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Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav, said that the Northeast is a region of immense potential, with its youth poised to lead in diverse fields including education, technology, sports, culture, and social service. Addressing the opening ceremony of the 9th North East Youth Festival 2026 at Chumoukedima yesterday evening, the Governor noted that as India moves towards the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047, the role of youth becomes increasingly significant. He emphasized that the energy, ideas, and talents of young people are the driving forces behind innovation, progress, and development. The Governor urged young participants to act as ambassadors of their regions and represent their states with pride.

Referring to the festival theme, “Ashtalakshmi: Celebrating Eight Forces of Youth and Progress,” Governor Yadav said it reflects the dynamism and potential of the youth of the Northeast and promotes unity through collaboration and shared purpose. Advisor for Youth Resources and Sports, Nagaland, S. Keoshu Yimchunger, said the festival provides an opportunity for young people to showcase their talents, exchange ideas, and strengthen bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood. Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Shiv Ratan, praised the youth of the Northeast as among the most talented and culturally rich in the country. He added that the Ministry remains committed to enabling youth to realize their full potential and contribute meaningfully to the national narrative. Highlights of the inaugural programme included cultural dance performances by all eight northeastern states and a martial arts demonstration by the Nagaland Pencak Silat team. The festival will conclude tomorrow.

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The Baal Aadhaar Registration Counter for children aged 0 to 5 years has been launched in Kohima. The facility, introduced through the Child Enrolment Lite Client kit, was inaugurated by Secretary Economics and Statistics, Akunu S. Meyase. The initiative aims to link birth registration with Aadhaar, ensuring every child is enrolled from birth. The department stated biometric data is not collected for children in the 0–5 age group. However, mandatory updates will be required once the child attains the ages of 5 and 15. Highlighting the importance of early enrolment, the department stated that bringing children into the national identity system at birth will enhance their inclusion in welfare schemes and enable more effective planning and delivery of child-centric programmes. The public has been urged to take advantage of the facility by visiting the designated enrolment centre at the Directorate. Further, similar services will soon be extended to all District Economics and Statistics Offices, with necessary procedures currently underway in coordination with the Unique Identification Authority of India.

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Nagaland government has directed all vehicles, both government and private to remove unauthorised flags, emblems, names, symbols, stickers, seals and logos from registration plates within 45 days failing which strict action will be taken against defaulters. Commissioner and Secretary, Transport Nagaland Robert Longchari in a notification stated that the following instructions from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for strict enforcement of Rule 50 and Rule 51 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

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The Office of the Nagaland State Human Rights Commission was inaugurated by Chairman of the Commission, Justice (Retd) Songkhupchung Serto yesterday in Kohima. He also unveiled the Universal Declaration of Human Rights display board. Speaking on the occasion, Justice Serto thanked Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio for his support, noting that the Commission became functional in March 2023. He highlighted key initiatives, including visits to nine districts to assess healthcare, education, and public services, and recommendations to improve infrastructure among others. The event also marked the released of the translation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights into recognised languages and dialects of Nagaland.

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