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- Governor Nand Kishore Yadav emphasizes on inclusive development
- Kohima Court sentences man to 10 years rigorous imprisonment in 2019 rape case
- Naga Students' Federation alleges large-scale recruitment irregularities, warn of agitation
- And, Nagaland Health Protection Society rolls out '100 Days Ayushman Student Coverage Mission'



Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav has emphasized that development is most effective when it is inclusive and responsive to local needs. The Governor said this while interacting with civil society leaders and department officials during his visit to Niuland today. He highlighted Niuland's potential as one of the state's youngest districts and lauded the strong sense of unity and identity among its people. The Governor noted that his visit aims to understand local aspirations and challenges, urging all stakeholders to work together to ensure that government initiatives reach every household. He also emphasized peace, community bonds, and values of integrity and responsibility. Mr Yadav noted that on its growth path, Niuland must have a vision that balances development with preservation of cultural heritage and traditions. He underscored the key role of community leaders particularly the GBs and tribal organizations in guiding society and shaping the future of this district. Assuring continued support, he

expressed confidence that Niuland can emerge as a model district. During his visit, he reviewed the functioning of the Medical and School Education departments, and emphasized the need for strengthening essential services and ensuring effective implementation of welfare programmes at the grassroots level. The Governor also interacted with beneficiaries of various government schemes.



The Principal District and Sessions Court, Kohima has sentenced a 64-year-old man to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment in a 2019 rape case involving an intellectually impaired woman at Sechü Zubza. The court ruled that, the convict, Kevi Meru, committed grave offences including rape, trafficking and making the victim view obscene materials, which called for stern and proportionate punishment. In the judgement delivered yesterday, the court sentenced him to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of 10,000 rupees for rape, 7 years rigorous imprisonment with a fine of 5,000 rupees for trafficking, and one year simple imprisonment with a fine of 1,000 rupees for related offences. All sentences will run concurrently. The court also directed part of the fine to be paid to the victim for medical and rehabilitation support. During the trial, 17 prosecution witnesses were examined.



The Naga Students' Federation (NSF) has alleged large-scale irregularities in government recruitment, claiming that 109 posts across 16 departments were filled without due process. Addressing a press conference in Kohima today, NSF President Mteisuding said the federation has always stood for meritocracy and transparency. He said that the state government has referred the matter to a cabinet sub-committee, and that the NSF will await its decision before taking further steps.

NSF Vice President Vimeyiekho Vitso said the posts included 13 posts under the Nagaland Public Service Commission and 96 under Nagaland Staff Selection Board, alleging that they were filled without open advertisement or proper

recruitment procedures. He said the appointments violate government regulations and directly deprive eligible youth of fair opportunities.

Asserting that it is gathering further information through RTI applications across more departments, the NSF warned that it will pursue democratic agitation if the government fails to take action.



Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) will conduct the HSLC and HSSLC Compartmental & Improvement Examination 2026 next month. The board has notified the routines for both examinations which will be held from June 9 to 20. NBSE has informed that the examination routine will not be changed in the event of any unexpected holiday. However, any cancellation or postponement will be notified through the media. Students can access the routines on the Board's website at www.nbsenl.edu.in.



The Nagaland Health Protection Society is rolling out the '100 Days Ayushman Student Coverage Mission' across the state from May to August. Under the initiative, registration and Ayushman card generation camps will be held in selected educational institutions to enroll eligible students under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and the Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme. The mission will be conducted in collaboration with the district administrations, and aims to strengthen student health security through universal registration and improved access to healthcare benefits, reaffirming the government's commitment to universal health protection.



An Adult Literacy Campaign was launched at Pangti Village under RD Block Sanis in Wokha district today, marking a significant step towards inclusive education in the region. The programme was organised by the Samyan Federation Sanis and National Rural Livelihoods Mission BMMU Sanis under PRI-CBO convergence, in collaboration with the Wokha District Administration, Department of Social Welfare, District Hub for Empowerment of Women under Mission Shakti, and the Department of School Education. A total of 87 learners were enrolled, aged between 37 to 85 years. With this, Pangti becomes the fourth village in Wokha district to initiate the campaign.



Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has reiterated the government's commitment to building a strong research and innovation ecosystem in the country. Addressing the IIT Madras Tech Summit in New Delhi today, Mr Pradhan emphasized the need to transform India's research ecosystem to deliver innovation-driven outcomes. He said research should not remain limited to PhD theses and academic publications, but must lead to tangible innovations that benefit society.



In sports, Nagaland held hosts Chhattisgarh to a 1-1 draw in the Swami Vivekananda Under-20 Men's National Football Championship 2026 yesterday. Chhattisgarh took the lead in the 62nd minute through a penalty converted by Indrajit Roy. Nagaland, however, equalized when Vinato Achumi scored in the ninety plus six minutes to equalise. After two round of matches, Manipur lead Group B with six points, followed by Chhattisgarh with four points, and Nagaland with one point. Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu remain without a point. In the final group matches tomorrow, Nagaland will face Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, while Manipur will take on Chhattisgarh.

