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- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi says startups are playing pivotal role in building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat**
- **Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio highlights tribal harmony at Tsüngkamnyo Mini Hornbill Festival**
- **Former State Information Commissioner G.H. Ramlia takes oath as Nagaland's new Upa-Lokayukta**
- **Dimapur gears up for Climate Action Forum to address urban challenges**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that the Startup India programme is not just a scheme but a ‘Rainbow Vision’ that connects diverse sectors with new opportunities. Addressing an event marking a decade of Startup India on National Startup Day in New Delhi, Mr Modi said that the Startup India Mission has become a revolution in just ten years, fostering a new culture across the country. He noted that India is the world’s third-largest startup ecosystem. Observing that India’s youth are focused on solving real problems, the Prime Minister commended young innovators for their courage to dream anew.

The Prime Minister said that a decade ago, India had less than 500 startups, which has now soared to over two lakh. He added that in terms of women-led startup funding, India boasts the second largest ecosystem in the world and this growing inclusivity within the startup sector is enhancing the country's potential. On the occasion, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said, India's startup ecosystem marked a historic milestone in the last decade reflecting on a journey of innovation, resilience, and global recognition



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today participated in the second day of the Tsungkamnyo Mini Hornbill Festival of the Yimkhiung community at Shamator. Addressing the gathering, described Tsungkamnyo as a festival symbolising happiness, friendship, peace, and unity beyond borders. Extending his greetings, he highlighted the growth of the Hornbill Festival from a roadshow to a nationally recognised event with international participation. Referring to challenges faced by foreign participants due to visa restrictions, he

said the state government has taken up the matter with the Centre and urged all to work towards all-round development under the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047. He said, Shamator, known as the “Brotherhood District” reflects generations of harmony among different tribes, communities, and cultures. He highlighted the significance of Shamator as a gateway between districts and a centre of cultural exchange. With rich traditions, warm hospitality, and scenic beauty, the district has great potential for cultural and eco-tourism, he said, adding that such events will help place Shamator more firmly on Nagaland’s cultural map. The Chief Minister also lauded the landmark friendship between the Tangkhul Naga Long and the Yimkhiung Tribal Council, calling it a reflection of Nagaland's motto of 'unity', and a step towards lasting peace among all Nagas. The programme featured colourful performances by Tangkhul and Yimkhiung cultural troupes.



During his visit, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio also inaugurated the new Shamator DC Office Complex, along with five other associated offices, including the Superintendent of Police, DPRO, DYRO, DPO (Planning) and Sericulture. Speaking at launch event, Mr Rio said, the Complex was conceptualised after the creation of Shamator district in March 2022, and the inauguration today marks a key step in building a fully functional administration system. He said the new facility will strengthen governance, improve coordination among departments, implementation of schemes, and promote balanced socio-economic development.

Mr Rio highlighted the new complex as a symbol of progress, commitment, and the collective resolve to improve public service delivery.



Nagaland today joined the nation is observing National Startup Day. On the occasion, government-led Startup Nagaland extended greetings to innovators, founders, and entrepreneurs across the state. Avilie Khate, Senior Technical Associate (R&D) & in-charge, Incubation, at NAGABOTS Incubation Centre, said over the decade, Startup India has transformed vision into a strong ecosystem, supporting innovation and entrepreneurship even at the grassroots.



Former State Information Commissioner, Nagaland and Retired District & Sessions Judge, G. H. Ramlia was sworn in as the new Upa-Lokayukta of Nagaland today. The oath of office was administered by Chief Secretary,

Sentiyanger Imchen, during a formal ceremony at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima. The formal proceeding of the swearing in ceremony was initiated by Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha. Senior government officials and dignitaries attended the oath-taking ceremony.



Nagaland Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla and Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio have extended greetings to the Kuki community on the occasion of Mimkut, the post-harvest festival of thanksgiving. In his message, Governor Bhalla said described Mimkut as a time-honoured occasion to remember ancestors, renew social bonds and reaffirm shared values. he expressed hope that the festival will inspire unity, harmony, and collective responsibility, and usher in peace, prosperity, and well-being. Wishing everyone a meaningful and blessed Mimkut, Chief Minister Rio prayed that the festival may strengthen community bonds and bring peace, prosperity, and happiness to all.



The Nagaland Climate Action Forum 2024, themed 'From Heat to Action: Rethinking Urban Resilience in Dimapur,' will be held on January 21, aimed at addressing growing climate challenges facing the state's commercial hub. Addressing a press conference, Dimapur Municipal Council CEO Thungchangbemo Tungoe said the forum marks a shift towards action-oriented engagement on urban climate risks. He said rising temperatures, urban flooding, infrastructure stress and public health concerns have made climate resilience planning an urgent priority.

The forum is supported by Earth Alliance Nagaland, DMC and the district administration. Nagaland Youth Consortium Policy Analyst Boka K. Rochill said it will release a Working White Paper on urban heat stress in Dimapur, and host panel discussions on community resilience, urban planning and greening.

