

THE HEADLINES:

- Nagaland Board of School Education declares results of HSLC and HSSLC examinations 2026
- Girls outperform boys yet again in HSLC and HSSLC exams
- Kohima Science College becomes state's first government college to earn national 'STAR College Scheme'
- 9th Kohima District Shooting competition set for next month



The Nagaland Board of School Education today declared the results of the High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) and Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate (HSSLC) examinations 2026. In the HSLC examination, Aman Kumar of M.G.M. Higher Secondary School, Dimapur emerged as the state topper, securing an impressive 98.33 percent. The overall qualified percentage was 72.07, with 16,406 of the total 22,765 candidates clearing the examination. The Top 20 list included 80 candidates. Among HSSLC candidates, Keleno Thorie of Northfield, Khikha topped the Arts stream with 96.80 percent. In the Commerce stream, Shreya Debnath from Pranab Vidyapith Higher Secondary School, Dimapur secured the top position with 96 percent. Menguhaankum Chang from St. John Higher Secondary Residential School, Dimapur led the Science stream with 95.60 percent. The overall HSSLC pass percentage was 85.46, with 13,219 qualifying from 15,468 students. Stream-wise pass rates were 85.78 percent in Arts, 81.69 percent in Commerce, and 85.67 percent in Science.



Continuing a consistent trend, girls have once again outperformed boys in both HSLC and HSSLC examinations conducted by the Nagaland Board of School Education this year. In the HSLC results, girls recorded a pass rate of 72.72 percent, slightly higher than boys at 71.30 percent. In the HSSLC examinations, girls led across all streams. In Arts, girls secured 89.56 percent compared to 80.84 percent for boys. In Commerce, girls achieved 83.36 percent, while boys registered 80.53 percent. In Science, girls recorded 87.57 percent against 83.13 percent for boys. In the stream wise toppers list, girls dominated the Arts stream with all top positions secured by 14 female candidates and no male toppers. In Science, 3 girls featured among the toppers alongside 14 boys. In

Commerce, male students formed the majority of toppers, with 4 positions secured by girls.



Government Higher Secondary Schools across Nagaland have recorded a notable improvement in performance in the HSSLC Examination 2026, with all streams achieving pass percentages above 80.

Among districts, Kohima emerged as the top-performing district among government schools with a pass percentage of 63, followed by Mokokchung at 55. Phek and Tseminyu recorded 52 percent each. Shamator district recorded the lowest performance at 11 percent.



Kelena Thorie of Northfield Khikha, Kohima, has topped the Arts stream in the HSSLC examination 2026. The youngest daughter of Kuolhoulie Thorie and Khrieno of Kigwema village, she earlier secured Rank 19 in the HSLC examination 2024, continuing a strong family record of academic achievement. Her elder sister Keneino topped the HSLC examination in 2021, while another sister, Kesino, ranked 9th in 2015, and Kethono secured the 7th rank in 2019. Speaking on her achievement, Ms. Kelena expressed gratitude to God, and credited her parents and sisters as her strongest source of support.

Sharing on her study routine, Ms Kelena said she preferred short sessions with breaks rather than long continuous hours, adding that maintaining focus was her biggest challenge. She also engaged in art during her free time to stay mentally refreshed.

Ms Kelena said her sisters' achievements were both motivating and, at times, pressuring, but largely encouraging. The topper plans to pursue History honours and prepare for the civil services examinations.



Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav has congratulated all students who successfully cleared the HSLC and HSSLC examinations 2026. The Governor wished them continued success and encouraged them to strive for excellence in all their future endeavours. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said the success is a testament to the students' dedication, hard work, and perseverance. He also encouraged those who could not clear the exams to remain focused and not lose hope. Also extending congratulations, Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton praised the discipline and determination of the successful students, and advised

unsuccessful candidates to keep faith and work with renewed effort. Member of Parliament Phangnon Konyak described the achievement as a result of the collective efforts of students, teachers, and parents, and encouraged all students to continue pursuing their goals with dedication and consistency.



Kohima Science College has made history by becoming the first government college from Nagaland to be selected for the Science and Technology Ministry's 'STAR College Scheme.' The college was selected from 34 institutions nationwide earlier this month. Under the scheme, eight departments - Botany, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, and Zoology - will receive funding from the Ministry's Department of Biotechnology to enhance lab facilities, acquire advanced equipment, and support capacity-building activities. It will enable the college to promote interdisciplinary learning, practical skills and research-oriented studies at the undergraduate level. The college said the achievement will significantly boost science education in Nagaland.



Voting was held for the Assembly elections in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu today. In West Bengal, around 90 percent voting has been recorded in the first phase of polls, with reports of violence and intimidation of voters and attacks on political agents in different places. Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu has created a record turnout of 82.24 percent, according to the latest available status.



And in sports... The 9th Kohima District Shooting competition will be on held on 2nd of May at Kire Farm. The event will feature 10 meter Air Rifle and 10 meter Pistol for both Men and Women in junior and senior categories. The 50 meter .22 Rifle Open sight and 40 meter Bench Rest will be open competitions. Entries can be submitted both online and offline until April 30. Selected shooters will represent Kohima District in the upcoming State Inter-District Shooting Championship scheduled for June in Dimapur.

