

Nagaland has introduced a new helicopter service aimed at enhancing connectivity and enriching the tourist experience ahead of the Hornbill Festival. Tourism Minister Temjen Imna Along flagged off the Aerial Experience Rides at the Lerie Helipad, Kohima yesterday in the

presence of several key officials. Launched by Thumbay Aviation Private Limited in collaboration with the state Tourism Department, the service will offer breathtaking views of Kohima, Dzükou Valley, and the Hornbill Festival. Besides flights between Kohima and Kigwema, tourists can also charter the helicopter to various destinations across the state. The service will operate from Dimapur Airport, Kohima Heliport, and Kigwema Heliport, with subsidized rates for both domestic and international tourists.

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In another exciting development, Hornbill Festival has partnered with international music giant - Spotify. Announcing the news on X, Advisor to the Chief Minister, Abu Metha, said the collaboration will bring global energy to Nagaland's biggest stage. As part of the partnership, a special "Spotify Night" will be held on December 7, featuring top artists from across India, along with homegrown talent from Nagaland.

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Advisor of Agriculture Mhathung Yanthan held a departmental meeting yesterday with officers from the Directorate and the Secretariat to review the progress of various schemes and programmes under the Department. In a social media post, Mr Yanthan noted that with the onset of the festive season, official duties often take a backseat to personal engagements, leading to delays and affecting the delivery of public services. He said, the meeting aimed to prevent such lapses by reinforcing collective responsibility and ensuring that official work continues without interruption. Mr. Yanthan urged officers to remain committed so that the public is not inconvenienced by negligence or festive distractions.

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And in weather, Dense fog is very likely to prevail in isolated pockets of Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura today. According to the India Meteorological Department, no significant change in the minimum temperature is expected across the region during the next seven day .

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