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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton called on Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi today. During the meeting, Mr Rio sought the Union Minister's intervention and support in fast-tracking Nagaland's developmental aspirations. Deputy Chief Minister Patton said the leaders discussed key issues concerning Nagaland, including development priorities and the welfare and aspirations of the people. Both leaders thanked the Union Minister for his continued guidance and support to Nagaland.



Nagaland's first Centre of Logistics Training for Excellence (COLTE), was inaugurated today in Dimapur aimed to equip youth with industry-oriented skills and improve employment opportunities in the logistics sector. Inaugurating the Centre, Deputy Chief Minister T. R. Zeliang, said the initiative marked an important step towards connecting the Naga youth with opportunities in India's rapidly growing logistics and supply-chain sector. He noted that more than 71,000 people in the state were registered as unemployed with the Employment Exchanges, with 92 percent lacking formal technical or vocational training. He expressed confidence that the initiative would bring a meaningful change to the State's unemployment scenario.

Advisor for Labour, Employment & Skill Development, Moatoshi Longkumer, said COLTE would provide upskilling, practical training, placement support and specialised programmes designed to meet industry needs. He urged young

people to explore opportunities outside the government sector and make full use of the Centre's facilities to ensure training translated into meaningful jobs.

The Centre is a public-private partnership involving the Nagaland Government, Redington Foundation, the Logistics Sector Skill Council, and the CII Institute of Logistics. It aims to train around 400 unemployed youth from economically weaker sections annually, with at least 20 percent female participation. An MoU was also exchanged between the Logistics Sector Skill Council and Zipaworld Innovation for international placement opportunities.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin today held bilateral talks this evening at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The two leaders discussed a range of issues of mutual interest. President Putin arrived in the national capital in the early hours today to attend the BRICS Summit. Prime Minister Modi will hold talks with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. The 18th BRICS Summit is set to begin at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi tomorrow. The theme of India's Chairship 2026 is Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability.



Advisor for Soil and Water Conservation, Daochier I. Imchen, visited the Research and Training Centre at Sechü Zubza today to assess the functioning and activities of the institute. The Advisor inspected the Biofertilizer Production Unit, Vermicompost Unit, Soil Testing Laboratory, and Agroforestry Nursery, taking stock of the existing facilities and their condition. During the visit, Mr Daochier also interacted with the officers and staff of the Centre. They discussed the activities, challenges, and welfare of the institute, with particular emphasis on strengthening its programmes and facilities.



Angami Women Organisation (AWO) celebrated Khoupfhünyi, a traditional Angami festival associated with young girls, at Khuochiezie in Kohima today. Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Women Resources Development and Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse, stressed the importance of preserving traditional and cultural values. With the state government promoting tourism, she said documenting traditional stories, customs and practices would help preserve them for future generations, while also supporting the tourism sector. She highlighted the role of women and girls in building peaceful and progressive

families and society, saying Khoupfhünyi provides an opportunity to honour their contributions. Angami Public Organisation President Thejao Vihienuo said August 28 has been designated as Khoupfhünyi Day and APO has approached the state government include it the official calendar as a restricted holiday. Minister Kruse endorsed the proposal, saying recognition of Khoupfhünyi would promote unity and cooperation among the Angami community. She also released the AWO book 'Cultural Footprints: Give to Gain' which showcases select traditional cuisine and attire of the Angami tribe. AWO General Secretary Atono Kense spoke on the significance of Khoupfhünyi, highlighting it as a celebration of blessings, sharing and togetherness among girls, marked by the exchange of food, communal feasting and special offerings. The programme also featured traditional songs, a play, and presentation of traditional cuisine and dress.



The state Department of Health & Family Welfare has announced that the Common Scholarship Portal for students pursuing medical, nursing, and paramedical courses will be open from September 16 to October 15. Eligible students can apply through the portal scholarship.nagaland.gov.in. The Department clarified that applications will be accepted only through portal and hardcopy submitted to the Directorate will not be considered. It said, only students who have been selected through NEET or NSEE State Departmental Examinations and currently enrolled in the courses are eligible. The Department also noted that students availing any other state or central scholarship are not eligible for the medical scholarship scheme.



The Women's Volleyball Tournament organised by the 78 Battalion CRPF in collaboration with the Sports Authority of India, Dimapur, under the 'SPANDAN – Sports for Peace and Development' concluded yesterday. The tournament, held from September 7 to 10, featured 18 teams from across Nagaland. In the final, MADFA defeated VOLARIS to claim the title. Addressing the closing ceremony, Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, Aotula T. Imchen highlighted the significant role of women in nation-building and societal development, noting their growing contributions across diverse fields. She also emphasised the role of sports in developing confidence, discipline, leadership, and teamwork among women and young girls.

The tournament is part of the CRPF's efforts to promote women's empowerment, youth engagement, peace and stronger community ties. The CRPF also invited the public to take part in the upcoming State-Level Half Marathon, 'Nagaland's Biggest Run', scheduled to be held on October 5 at IG Stadium in Kohima.

