletes. Speaking at the opening ceremony of the 31st Wrestling Meet of the Chokri Area Wrestling Association at Phusachodu village in Phek district, he said sports is no longer just a pastime but has emerged as a viable profession. Noting that sports has grown beyond village and state to offer national and international opportunities, Mr Khamo called for collective support for sportsperson. He urged athletes to pursue their disciplines with consistency, commitment and a scientific approach, and also stressed the importance of moral values. The Advisor also assured continued government support for sports development.

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EAC Dimapur, Litsenthung Kikon, today said that civil defence volunteers form the backbone of community-level emergency response. Speaking at the opening programme of the second phase training for Civil Defence Volunteers, Wardens and Chief Wardens in Dimapur district, he said trained volunteers play a vital role not only during disasters but also in peacetime emergencies by ensuring public safety, coordination and timely response. Mr Kikon stressed the importance of preparedness, discipline and teamwork, and urged close coordination with the district administration and line departments to strengthen disaster response at the grassroots level. Over 90 wardens and volunteers from various Dimapur Municipal Council wards and Signal Angami Village took part in the training.

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Nagaland Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla has extended greetings to the Chakhesang community on the occasion of Sokronye Festival. In a message, Mr Bhalla said the sacred festival of purification and renewal signifies a time of spiritual cleansing, reconciliation and preparation for the new agricultural season. Expressing hope that the celebrations inspire harmony and collective progress, the Governor wished that the festival would bring peace, prosperity and a bountiful year ahead. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio also greeted the Chakhesang community on the occasion. As the community celebrates the festival of sanctification that marks the traditional rite of passage into adulthood, Mr Rio prayed for good health, unity, and a year filled with peace and hope.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said veterans of the armed forces are the living pillars of national consciousness, symbols of collective courage, and sources of inspiration for future generations. Addressing the Armed Forces Veterans' Day in New Delhi, he said the veterans contribute to every front of nation-building and guide the society with their qualities such as discipline, leadership, and courage.

Mr Singh urged the veterans to guide the youth through their experiences and provide the right direction to Agniveers and young soldiers. He also urged them to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the civil administration in emergencies when needed.



Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan today emphasised the need of animal breed conservation for strengthening the rural economy and enhancing country's livestock. Addressing the Breed Conservation Award Ceremony in New Delhi, the Minister underlined that conserving native breeds enhances productivity, ensures climate resilience, and provides sustainable livelihood opportunities to farmers and pastoral communities. He said, 246 different breeds have been indentified, out of which registration of 16 breeds have been made today. During the event, the Agriculture Minister awarded nine animal breed conservation awards.

