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### :: THE HEADLINES ::

- Political activity intensifies ahead of April 9 by-election in 28-Koridang Assembly Constituency
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio to present State Budget for 2026-2027 on March 26
- Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre signs MoU with Droneverse Aviation to boost AI-enabled drone ecosystem in Nagaland
- and, Skill Training Programme launched under PMKVY 4.0 for Police Personnel and Families.

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Political activity is intensifying ahead of the April 9 by-election to the 28-Koridang Assembly Constituency, with key developments emerging across party lines. Imchatoba Imchen, an intending candidate from Mangmetong village has stepped down as president of the NPF Central Youth Wing. Following his resignation, Süpoyi Vezhu, the senior-most among the working presidents, has been appointed Acting President with immediate effect, according to party sources. The development comes amid growing speculation over candidates for the by-election, with political parties yet to formally announce their nominees. We have more reports from our Mokokchung Correspondent

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28 Koridang Assembly Constituency consists of Khensa, Mekuli, Chungtia, Aliba, Kinunger, Mangmetong, Sattsu and Longkhum villages

besides Alichen Adhoc Town, Yimyu ward, Longjongkong, Sabangya compound, Longtsuktep, Kongrukong. The seat fell vacant following the demise of BJP legislator Imkong L. Imchen on November last year.

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The Second phase of the Eighth Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly will resume on March 26 with Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio set to present the Budget for the financial year 2026-2027. During the two-day sitting, the House is scheduled to take up discussions on matters of urgent public importance. It will also deliberate on the presentation of CAG reports, along with the Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2025–26, among other key issues. The general discussion on the State Budget will be taken up on March 27.

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The Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Droneverse Aviation Pvt. Ltd. to promote knowledge exchange, expert engagement, and joint Research and Development initiatives. The agreement was signed yesterday at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat in Kohima in the presence of Development Commissioner of the Planning & Transformation Department, Temsünaro Aier, along with other officials. CEO of Droneverse Aviation Pvt. Ltd., Pawan Khatri, described the partnership as a significant milestone in strengthening and advancing the drone ecosystem in Nagaland. He said the collaboration reflects a shared commitment towards capacity building, innovation, and the promotion of emerging technologies in the state.

**We have a report\_ V/C:**

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A short-term skill training programme under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0, aimed at enhancing vocational skills among police personnel and their families was launched today at Police Baptist Church 4th NAP Battalion Multipurpose Hall, Thizama. The programme covers multiple units, including 1st NAP Chumoukedima, DEF Kohima,

4th NAP Thizama, 5th NAP Phek, and DEF Mokokchung. During the launch programme, Director General of Police, Nagaland, Rupin Sharma emphasized the importance of skill development in modern policing and career growth. As part of the initiative, a two-month training programme on mushroom cultivation will be conducted for 117 trainees, primarily aimed at supporting the families of police personnel. Additionally, 33 police personnel will undergo specialized drone training. The broader initiative will include training across multiple trades, to be conducted at five different locations for both police personnel and their families.



Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav, called on former Chief Minister of Nagaland and former Governor of Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Odisha, Dr. S. C. Jamir, at Chümoukedima today. During the meeting, the two leaders had a cordial interaction and exchanged views on various matters of mutual interest.



A State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) has been constituted in view of the upcoming bye-election to the 28-Koridang Assembly Constituency under Mokokchung district. The committee has been formed in accordance with guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India to ensure proper monitoring and regulation of election-related media content. Chief Electoral Officer, Bhagyashree Banayat, will chair the committee. The panel also includes an observer appointed by the Election Commission India, along with representatives including Director DIPR, Dzüvinuo Theünuo, Media & Communication Officer, PIB, Andrew Lalchhandama, Director, Information Technology & Communication, Sabou Yashu. Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Alila Chang will serve as the Member Secretary. The committee will primarily handle appeals related to decisions taken by district-level media certification bodies concerning political advertisements. It will also examine cases of paid news, including those taken up Suo motu, and direct returning officers to issue notices to candidates wherever necessary.



A seven-member media delegation from Nagaland, currently on a press tour to Bihar, continued its engagements on the second day today with

visits to key institutions and major development projects in Patna. The delegation also met also interacted with Bihar's Agriculture Minister, Ram Kripal Yadav. The Minister highlighted the success of the makhana sector, and said, the crop has received a Geographical Indication tag and gained international popularity through focused branding and marketing efforts. **We have more reports from our Correspondent who is also part of the tour.**

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The visit is part of an ongoing effort to enhance media exposure and exchange best practices between the states.

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A delegation of ex-MLAs of Nagaland called on Arunachal Pradesh Assembly Speaker Tesam Pongte at his office yesterday. Led by former Nagaland Assembly Speaker Neiba Ndong, the delegation included ex-minister V Kashiho Sangtam and former MLAs R Tohanba, Azheto, and Ishak Konyak, who are on a study tour of Arunachal Pradesh. The visit aimed at exchanging experiences on legislative practices, strengthening inter-state cooperation, and gaining insights into Arunachal Pradesh's Assembly's functioning, an official report said. Mr Pongte extended a warm welcome and interacted with them on various aspects of legislative functioning and governance. The discussions covered matters of mutual interest concerning the eight Northeastern states, including welfare issues of people from the region.

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