

THE HEADLINES :-

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi says Union Budget 2026-27 Focuses on High-Value Agriculture**
- **Vice President CP Radhakrishnan urges for Peace, Inclusive Development, and Infrastructure Growth in Northeast**
- **Minister Temjen Imna Along calls for promotion of Naga traditional wrestling, sports economy**
- **Advisor Hekani Jakhalu says Nagaland has emerged as leader in Northeast Export Readiness**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today stressed on the need to strengthen chemical-free farming and natural farming with a focus on exports. He said, in the Union Budget 2026-27, the government has focused on high-value agriculture products. Addressing a Post Budget Webinar on the theme Agriculture and Rural Transformation through video conferencing, Mr Modi said, the government has consistently taken several steps to strengthen the agriculture sector. Mr Modi highlighted that India is currently witnessing record production across food grains, pulses and oilseeds.

The Prime Minister said, the government is placing a strong emphasis on bringing technology into agriculture.



Vice President CP Radhakrishnan has remarked that North-East region has seen transformative infrastructural progress and peace initiatives over the past decade under leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He was addressing the 8th Convocation Ceremony of Nagaland University at Lumami in Zunheboto district today.

He emphasized the importance of peace and inclusive development and called for mutual respect in a democratic society is essential for progress. Referring to the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) Agreement, he noted that peace and cooperation are vital for overall development of Nagaland.

Governor of Nagaland and Chief Rector of the University Ajay Kumar Bhalla described the convocation as a celebration of perseverance, discipline, and academic achievement and added that Nagaland University, as the only central university in the state, carries a significant responsibility to promote higher learning, research, and innovation. Deputy Chief Minister T. R. Zeliang encouraged graduates to use their education to become responsible citizens and contribute to peace and development. Earlier, Vice-Chancellor Jagadish Kumar Patnaik presented the university report. During the ceremony, degrees were conferred and 11 gold medals were awarded to toppers from various academic streams. During the visit, the Vice President also laid the foundation stone for the HEFA Phase II buildings at Nagaland University.



Advisor for Industries and Commerce Hekani Jakhalu today said Nagaland has topped the Northeast and secured the third position nationally among small states in the latest Export Readiness Index released by NITI Aayog. She was delivering keynote address at Export State Summit 2026 in Chümoukedima district.

Ms. Jakhalu also informed that the Department of Industries and Commerce signed a Memorandum of Understanding on February 5 with the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata, to establish an Export Facilitation Centre in Nagaland to help entrepreneurs access global markets. She added that the department plans to identify 750 high-potential entrepreneurs who will receive mentoring support to help scale their businesses. Ms. Jakhalu stressed that entering export markets requires adherence to international standards, certifications, and regulatory compliance, noting that sustained effort and commitment are key to long-term success. The summit was organised by Department of Industries and Commerce in collaboration with the Nagaland Industrial Development Corporation.



Lok Sabha, Member of Parliament S Supongmeren Jamir conducted inspection of ongoing construction works at Dimapur Railway Station and reviewed progress of construction activities and assessed implementation of the development works at the railway station. Mr. Jamir also urged authorities to maintain quality standards and ensure that construction works are completed within stipulated timeframe.



First phase of Census of India 2027- House Listing and Housing Census will be conducted across the state from 1st-30th July 2026. Home Department notified that the exercise will be carried out under provisions of the Census Act, 1948 and the Census Rules, 1990. The self-enumeration option will be available from 16th-30th June 16 to June 30 2026, allowing residents to submit their census details before the official house-listing phase begins.



Nagaland's Minister for Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along, today called for the promotion of Naga traditional wrestling and the development of a sports economy in the state. He was addressing the inaugural programme of the 30th Naga Traditional Wrestling Championship, along with the 1st NWA Under-15 and 1st NWA Provisional Championship 2026-cum-1st Wrestling Festival at Khuochiezie, Kohima Local Ground. Mr. Along appreciated the growth of Naga wrestling, noting that while tribes such as the Chakhesang, Angami and Zeliang were traditionally known for the sport, it has now expanded to communities including the Rengma, Sumi, Chang, Lotha, Pochury and Sangtam.

The Minister highlighted how the Department of Tourism, Government of Nagaland and the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has interest to partner in promoting Naga traditional wrestling and supporting future wrestling festivals. Mr. Along further suggested that Naga traditional wrestling should be showcased during mini-Hornbill festivals to attract national and international tourists and encourage wider participation.



Pukiye Shohe from Sumi Wrestling Association emerged champion of the 1st Provisional Naga Traditional Wrestling Championship 2026 which concluded today. Yankithung Shitiri from Lotha tribe finished second followed by Lumthsa Sangtam and Jochuhyu Semy from Rengma finishing 3rd and 4rd. The Champion was awarded 2 lakh rupees. In the Under-15 category, Menuokhriezo Metha from Angami tribe emerged as winner. Second place went to Mudoto Dozo of Chakhesang wrestling association, Kūtho Puro and Chūre Pohena both from the Chakhesang were placed 3rd and 4rd position. The champion pocketed 1 lakh rupees.

