

THE HEADLINES:

- Election Commission announces second phase of Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio hails success of 4th Autumn Festival in Delhi as prelude to Hornbill Festival
- Nagaland to host 22nd Annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region Zone-3 Conference next month
- Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 begins nationwide



The Election Commission today announced that Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls will be conducted in 12 states and union territories under the second phase. Briefing Media in New Delhi today, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said that this revision is aimed to make electoral rolls more transparent and error-free. He added that under Phase two, SIR will be conducted in a phased manner.

Among the 12 are, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, and West Bengal which will go to the polls in 2026. Mr Kumar clarified that in Assam, where polls are also due in 2026, the revision of electoral rolls will be announced separately. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has congratulated all involved in the successful 4th Autumn Festival in Delhi – a prelude to the Hornbill Festival 2025. The festival held in Nagaland House New Delhi on October 24 and 25 was marked by the participation of distinguished guests and international dignitaries. Mr Rio also appreciated the artistes for showcasing Nagaland's rich cultural heritage. Meanwhile, Tourism Minister Temjen Imna Along, while congratulating Chief Minister Rio on the success of the festival, said under his leadership and vision, Nagaland's unique culture and traditions are amplified throughout India and the world.



Nagaland is set to host the 22nd Annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zone-3 Conference from November 9th to 13th at the Nagaland Legislative Assembly. The Conference, under the theme 'Policy, Progress & People: Legislatures as Catalysts of Change', will bring together lawmakers from all Northeast states to discuss key regional issues.

NLA Speaker Sharingain Longkumer, who is also Chairman of the CPA India Region Zone-3, has invited all Presiding Officers of the Northeast Legislatures and dignitaries to attend the Conference.



The Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 is being observed across the country from today to promote probity in public life and achieve a corruption-free society. The theme of the week is 'Vigilance – Our Shared Responsibility'. It is observed to create greater sensitivity about the need for ethics and transparency in governance and public administration. The observance of the week commenced with pledge taking by public servants in the Ministries, Departments, PSUs, Banks and all other Organisations. Central Vigilance Commissioner Praveen Kumar Srivastava and Vigilance Commissioner A. S. Rajeev administered the pledge to officials at the Central Vigilance Commission in New Delhi today. During the week, several functions will be organised to create awareness against corrupt practices. Every year Vigilance Awareness Week is observed in the last week of October when the birthday of Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel falls. Staff of Akashvani Mokokchung also undertook the Vigilance Integrity Pledge as part of Vigilance Awareness Week.



In commemoration of 90 years of broadcasting, Akashvani Kohima is organizing a Folk Song Competition - Voices of the Youth - tomorrow at 4:00 PM at RCEMPA Jotsoma. The event will feature 15 youth groups, primarily college students, representing diverse Naga tribes. A special presentation by the Tikhir Women Union Kohima will also be featured. Organized in collaboration with NEZCC and TaFMA, the competition aims to celebrate and preserve the region's rich cultural heritage through music.



The Chhath Puja celebrations were observed with great devotion and enthusiasm across Dimapur, with the main event taking place at Purana Bazaar near the Dhansiri River. Throughout Dimapur and its surrounding areas, the air resonated with devotional Chhath songs, creating a festive ambiance reminiscent of Patna, the cultural heartland of the festival. Thousands of devotees gathered along riverbanks and water bodies to perform the traditional rituals and offer prayers to the setting sun. Speaking to Akashvani News Kohima, Working President of the Nagaland Bihari Samaj, Narottam Jha, shared the significance of Chhath Puja, and wished that everyone be blessed with good health and a better life.

Meanwhile, Secretary of Nagaland Bihari Samaj, Harinder Singh extended gratitude to the local authorities and residents of Dimapur for their continued support and cooperation in ensuring a peaceful and harmonious celebration of the festival.

Mr Singh also appreciated the government for providing a special train from Dibrugarh, among other efforts for the welfare of the public.



The Next Generation GST Reforms have provided significant relief to citizens by reducing taxes on essential food items. Under the new tax structure, pizza bread, khakhra, and chapati have been made tax-free, which earlier attracted a 5 percent tax. Similarly, paratha and parotta, previously placed in the 18 percent tax slab, have also been exempted. To ease the tax burden on the common man, the government has further reduced GST on soups, broths, chocolates, cocoa products, as well as tea and coffee extracts. All of these items now attract only 5 percent GST. This rationalization aims to improve the affordability of food, ensure daily nutrition, encourage consumption and provide economic relief to families.



The Khelo India Football Tournament concluded today at WAPO Ground, Sechü-Zubza. Addressing the closing ceremony, Director General of Police, Nagaland, Rupin Sharma highlighted the importance of sports in instilling discipline and fitness among all, especially the youth. Informing that Nagaland Police recruitment has resumed after nearly four years, he encouraged youth, especially sportspersons, to apply, explaining that physical fitness is a key component in the recruitment process with a special advantage for athletes. In the tournament's final match, Phesama Students' Union emerged as champions, defeating Khonoma Students' Union 1-0. The event was organized

**by the 78 Battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force in collaboration with
the Sports Authority of India.**

