

- **Lok Sabha MP S Supongmeren Jamir Flags Slow Progress of NHIDCL Road Projects**
- **Minister Temjen Imna Along inaugurates PM-USHA Projects at Dimapur College, stresses skill-based education and shared development responsibility**
- **Deputy Commissioner, Wokha Mhathung Tsanglao says Elephant conflict affects over 100 villages in Wokha**
- **ENPO Opposes Dilution of FNTA MoA, urges Nagaland Govt to table bill without changes**



Lok Sabha MP S Supongmeren Jamir today raised concerns over slow progress of NHIDCL road projects while addressing a press conference at Congress Bhavan, Kohima following inspections conducted on 28th and 29th May. The review covered Dimapur-Kohima and Kohima-Jessami road projects. Mr. Jamir said the inspection found road safety measures, including signage, safety installations, drainage maintenance in several locations.

The MP noted that most ongoing road projects will be completed by the end of the year, though the Kohima Bypass may take longer due to pending bridge works and land issues. He said a contractor handling a stretch between Patkai Bridge and Medziphema has been terminated over poor workmanship & a local contractor has been engaged for maintenance. Mr. Jamir expressed concern over theft of road safety infrastructure, particularly along Dimapur side, and urged authorities and village leaders to take action. On the Kohima-Jessami road, he said contractors have assured that potholes and blocked drains between BSF Camp Junction and Chakhabama will be addressed within 20 days. Referring to critical Package-II stretch from Chakhabama to RD Block, Kikruma, Jamir said only 42 percent of the work has been completed so far despite a January 2026 completion target. Following joint inspection involving civil society organizations & government authorities, the contractor was directed to achieve 80 percent completion by September 2026. Jamir also said the bridge below RD Block, Kikruma is expected to reopen for vehicular traffic by 20th June.



Higher Education and Tourism Minister Temjen Imna Along today said future Nagaland depends on transforming education by developing skilled and employable human resources. He said this after inaugurating three major infrastructure projects at Dimapur Government College under Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) scheme. He urged educational institutions to equip students with skills and adaptability needed in a rapidly changing, technology-driven world. Mr. Along stressed that cleanliness, conservation and development are shared responsibilities of both the government and citizens. The Minister also informed that a tourism-related project worth approximately 5–10 crore rupees was being planned. Higher Education Department Secretary Sarita Yadav said the new facilities will enhance academic

environment of the College and promote innovation, skill development, and student welfare.



Deputy Commissioner, Wokha, Mhathung Tsanglao today said Wokha remains one of the worst-affected districts in Nagaland, with elephant presence reported in over 100 villages and nearly 60 villages identified as active conflict zones. He was speaking during a seminar on “Access to Justice for Victims of Human-Wildlife Conflict at Wokha today organized by Nagaland State Legal Services Authority in collaboration with Wokha DLSA and district administration. He said human-elephant conflict has caused extensive damage to paddy fields, plantations, farmhouses and other agricultural properties, severely affecting livelihoods.

Member Secretary, NSLSA, Neiko Akami said Access to Justice for Victims of Human-Wildlife Conflict 2025 scheme has been introduced to provide legal assistance to victims in pursuing compensation and relief measures. He said victims can seek support from Legal Services Authority for documentation, filing claims and grievance redressal. Wildlife Warden, Dimapur, Dr. C. Zubeni Tsanglao stressed the need for coexistence and conservation noting that increasing human settlements and encroachment on wildlife habitats have significantly contributed to rise in conflicts. Presenting relief measures under State Disaster Response Fund, Assistant Manager (Relief, Recovery and Mitigation), NSDMA, L. Jonjibemo Odyuo, informed that 483 beneficiaries across 13 districts received relief amounting to 70.88 lakh rupees under wild animal-related disasters between 2018 and 2026. During the programme, relief assistance were distributed to victims affected by human-wildlife conflict.



The Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO) has expressed concern over Nagaland government's reported objections to Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signed on 5th February, 2026. In a statement, ENPO alleged that the state's attempts to alter or dilute the MoA's core provisions granting legislative, executive and financial autonomy to Eastern Nagaland undermine the agreement. The organisation urged the government to honour its commitments and table the FNTA Bill in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly without modifying the provisions of the signed MoA.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani tomorrow at 11 AM. It will be the 134th episode of the monthly radio programme.



A court in Kohima has sentenced a man to life imprisonment for murder of his stepfather and grievous assault of his biological mother in a case dating back to December 2022. Principal District and Sessions Judge Mezivolu T. Therieh convicted Rukhetoulie Chupuo under Sections 302 and 325 of Indian Penal Code. The incident occurred at Model Village, Vipphoma, where the accused attacked his parents inside their residence. According to prosecution, the assault followed a dispute after accused allegedly demanded money from his parents. He later fled the

scene. During trial, 11 witnesses were examined. The court additionally, fined 5,000 rupees and 2,000 rupees. In its judgment, the court noted that while the defense raised mitigating factors, including accused's health condition, the gravity and brutality of the offence outweighed such considerations, warranting sentence imposed.



The Fast Track Special Court, Dimapur presided over by Special Judge Khesheli Chishi has convicted Pipenthung Lotha alias Dipen Mech for repeated sexual assault and criminal intimidation of a minor girl, sentencing him to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment under Section 376 and Section 506 of Indian Penal Code. During investigation, crucial medical and forensic evidence was collected after the survivor was found to be in an advanced stage of pregnancy. The investigation was backed by witness testimonies, medical evidence, and report from Central Forensic Science Laboratory. The DNA analysis confirmed convict's genetic profile matched that newborn child. Although the court granted technical discharge under POCSO Act due to deficiencies in age-verification records, it rejected the defence's claim of a consensual relationship and convicted the accused under the IPC.



Deputy Commissioner Kohima has revised earlier traffic restrictions on National Highway-2 between Kohima and Mao, easing movement of essential services. As per updated order, the restriction will now apply only to heavy vehicles with more than ten wheels with immediate effect.

