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- Nagaland renews request to Centre for removal of PAP regime ahead of Hornbill Festival
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi gives nine mantras to make India self-reliant
- Visit of Rev Franklin Graham to Nagaland cancelled
- And, Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission signs MoUs with Nagaland health bodies to strengthen medication safety



The Nagaland government has renewed its request to the Centre for removal of the Protected Area Permit (PAP) regime in the state, citing its adverse impact on tourism, travel, and the state's integration with the rest of the country. In a letter addressed to Union Home Minister Amit Shah today, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio highlighted that the 26th edition of the Hornbill Festival is set to begin on 1st of December, coinciding with the State Commemoration Day. The ten-day festival, he noted, draws both domestic and international visitors, and plays a vital role in generating livelihood and employment in the state. He said, this year, Nagaland will host six Partner Countries, with representatives scheduled to participate in cultural showcases, business roundtables, and networking events. However, Mr Rio expressed concern that PAP clearances for the delegates remain pending with the Home Affairs Ministry. He reminded the Union Minister of previous assurances from the Centre regarding the lifting of PAP for Nagaland. However, he said, the regime continues to be enforced in the state causing procedural hurdles to tourism, negatively affecting both the state's economy and

the country's image. Seeking the Home Minister's immediate and personal intervention, Mr Rio requested the urgent clearance of pending PAP permits, and reiterated the appeal for completely lifting the PAP regime in Nagaland. Emphasizing Nagaland's long-standing role in the National Democratic Alliance, the Chief Minister expressed hope for a positive response from the Centre.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has sought citizens' commitment to nine resolutions dedicated to the national cause. Addressing an event in Udupi, Karnataka today, he urged citizens to conserve water, be part of Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, uplift the poor, and encourage Swadeshi movement for safeguarding the economy and domestic entrepreneurs.

The Prime Minister also called upon countrymen to encourage natural farming, lead a healthy lifestyle using Millets, reduce oil usage and adopt Yoga as part of our daily life. Mr Modi also called upon Indians to visit 25 places known for its heritage and traditions.



The much-anticipated visit of Reverend Franklin Graham to Nagaland has been cancelled due to visa restrictions. The Kohima Baptist Pastors Fellowship (KBPF), in collaboration with the Nagaland Baptist Church Council and the Nagaland Joint Christian Forum, had been preparing a reception programme for Rev Graham at Kohima. Informing the news, President of KBPF, Rev Dr Rokovilie Sachu, said Rev Robert Cunville, an associate of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, will bring the message.

The programme will be held on November 30 at the Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima. Gates will open at 2 PM.



The Government of Nagaland, Cabinet Secretariat, has notified the appointment of Chingwang Konyak and Apong Pongener as Advisors (Political) to the Chief Minister, in the status of a Cabinet Ministers, effective immediately. According to a notification on 27th November, the earlier appointment of Mr Konyak as Chairman of People's Democratic Alliance Coordination Committee, in Cabinet Minister status, has been revoked with immediate effect.



The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, under the Health and Family Welfare Ministry, has signed three Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with key health organizations in Nagaland to enhance the safe use of medicines and medical devices. The MoUs were signed with the Nagaland Medical Council, Nagaland State Drugs Control Administration (NSDCA), and the Nagaland State Pharmacy Council today during a program in Dimapur.



In another tie-up... Startup Nagaland, under the Department of Industries & Commerce, has signed a Letter of Intent with WE-Hub (Women Entrepreneurs Hub), Government of Telangana. The agreement was formalized yesterday during the Telangana-North-East Connect 2025 at Raj Bhawan, Hyderabad in the presence of Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma. The initiative aims to co-create an incubator-driven entrepreneurial ecosystem, expand national and global market access for women founders, provide industry-specific mentorship, and foster collaborations at the state, national, and international levels. As part of the event, Startup Nagaland showcased six startups from the state, and engaged in key sessions focused on innovation, inclusivity, and regional collaboration.



President Droupadi Murmu today said that the Central Government is taking several important steps to make society more inclusive, peaceful, healthy, and value-based. Promoting yoga and meditation globally and spearheading the International Day of Yoga campaign are such initiatives. The President was speaking at the launch ceremony of Brahma Kumaris' annual theme for 2025-26, 'Meditation for World Unity and Trust. She said that India's ancient civilization has always given the world the message of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. Today, when the world is facing many challenges, these ideas become even more relevant.



And, The fourth edition of Sechü (Zubza) Flower Festival got underway today along the National Highway 29. Speaking at the occasion, Joint Director, Department of Horticulture, S. Senka, said floriculture has grown into a high-performing sector, earning recognition as a 'Sunrise Industry' in the country. He said it is called sunrise industry because of its high returns, rising global and domestic demands, strong export potential and industrial applications. Highlighting the large volume of flowers imported by India from other countries every year, Mr Senka encouraged local flower growers to take advantage of the market and cultivate year-round. The flower festival will continue till December 10.

