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Central Government, Nagaland Government and Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO) signed an agreement for the formation of Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA). The agreement was signed in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi today. Speaking at the signing, Mr Shah said that it is a momentous day for the people of Nagaland. He said that the government has taken one step forward in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a strife-free, violence-free, and developed Northeast. He lauded the officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs saying that they worked as a bridge between ENPO and the Nagaland Government that led to this resolution. He further assured the people of ENPO that the Government will extend its support for the development of Eastern Nagaland.

Mr Shah noted that the initial expenditure for the establishment of the FNTA will be provided by the Indian Government through the Home Ministry, besides a yearly fund allotment. Also speaking at the event, ENPO President Chingmak Chang described the day as historic day for the people of India and the Nagaland region that lies along the international boundary.

The Memorandum is subject to review after a period of 10 years.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has hailed the historic agreement signed today for creation of the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority within the state of Nagaland. Speaking at the signing ceremony in New Delhi, Mr Rio said the agreement reflects the state government's commitment to ensure equitable and inclusive development, and continuing efforts to reach all regions of the state.

The Chief Minister expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, as well as Union Home Secretary, State government officials, the ENPO and all stakeholders involved in the realization of the

agreement. Congratulating the people of Eastern Nagaland on the landmark achievement, Mr Rio expressed hope that the central government will continue to guide efforts towards all-round development of the region.



Nagaland's Department of Industries and Commerce today signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Kolkata, to establish an Export Facilitation Cell in the state. The MoU was signed in Kohima by Director P. Tokugha Sema and Centre Head at IIFT, Dr. K. Rangarajan. The proposed Cell is aimed at providing support to existing and prospective exporters through counselling, market access, and strengthening the overall export readiness of the state. It will assist entrepreneurs in identifying international markets, developing export plans, and trade compliance. The Export Facilitation Cell will also support the State Government in policy formulation and implementation of trade promotion schemes. Under the agreement, IIFT will provide expert consultancy and develop a web-based information dissemination platform, while the state Industries and Commerce Department will provide necessary infrastructure for the Cell and coordination with District Industries Centres and other stakeholders.



Former Nagaland minister Nkhao Lotha passed away today in Dimapur. He was elected to the 10th Nagaland Legislative Assembly from the 39th Sanis Assembly Constituency, and served as Minister, Soil & Water Conservation and Border Affairs. Before entering politics, Mr Lotha served in the Police Department where he earned the Indian Police Medal. Condoling his demise, NLA Speaker Sharingain Longkumer remembered Mr Lotha as a humble and dedicated leader, saying his contributions as a disciplined officer and a responsible legislator will be remembered with respect. Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton also extended condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for peace for the departed.



The Lok Sabha today adopted by voice vote the Motion of Thanks on the President's address without the customary reply by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla put to vote amendments moved by several opposition members on the motion, but they were negated by the House. He then read out the Motion of Thanks to the President's address to both Houses of Parliament on January 28, which was passed, amid sloganeering by the opposition members.

The Speaker said, now the Lower House will take up discussion on Union Budget 2026-27 and every member will get an opportunity to speak on it. Amid continued uproar by the opposition, the House was adjourned for the day.



A delegation from the Mizoram government visited Nagaland as part of ongoing consultations on proposed infrastructure initiatives in Mizoram, including the Bairabi-Sairang railway line and the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project (KMMTTP). The Planning and Programme Implementation Department of Mizoram, led by MLA and Chairman of the Study Committee on KMMTTP and Railway Line Services, T. Lalhlipua met with stakeholders in Dimapur today. Speaking at the meeting, Mr Lalhlipua said, the visit aims to learn from Nagaland's long experience with railway connectivity, particularly its impact on social, cultural, and economic transformation. He emphasised that while enhanced connectivity brings both growth prospects, it also raises concerns related to culture, identity, and livelihoods. Expressing gratitude to the Nagaland Government, he expressed hope that the interaction would strengthen cooperation between the two states and guide future infrastructure planning in Mizoram. The KMMTTP, targeted for completion by 2027, will link Kolkata to Mizoram via Myanmar, pricing an alternative route to the Northeast. Over the past months, the Study Committee has conducted field visits and extensive community consultations to assess local perceptions, expectations, and concerns related to railway expansion.



And, In men's cricket, Nagaland will take on Bihar in the final of the Col. C.K. Nayudu Trophy 2025–26 Plate Group tomorrow. Both teams reached the summit clash of the Under-23 first-class tournament after topping the round-robin stage. The match will be played over four days at the Moin-ul-Haq Stadium in Patna, with the winner earning a promotion to the Elite group next season.

