

THE HEADLINES:

- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio highlights gaming and technology as career pathways
- Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton calls drug trade threat to Nagaland youth
- Workshop on voice culture and articulation underway in Akashvani Kohima
- Nagaland Assembly to hold two-day session next week



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today said gaming and technology can open new career opportunities for Nagaland's youth and help connect their talent with national and global opportunities. Speaking at the inauguration of the Tech X Gaming Expo 2026 in Kohima, Mr Rio said gaming and e-sports should not be seen only as recreation, but as potential career pathways in race engineering, game development, data analysis, streaming and digital content. Referring to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, Mr Rio said technology could help Nagaland overcome geographical constraints and give young people access to opportunities without having to leave the state. The Chief Minister also highlighted government initiatives in areas artificial intelligence, drone technology, GIS, IT, start-ups and e-sports. He welcomed the proposed collaboration with Google involving an investment of more than 100 million rupees in school education, describing it as an important step towards improving learning outcomes and developing 21st-century skills. Mr Rio urged young people to explore opportunities in gaming, coding, AI, music, design, robotics, sports and entrepreneurship, reaffirming the government's commitment to youth development through skills, exposure and technology.

Organised by the Nagaland Esports Society, the Tech X Gaming Expo is being held till tomorrow. The two-day Expo is hosting the Kohima round of the F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026 besides, e-sports and gaming competitions, digital art and AI challenges, workshops, panel discussions, technology exhibitions.



Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton has said the illicit trade in restricted pharmaceuticals poses a serious threat to the state's youth and remains a major concern for parents and families. Mr Patton appreciated the Nagaland Police and Dimapur Police for their timely action in seizing a large consignment of illicit cough syrup in Dimapur. He said the seizure reflects the state's resolve in the ongoing fight against drugs and its commitment to protecting young lives and creating a safer environment for future generations. Mr Patton said investigation is underway to trace the wider supply network and identify those involved in the illicit trade.



A two-day workshop on Voice Culture and Articulation jointly organised by National Academy of Broadcasting and Multimedia (NABM) Delhi, the apex training institution of Prasar Bharati, and Akashvani Kohima got underway today. It aims to strengthen presentation skills, diction, and the effective use of intonation among dialect presenters, radio jockeys and news readers. Head of Office, Akashvani Kohima, K.K. Rengma, inaugurated the workshop, while ADG Training, Prasar Bharati, Rehan Ahmad Warsi, and DDG and Head of Office, NABM, Sunil Bhatia, joined the inaugural session virtually. Speaking at the programme, NABM Programme Executive Dr. D.K. Mazumder stressed the need to preserve the purity and authenticity of dialects. He said dialects carry the history, culture and identity of communities, making dialect announcers important custodians of linguistic and cultural heritage.

While acknowledging that dialects and languages must evolve, he cautioned that increasing linguistic mixing in today's age of social media should not dilute their essential identity. He also called on participants to consult elders, scholars and fluent native speakers to help preserve linguistic resources for future generations. The workshop includes dialect experts from tribal literature boards as resource persons, covering programmes in 15 dialects.



Nagaland Legislative Assembly will hold the ninth session of the 14th State Assembly on September 1 and 3. According to the Provisional Programme of Business released today, the two-day session will begin with obituary reference followed by Question hour. The agenda on the first day include Reporting on Assent of Bills, Introduction of Government Bills and resolutions, and discussions on Matters of Urgent Public Importance. On September 3, the House will take up questions, presentation of CAG reports, consideration of Government Bills and resolutions, and any unfinished business before being

adjourned sine-die. Both days will also witness presentation of Annual Administrative Reports and Assembly Committee Reports.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the Jan Dhan Yojana has delivered unprecedented scale and transformative outcomes, with an unparalleled impact in the last 12 years. In a social media post, Mr Modi said that Jan Dhan Yojana is playing a significant role in advancing financial inclusion and empowering people across the country. Under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, more than 59 crore accounts have been opened so far, with total deposits amounting to three lakh 17 thousand crore rupees. The scheme was launched by Prime Minister Modi on this day in 2014. As the world's largest financial inclusion initiative, the scheme continues to redefine access to banking for all Indians.



A two-day national seminar on the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation (BEFR), 1873 and ILP implementation, organised by the Naga Students' Federation (NSF), began at Town Hall, Dimapur, today. Addressing the inaugural session, Chairman of the NSF's Inner Line Regulation Commission, Senchumo NSN Lotha said, RTI responses showed that over 2.26 lakh Inner Line Permits (ILPs) were issued in Kohima between January 2003 and October 2020, while only 36 people were deported for violations. Expressing concern over the present enforcement of BEFR in Nagaland, he called for a more comprehensive approach involving the government and civil society. Nagaland Home Commissioner Abhijit Sinha said the BEFR continues to be an important mechanism for safeguarding indigenous communities. Noting that Nagaland's ILP regime had evolved over the years, he highlighted steps taken by the government to strengthen its implementation. Emphasising the need for a balanced approach, Mr Sinha called for a system that safeguards indigenous interests while facilitating tourism, economic activity and development.



And, Representatives of three villages in Wokha district have appealed to the Nagaland Government to intervene after a road connection to the highway was blocked following tensions along the Assam-Nagaland border at Negheribil on August 25 and 26. Addressing a press conference last evening, representatives of Longayim, Mekirang and Longchum villages said the blockade has disrupted the movement of residents and called for the alternate route to be improved. They further raised concerns over alleged encroachment and settlement in surrounding forest reserve areas and called for any action to be taken jointly

by the Assam and Nagaland governments. The representatives urged the Nagaland Government to take up the matter with the Assam Government through dialogue, stressing the need to maintain cordial relations among communities along the border.

