

THE HEADLINES :-

- **Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio appeals residents of state to actively participate in nationwide Census**
- **Nagaland steps up monsoon readiness ahead of rainy season**
- **Government approves forest land diversion for Dimapur-Zhadima power line**
- **State Home Department directs strict enforcement of single-use plastic ban**



Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has called on residents of the state to actively participate in the upcoming Census of India. Making the appeal on X, Mr Rio stressed that accurate data is essential for fair representation and informed planning for the state's development. He urged citizens to support a census that truly reflects the people and progress of Nagaland. A report...

Census 2027 is the first census in the country being carried out using digital tools.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today chaired a monsoon preparedness meeting with line departments and the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited. Taking to X, he said, the meeting reviewed infrastructure readiness, emergency response measures, healthcare support, and the availability of essential commodities and services. The Chief Minister added that ensuring coordination and timely action remains a priority.



The Government of Nagaland has permitted the diversion of 3.93 hectares of forest land at the Nagaland Zoological Park under Rangapahar Reserve Forest in Chumoukedima district, for the construction of a 220 kilovolt transmission line from Dimapur to Zhadima. The state government's approval follows the final clearance granted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office Shillong, in August last year, after conditions laid down in the Stage-One approval were complied with. The project will be implemented by the state Department of Power. As part of the conditions for the diversion, compensatory afforestation will be carried out over nearly 8 hectares of degraded forest land in Rangapahar Reserve Forest. The user agency has also been directed to ensure protection of wildlife, minimise felling of trees, install bird deflectors along the transmission line, and comply with all environmental and forest regulations. No labour camps or new roads will be allowed within the forest area, and the forest land cannot be transferred or used for any other purpose without prior approval from the Centre. The Divisional Forest Officer of the Nagaland Zoological Park Division has been directed to monitor compliance and submit regular reports to the concerned authorities.



The state Home Department has directed all village authorities across the state to strictly enforce the total ban on single-use plastic. The order was issued in line with Supreme Court directives and the Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules 2021. It reiterated earlier notifications of the Urban Development Department banning items such as plastic carry bags and cutlery, thermocol products, polythene, nylon, and PVC materials. The use of flex banners and plastic posters, as well as packaged drinking water bottles below 20 litres capacity have been banned during official functions have also been prohibited. All Deputy Commissioners have been directed to promptly circulate the directives, and ensure that such banned single-use plastic waste are collected and safely disposed of by village authorities.



Governor Nand Kishore Yadav's intervention has ensured the issuance of Unique Disability ID cards to three persons with disabilities in Peren district. According to a press release from the PRO Lok Bhavan, the Governor took note of a news report highlighting delays and directed the Health and Social Welfare Departments to complete the process by 29th of May. Following this, the pending UDID cards were issued to the beneficiaries. The Departments are also coordinating with the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India to provide assistive devices based on the beneficiaries' needs. Lauding the prompt response, the Governor reiterated the need for timely delivery of services to persons with disabilities, and directed officials to promptly address procedural delays.



A state-level workshop on Nagaland Food & Feed LINK 2.0 was held today at Kohima, organised by the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland. The initiative focuses on moving from planning to field-level implementation, strengthening enterprises, and scaling up clean energy-enabled interventions in food processing, feed production, aquaculture, coffee processing, fibre-based livelihoods, through improved credit linkage, market access, and capacity building. Speaking at the event, MLA Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhutso, said the initiative reflects a vision for a self-reliant Nagaland, where villages become centres of productivity, youth are empowered as job creators, and where development reaches the grassroots in a sustainable and inclusive manner. He stressed the need for stronger collaboration among stakeholders and improved access to credit and market opportunities for grassroots entrepreneurs. Dr. Rhutso also highlighted the need to promote youth and women-led enterprises, and creating sustainable livelihood within the state. The workshop brought together government departments, development partners, financiers, technology providers, entrepreneurs, and community institutions.



Two candidates have filed their nominations for the upcoming Wokha Town Council by-election from Tsumang-B Ward-8. The candidates are Mhomo Humtsoe of the Bharatiya Janata Party and Aling Lotha of the Naga People's Front. The nomination papers were submitted before ADC Wokha, Renbomo

Ezung, today, the last day of filing. Polling for the by-election is scheduled to take place on June 16.



Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh today inaugurated India's first integrated next-generation aviation weather and fog monitoring system - SkyCast, at Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi, under the flagship Mission Mausam. Addressing a press conference, Dr Singh said that the new system aims to strengthen airport weather monitoring and fog forecasting to support safer, more efficient, and weather-resilient air transportation operations.



Akashvani Kohima today bid farewell to Lower Division Clerk, Joseph Thomas, on his retirement from service. Mr Thomas began his career as a peon at CCW Guwahati on 19 February 1991 and was later transferred to AIR Kohima in June 2011. He was promoted to the post of Lower Division Clerk in July 2025. Speaking at the farewell programme, DDG(E) and Head of Office, KK Rengma, described Mr Thomas as a dedicated, sincere, and hardworking staff member. Senior officials also spoke on the occasion and conveyed appreciation for his years of service.

