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- 22nd Annual Conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region Zone-III commences in Kohima
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla underlines role of legislatures in transforming public opinion into policy
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio emphasizes on greater focus on regional development
- Nagaland to host Dr. T. Ao Junior Girls National Football Championship from 18th November



The 22nd Annual Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zone-3, began in Kohima today. The two-day conference is being held under the theme 'Policy, Progress & People: Legislatures as Catalysts of Change.' As part of the commencement, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurated the monolith in presence of Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Harivansh and NLA Speaker and Chairman of CPA India Region Zone-III, Sharingain Longkumer, among others. In this conference, legislatures from seven out of the eight member Northeastern states participated. A total of 12 presiding officers, including seven Speakers and five Deputy Speakers, Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assemblies from the region are attending the conference.



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla today called upon legislatures to frame policies through collective dialogue and public participation, to ensure inclusive and sustainable development. Speaking at the inauguration of the 22nd Annual Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zone-III at the Nagaland Legislative Assembly in Kohima, he urged public representatives to ensure that citizens' voices are meaningfully reflected in policymaking.

Mr Birla also stressed the need for transparency, accountability, and adoption of new technologies to make legislative functioning more accessible and citizen-centric. Acknowledging the Northeastern region's unique geographical conditions and climate-related challenges, he emphasized the need for a special action plan for the development of the states, and to specifically address emerging climate risks. He said, the people of North East are vibrant and industrious, and deserve greater opportunities to realise their abilities. The Speaker stressed upon stronger collaboration among the Centre, state governments, and local communities, to harness the immense potential of the North East while preserving its rich biodiversity and cultural heritage.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has urged legislatures to reaffirm their commitment to parliamentary democracy and cooperative federalism. Addressing the CPA India Region Zone-III conference today, he called for the CPA Zone-III to continue playing a proactive role in shaping policies for inclusive development and greater integration of the NorthEastern region with the rest of the country.

In his address, Mr Rio highlighted key development projects still pending in Nagaland, including the proposed Indian Institute of Science Education and Research and Ciethu Airport, and upgrades to railways and the Nagaland Institute of Medical Science and Research. He also raised concerns over the reimposition of the Protected Area Permit in the state. The Chief Minister appealed to the union government for focused attention on Nagaland's infrastructure and connectivity.



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla today urged all political parties to uphold the dignity of legislative institutions and ensure their smooth and orderly functioning. Addressing media persons on the sidelines of the CPA Conference at Kohima,

Mr. Birla emphasized that democracy offers ample opportunities for raising issues, expressing concerns, and engaging in constructive debates reflecting citizens' aspirations.

Looking ahead to the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament, scheduled for December 1, the Speaker said it will focus on meaningful and orderly discussions on legislative business, government policies, and public issues.



The country is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its national song, Vande Mataram. A song that has inspired generations of Indians to unite, rise and celebrate the spirit of the nation. Today, our correspondent brings a report on how Vande Mataram ignited India's struggle for freedom.

(V/C - "The power and passion of the song Vande Mataram came alive in 1905, a year when the British Raj made the attempt to divide Bengal. During this time, Swadeshi Movement was launched in which Vande Mataram emerged as the most prominent and unifying slogan, echoing through the streets, schools, and hearts of freedom seekers. Vande Mataram was not just a slogan but a chant that united protestors, becoming the heartbeat of India's freedom struggle. It was this song that ignited the idea of self-rule and self-reliance among the people of India. Inspired by the awakening spirit of Vande Mataram in 1905, Indian painter Abanindranath Tagore immortalized that sentiment on canvas, creating the iconic portrait of Bharat Mata which depicted India as a goddess, and a symbol of Indian nationalist movement. Great visionaries like Aurobindo Ghosh, Rabindranath Tagore, and Lala Lajpat Rai urged the people of India to raise their voices in unison and use Vande Mataram as a rallying cry for freedom and faith. Reciting Vande Mataram was not just a political act but a sacred invocation and a spiritual connection that united hearts beyond regions and religions, binding every Indian to a shared identity and purpose)



The Tribal Research Institute, Nagaland, under the Tribal Affairs Department observed the Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada marking the 150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda. Today, it held the Tribal Tug-of-War Competition, where a 14 tribes took part. The Angami tribe emerged as the winner, while

Chakhesang and Zeliang secured second and third, respectively. Project Officer, K. Ongli Chang, highlighted the key events during the Pakhwada.

The Pakhwada is being observed till November 15 across the country.



And, Nagaland will host the Dr. T. Ao Junior Girls National Football Championship from 18th November to 11th December, at the Chumoukedima Football Stadium. The tournament will feature 16 teams from across the country. A review meeting was held today with officials from the Youth Resources and Sports Department, Nagaland Football Association, and District Administration to finalize preparations.

