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- Governor Nand Kishore Yadav stresses role of cooperatives in state's growth
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio inaugurates 16 sports infrastructure projects across state
- Minister Temjen Imna Along lays foundation stones for four Model Degree Colleges
- Chief Secretary Sentianger calls for technology-driven women entrepreneurship

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Nagaland today marked the State-level celebration of CO-OPS Day and Cooperative Week at Lok Bhavan in Kohima, commemorating the International Day of Cooperatives 2026 and five years of the Cooperation Ministry. Addressing the event, Governor Nand Kishore Yadav, said the cooperative movement has played a transformative role in promoting inclusive growth through self-help, mutual support and collective action.

The Governor said, that under the vision of "Sahakar Se Samriddhi", the Cooperation Ministry has undertaken major initiatives to position cooperatives as key drivers of Atmanirbhar Bharat. Highlighting Nagaland's potential in dairy, fisheries, piggery, handloom and handicrafts, and organic agriculture, he

stressed the need for greater use of technology, increased youth participation, women's empowerment and skill development to build stronger market-oriented cooperatives. Also speaking on the occasion, Cooperation Minister Jacob Zhimomi stressed that strengthening cooperatives, promoting digital transactions and improving direct market access for farmers would contribute significantly to Nagaland's economic growth.

Earlier, the Governor virtually inaugurated four Model Cooperative Society Offices on the occasion. Nagaland is holding week-long celebration with awareness campaigns, cleanliness drives, and plantation activities across the state.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today virtually inaugurated 16 sports infrastructure projects, including four under the Khelo India programme and 12 State-funded projects from the Chief Minister's Residential Complex in Kohima. The virtual inauguration was attended by Deputy Chief Ministers Y. Patton and T.R. Zeliang, along with Advisors and senior State government officials. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya also joined the programme virtually.

Taking to social media platform X, Chief Minister Rio expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his vision of promoting youth development and sports across the country. He said, the State Government has put in place a long-term strategy to transform the sports sector by developing quality infrastructure and creating an environment that enables athletes to excel. The Chief Minister reiterated the government's vision of building sports facilities comparable with the best in the country while providing world-class training and support to sportspersons, enabling them to bring laurels to both Nagaland and the nation.

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Minister for Rural Development Metsubo Jamir is attending the National Workshop of State Panchayati Raj Ministers on the recommendations of the Sixteenth Finance Commission being held at New Delhi. Addressing the workshop, called for ensuring effective support for local governance systems and strengthening rural infrastructure.

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Higher Education Minister, Temjen Imna Along, today virtually laid the foundation stones for four New Model Degree Colleges under the PM-USHA scheme. The colleges will be set up at Niuland, Noklak, Shamator, and Tseminyu. The virtual programme was attended by officials from the Union Ministry of Education, state Higher Education Department, and members of PM-USHA team.

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The SELCO Foundation in partnership with the Nagaland Rural Livelihood Mission organised a trade facilitation fair today at the NBCC Convention Centre in Kohima. The fair aimed to showcase solutions that support and promote rural entrepreneurship in the state. Addressing the programme, Chief Secretary Sentiyanger Imchen, highlighted the importance of women-led enterprises in driving Nagaland's sustainable and climate-smart development.

He said, the state's immense potential can only be possible with rural women being empowered with modern technology, knowhow and financial inclusion.

Mr Imchen also acknowledged the SELCO Foundation for its partnership and commitment to serve rural communities. He encouraged the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and rural entrepreneurs to make the most of this opportunity and transform livelihoods and pave the way for many more successful women-led enterprises across the state. Director of SELCO foundation, Huda Jaffer emphasized that SELCO prioritizes transparent and genuine partnerships with their products solely focused on need-based user centric designs. Earlier, the

Chief Secretary inaugurated 19 exhibitions stalls showcasing climate smart solutions, financing and SHGs products.

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And, Nagaland today got its first Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) Aadhaar Seva Kendra. Advisor for Tribal Affairs and Election, H. Tovihoto Ayemi inaugurated the facility at Purana Bazaar in Dimapur. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Ayemi described the inauguration as a major milestone for the State, and urged people to make full use of the facility. He highlighted the importance of Aadhaar in ensuring uninterrupted access to education and other government services.

Deputy Director General of UIDAI Regional Office, Guwahati, Ngachan Zimik, called for achieving universal Aadhaar enrolment in Nagaland and urged parents to complete the mandatory biometric updates of children. He informed that the biometric update service will remain free of cost until September 30. The Aadhaar Seva Kendra has the capacity to process up to 250 enrolment and update requests daily. The centre will remain open all days of the week except on public holidays.

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