

THE HEADLINES :-

- **Nagaland seeks stronger Central support for power projects**
- **Nagaland conducts table-top exercise ahead of state-wide emergency preparedness drill**
- **MLA Y. Mhonbemo Humtsoe calls for reforms in social practices, equal opportunities for women**
- **Met Department issues severe weather alert for Northeast, heavy rain likely in Nagaland**



Nagaland has sought stronger central support for key power projects. Nagaland's Power Minister K.G. Kenye, along with the Principal Secretary Dr. K. D. Vizo and other department officials, raised the matter with the Chairman of the Northeast Region Power Committee and Meghalaya Power Minister Metbah Lyngdoh in Shillong yesterday. The Nagaland delegation requested the committee to recommend various projects submitted by the state's Power Department. Mr Lyngdoh assured that the issues would be taken up with the Ministry of Power. The meeting also reviewed funding patterns for projects following recent policy changes by the Ministry of Power.



The Table-Top Exercise for the Eight Edition of the Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEX) commenced today at the State Emergency Operation Centre in Kohima. During the inaugural session, Chief Secretary & Chairman State Executive Committee, Sentiyanger Imchen underscored the importance of strengthening disaster preparedness, evaluating the functioning of critical systems, identifying challenges, and building community awareness. He said, the state has progressively strengthened its disaster response systems over the years through continuous learning and adaptation, stressing that preparedness must evolve with each exercise. The Chief Secretary urged Deputy Commissioners, District Disaster Management Authorities and departments to identify shortcomings rather than focusing on performance.

Mr Imchen urged all stakeholders to approach the exercise with seriousness and treat it as an opportunity to strengthen institutional capacities and build a more resilient disaster response system in Nagaland. Home Commissioner Nagaland Abhijit Sinha, said the table-top exercise provides an opportunity for departments to review procedures, clarify command and control structures, and improve the flow of information during emergencies. He pointed out that disasters often demand swift action and precise communication, and such simulations help participants better understand their roles and responsibilities. Lead Consultant (ME & IRS), National Disaster Management Authority, Sudhir Bahl, emphasised that disaster management is not the sole responsibility of the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, but requires a whole-of-government approach, with all departments working together during major emergencies.



Table-top exercises were conducted across districts today as part of preparations for NEPEX 2026, aimed at boosting disaster response and coordination ahead of tomorrow's mock drill. In Dimapur, the session focused on response strategies and inter-agency coordination. Key locations identified for the mock drill including the DC Office, Government Higher Secondary School, Purana Bazar; Hollotoli School, Naharbari; Westside Store, Darogapathar; Indian Oil, Kevijau; and PHC

Purana Bazar. At Peren, officials reviewed earthquake and extreme weather scenarios, with drills to be conducted at both Peren Town and Jalukie Town. In Zunheboto, district officials joined the state-level exercise virtually. Similar exercises were also held in Longleng, Noklak, and Tseminyu.



The statewide Nagaland Emergency Preparedness Exercise (NEPEX) will be conducted tomorrow from 8 AM to 12 noon, featuring a simulated magnitude 7.7 earthquake and extreme weather scenario. Simultaneously, a Civil Defence air raid and blackout exercise under Operation Night Guard will be carried out for 15 minutes starting from 6:30 PM in designated Civil Defence towns across 10 districts - Dimapur, Kohima, Mokokchung, Wokha, Zunheboto, Mon, Phek, Tuensang, Peren, and Kiphire. In this regard, the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority has issued an advisory urging public not to panic during the mock exercise and to extend full cooperation to the authorities. Further, during the blackout phase, citizens have been advised to switch off all non-essential lighting, including solar-powered systems and inverters, as well as vehicle headlights. Authorities have urged citizens to actively participate to make the exercise a success.



MLA Y. Mhonbemo Humtsoe today called for reforms in societal practices, equal opportunities, and promoting fair distribution of wealth between sons and daughters. Addressing the second day of the 9th Lotha Eloehoho Conference, he acknowledged the sacrifices and silent contributions of women. The MLA also highlighted the recent HSLC and HSSLC results, where girls outperformed boys. Principal Judge Wonchibeni V. Patton, speaking on the theme 'Achieving Gender Equality in Nagaland,' noted progress made by women while raising concerns over customary practices in areas such as divorce and child custody. She emphasized that discrimination often begins at home and called for equal treatment and property rights. Meanwhile, President of Central Nagaland Women's Association, Dr. Anungla Aier, urged women to speak out against injustice and work collectively for positive societal change.



The Federation of Indian Export Organisations, FIEO, recently held a series of meetings in Nagaland to explore stronger trade cooperation and a strategic partnership with the state government. The FIEO delegation led by Director General and CEO Dr Ajay Sahai, met state leader including Advisor for Industries & Commerce Hekani Jakhalu, and IDAN Chairman Abu Mehta. Discussions focused on tapping Nagaland's export potential in handloom, handicrafts, agro-based, and organic products. FIEO noted that while the North East contributes less than one percent to India's total exports, Nagaland has shown strong performance, ranking third in the Export Preparedness Index 2024. The meetings also involved senior bureaucrats including Chief Secretary Sentiyanger Imchen, as well as entrepreneurs and women self-help groups.



The first ever workshop on Capacity Building Plan Development using AI tools began today at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI) in Kohima. The two-day workshop on iGOT, or Integrated Online Government Training, Karmayogi is organized by the Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department in collaboration with ATI, with resource persons from Centre's Capacity Building Commission. Speaking at the inaugural session, Additional Chief Secretary (Agriculture) and ATI Director General, Shashank Shekhar, said the fundamental role of the government is to work for the people, adding that efficient and responsive

governance has a direct impact on society. Altogether, 65 participants from 35 departments are attending the workshop.



Nagaland Public Service Commission, NPSC, has invited online applications for the Common Educational Services Examinations 2026 for direct recruitment under the state government. The examination will be conducted to fill various vacancies in the departments of Higher Education, School Education, Technical Education, SCERT and College of Teachers Education. The vacant posts include Assistant Professors, Lecturers, Graduate Teachers and Post-Graduate Teachers. Detailed eligibility criteria and other information are available on the Commission's official website npsc.nagaland.gov.in.



And in weather, the India Meteorological Department has issued a severe weather warning for the Northeast, forecasting thunderstorms and heavy rainfall across all states.

Nagaland is expected to experience very heavy rainfall in isolated areas until the 4th of May.

