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- Advisor Hekani Jakhalu highlights MSMEs as key to Nagaland's economic growth
- State Government issues guidelines for Phase-I of Census 2027 self-enumeration
- MP S. Phangnon Konyak lauds Centre's focus on Northeast as NDA completes 12 years in power
- Centre constitutes high-level committee to address demographic changes



The Department of Industries & Commerce today organised an interactive session with state legislators on the UNNATI 2024 Scheme and PM Vishwakarma in Kohima. Speaking at the event, Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu highlighted the department's long-term vision for the economic growth of Nagaland. She said that strengthening MSMEs and the business community will significantly boost the state's economy and create employment opportunities. The Advisor also emphasised upon the responsibility of legislators in spreading awareness of various schemes and opportunities available to the public. Ms Jakhalu also spoke on the World Bank-assisted RAMP scheme, the PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises scheme and PM Vishwakarma. She highlighted handloom, handicrafts and textiles, along with food processing, as important sectors for economic growth. Meanwhile, Secretary of Industries and Commerce, Kumar Ramnikant, said the schemes reflect a shared vision of self-reliance through entrepreneurship and skill development. He informed that 55 units in Nagaland are currently functioning under the UNNATI scheme, while nearly 2,000 artisans have been trained under PM Vishwakarma till date. Altogether, 12 legislators attended the programme.



The State Government has issued detailed guidelines for Phase-I of Census 2027 self-enumeration, which will be conducted across the state from the 16th to 30th of next month. In a notification, Home Commissioner and State Nodal Officer, Abhijit Sinha, encouraged all residents to complete the process accurately through the official Census portal, se.census.gov.in. The self-enumeration process allows citizens to submit households details online prior to house-to-house verification by enumerators. More from our correspondent...

The government has urged all departments and the general public to ensure accurate self-enumeration within the notified 15-day period.



The Kohima District Planning & Development Board meeting was held today, reviewing matters related to electoral roll revision and law and order in the district. Assistant Electoral Officer, Chisho, briefed members on the Special Intensive Revision of the

electoral roll. He said Kohima district has 189 polling stations under six Assembly Constituencies, including three new polling stations added last year. He stressed that SIR is required due to rapid urbanisation, migration, and concerns regarding the quality of electoral rolls. Noting that electors have been categorised based on their linkage with the 2005 electoral roll, Mr Chisho informed that around 79 per cent mapping has been achieved so far. He clarified that during the SIR, Aadhaar will be accepted only as proof of identity and not as proof of citizenship, address, or date of birth. On the law and order situation, Senior Superintendent of Police Kohima, Krodi Rhetso, said police are closely monitoring reports of illegal taxation in Kohima town. Highlighting on the Manipur situation, he informed that several heavy vehicles remain stranded along National Highway-2 and security personnel have been deployed to ensure the safety of stranded drivers. He also appealed to the public to refrain from spreading provocative content on social media that could disturb peace and harmony.

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The National Democratic Alliance led by the BJP, has completed twelve years at the centre today. It was on this day in 2014, Narendra Modi took oath as the Prime Minister of India. On the occasion, Nagaland's Rajya Sabha MP S. Phangnon Konyak acknowledged the dynamic and visionary leadership of Mr Modi in driving India's progress and growing global stature, saying it reflects his unwavering commitment towards the welfare and empowerment of the poor, youth and women. She added that during the period, Northeast witnessed unprecedented attention in connectivity, infrastructure development and empowerment, with Nagaland receiving special focus through various transformative initiatives and continued support.

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The Centre has constituted a high-level committee to address the challenges of demographic change caused by infiltration and other factors. In a social media post, Union Home Minister Amit Shah today said the committee will be chaired by former Supreme Court Judge Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar. The Joint Secretary (Foreigners-I) in Home Ministry will serve as the Member Secretary. Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day speech last year had announced the High-Level Committee.

Mr Shah unnatural demographic change pose a significant challenge to the present and future of any nation, and is a serious issue linked not only to sovereignty but also to national security, law and order, and preservation of tribal society. The committee will also study abnormal population shifts among religious and social communities and present a planned and time-bound solution.

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The state Government has appointed the Commissioner of Nagaland as the Regulator under the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, 2019. The appointment was notified by the Finance Department on May 15 and comes into effect immediately. According to the notification, the Regulator will oversee and supervise matters relating to unregulated deposit schemes in the state and coordinate with enforcement authorities

under the Act. The government has also appointed Additional Secretary of the Finance Department, Revenue Branch, as the Competent Authority under the Act. Further, all Additional Deputy Commissioners posted at district headquarters are designated to assist in enforcement, field verification, and coordination with local authorities.

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The Labour Commissioner's office, Nagaland has issued an advisory directing employers and establishments across the state to take precautionary measures to protect workers from heat wave conditions. The advisory follows directions from the Ministry of Labour and Employment. The advisory has directed employers to reschedule working hours, wherever possible, to avoid outdoor work during peak heat hours and ensure adequate rest breaks. Construction agencies, factories, brick kilns, and other establishments have been directed to provide safe drinking water, shaded areas, cooling facilities, and emergency first-aid materials at workplaces. Special emphasis has been placed on daily wage earners, construction workers, brick kiln workers, and other outdoor labourers. The directive comes into immediate effect and will remain in force throughout the heat wave season or until further orders.

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