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Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio today said that the state government remained committed to promoting sports infrastructure and supporting indigenous games alongside modern sporting disciplines. Addressing the 30th NWA Naga Traditional Wrestling Championship 2026 at Kohima Local Ground, Mr. Rio said Naga traditional wrestling is not merely a sporting event but a celebration of identity, heritage, and the enduring spirit of the Naga people. He said that in earlier times wrestling was not only a display of physical power but also a test of character and integrity, where young men proved their resilience, brought honour to their villages, and upheld the values of fairness and sportsmanship. Mr. Rio also noted that the championship has grown significantly over the years, from village-level contests to organized state-level competitions under the guidance of the Nagaland Wrestling Association.

Addressing the wrestlers, the Chief Minister said they are not only athletes but also ambassadors of Naga culture. He urged them to uphold humility, discipline and respect for opponents, noting that true greatness lies not only in victory but in the spirit of the game.



Nagaland today observed International Women's Day under the theme "Rights, Justice, Action for All Women and Girls." At a programme held in Kohima, Minister for Environment, Forest, Climate Change and Village Guards, C. L. John said women in the state have always played a vital role in shaping society. He said that Naga women contribute tirelessly to the progress of the state from agricultural fields to marketplaces and from classrooms to hospitals.

While celebrating the achievements of women, the Minister also said challenges remain and stressed that issues such as gender-based violence and unequal access to opportunities must be addressed collectively by society.

Advisor for Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak expressed concern that although Nagaland is considered one of the safer states for women in India with a

comparatively lower crime rate, cases of crimes against women and girls have shown an increase over the years. Marking the occasion, several awards were presented under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission for the financial year 2025–26. In addition, Nagaland State Commission for Women ( NSCW) Excellence Award 2025 was presented to Ponglem Konyak, President of Konyak Nyupuh Sheko Khong and NSCW 2026 award was given to Apeuna Iheilung, President of Zeliangrong Mothers’ Organisation. Municipal Workers and Angawadi Workers were also felicitated.



Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCW) will join the nation in organizing the District wise Mahila Jan Sunwai (Public Hearings) from 9th to 13th of this month to mark the International Women's Day. Organized under the initiative of National Commission for Women, the NSWC will held Public Hearings across 12 districts. Informing this to media persons today in Kohima, NSCW Chairperson W. Nginyeih Konyak said, the event will kick start from Tuensang, Zunheboto, Tseminyu and Wokha on Monday.

During the five days Public hearings, Dedicated benches comprising Chairpersons and Members from the Nagaland State Commission for Women, District Administration, District Legal Services Authority, Police Authorities, Legal Experts, and Protection Officers will be present to ensure immediate hearing of complaints, registration and escalation of serious cases, legal guidance and procedural assistance and time-bound follow-up mechanisms. Walk-in complaints will also be heard during the period. On 10th March, the public hearing will take place in Mokokchung, Niuland, followed by Chümoukedima on 11th, Longleng and Peren on 12th and Kohima, Dimapur and Mon on 13th.



A delegation of eight officers of the Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of Nagaland led by Principal Secretary, Y. Kikheto Sema, visited the Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), Jorhat in Assam yesterday. The aim of the visit was to explore avenues for scientific collaboration with the Institute in the areas of sustainable forest management, research support, and improved cultivation techniques of economically important tree species like agarwood and teak. The delegation was welcomed by RFRI Director, Dr. Nitin Kulkarni and his team of six scientists, heading various Divisions. The delegation held a day-long discussions and brainstorming deliberations followed, by visit to various research facilities including Bambusetum and Museum. The RFRI, Jorhat is the premier institution under the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, with specific mandate of forestry research and extension activities in the North-eastern region. Dr. Kulkarni and his team presented the mandate and research activities being undertaken by the Institute, while various activities planned for forestry research and extension in the state of Nagaland were also discussed. During the interaction, Mr. Kikheto highlighted the need and potential of agroforestry in Nagaland.



Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, today reviewed the Attestation Parade of 350 Recruits at the Jasram Parade Ground of Assam Rifles

Training Centre and School at Shokhuvi, under Dimapur district, Nagaland. Addressing the recruits, Mr. Kumar highlighted the rich history of the Assam Rifles as the oldest paramilitary force of the country and its multiple roles. He said, the brave soldiers of Assam Rifles have proved their mettle not only in the North East but also in Jammu and Kashmir. The Union Minister called upon the Recruits to serve the Nation with all sincerity and also to keep pace with technology.

Various awards were also presented to the recruits for their outstanding performance during the training such as, Best in Firing, Best in Drill, Best in Physical Overall Best Recruit. The occasion marked the completion of 44 weeks of gruelling training in battle craft, weapon handling, firing and specialization in Counter Insurgency Operations.

