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- India, Vietnam ink MoUs in multiple fields
- Nagaland delegation visits key ports in Meghalaya and Assam to explore trade connectivity
- Akashvani Kohima to host marathon marking 90 years of broadcasting
- Nagaland secure dominating win in Under-20 Men's National Football Championship

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India and Vietnam today inked several MoUs in the fields of Digital Technology, Rare Earths, Medical Products Regulation, Public Sector Audit, Digital Payment System, and Culture and Tourism. The agreements were signed after talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of Vietnam To Lam in New Delhi. In his press statement, Prime Minister Modi said, in the India-Vietnam partnership, both heritage and development hold significance.

The Prime Minister said, with the MoUs, access to India's medicines will now increase in Vietnam, while Indian agriculture and animal products will also see smoother exports. He added that Vietnam is a key pillar of India's Act East Policy and Vision Ocean, and with its support, India will broaden relations with ASEAN. Vietnam President To Lam said, both sides will link the strategic vision and development strategies to better address turmoil in the world today.

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An official delegation from the Nagaland Department of Industries & Commerce and members of the Business Association of Nagas visited the Dawki Land Port in Meghalaya on Monday to explore opportunities for strengthening trade linkages. The team, led by Director P. Tokugha Sema and Additional Director, Y. Lipongse Thongtsar, carried out on-site assessments of infrastructure, logistics, and trade facilitation systems. They also held discussions with port authorities and stakeholders to understand operational procedures, regulatory frameworks, and prospects for expanding import and export activities. The delegation focused on identifying best practices that could be adapted in Nagaland to improve market access for local entrepreneurs, farmers, and businesses. On Tuesday, the delegation visited the Inland Container Depot at Amingaon in Guwahati, where they reviewed cargo handling, customs clearance, and logistics systems. The visit is part of ongoing efforts by the

Department to strengthen trade infrastructure, promote regional connectivity, and boost cross-border commerce in Nagaland.

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A district-level monsoon preparedness meeting was held in Kohima today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner B. Henok Buchem, with participation from police, line departments, and other stakeholders. The meeting reviewed vulnerable road stretches including the National Highway-29 stretch at Kezanu and Liezocha, which are highly vulnerable to landslides and traffic disruptions. Alternative routes were also assessed to ensure connectivity in the event of highway blockages. Highlighting recurring seasonal risks, the DC called for a coordinated and non-blame approach, urging all departments to take responsibility and improve readiness based on past experiences. Concerns over poor road conditions, vehicle breakdowns, and traffic congestion due to stranded heavy vehicles on highways were raised. Authorities directed that critical road repairs be completed within a week, with continuous maintenance and deployment of required machinery. Another matter included stricter traffic regulation, including enforcement of no-entry timings for heavy vehicles into the town, and shifting of holding zones closer to the Jotsoma bypass to ease congestion. The meeting further directed immediate clearing of blocked drainage systems. Departments were also advised to maintain adequate stock of essential supplies, such as food and medicines, for emergency situation.

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Deputy Commissioner of Kohima has issued an order directing strict compliance with provisions of the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025, and related rules, following instructions from the State Government and the Ministry of Home Affairs. As per the order, all accommodation providers, including hotels, guest houses, homestays, private rentals, as well as hospitals and nursing homes in Kohima district, must report the arrival of any foreigner or Overseas Citizen of India to the designated Registration Officer. They are also required to maintain proper records of foreign guests and produce them when demanded by authorities. In addition, details must be submitted online in the prescribed form within 24 hours of arrival through the official portal indianfrro.gov.in or mobile app 'Indian Visa Su-Swagatam'. The directive also applies to hostels, boarding houses, educational institutions, and other establishments housing foreign nationals. The order warns that failure to comply with the provisions will constitute a serious violation of national security protocols, and may attract penal action under the law. All stakeholders have therefore been directed to strictly adhere to the directive.

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The Directorate of Treasuries & Accounts today organised a one-day sensitization workshop in Kohima for all Heads of Departments to strengthen

financial governance and administrative accountability. The workshop aimed to enhance the capacity of Department Heads in handling financial matters with greater efficiency, clarity, and compliance. Sessions covered key topics including withdrawal of government funds, personal claims, audit, budget, procurement procedures, financial sanctions, and the National Pension Scheme. Discussions emphasized on minimizing procedural lapses and ensuring transparency in financial management. The workshop sought to address challenges in financial administration and ensure more effective decision-making in the management of public funds.

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To mark 90 years of broadcasting in India, Akashvani stations across the country will organise a Marathon and Walkathon on May 8. As part of this nationwide commemoration, Akashvani Kohima will host a marathon with participation from students of Government High Schools in Kohima. Head of Programme at Akashvani Kohima, Ella Kayina highlighted on the event.

Apart from school students, staff of Akashvani Kohima will also take part in the event.

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And, in football, Nagaland registered a dominant 8-1 victory over Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu in the Swami Vivekananda Under-20 Men's National Football Championship 2026 held at Chhattisgarh today. In the other Group B match, Manipur secured a 5-1 win against Chhattisgarh.

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