

THE HEADLINES:

- Union Minister Amit Shah says, India's linguistic diversity strengthens unity amidst diversity
- Hindi Diwas celebrated across the country today; Governor Nand Kishore Yadav extends greetings
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio says BRICS Summit strengthened India's diplomatic stature and leadership of the Global South
- Minister Jacob Zhimomi stresses on unity and cooperation for development



Union Home Minister Amit Shah said India's linguistic diversity strengthens the sense of unity in diversity in India. In a video message on the occasion of Hindi Diwas, Mr Shah said India is a land of linguistic diversity and cultural prosperity and asserted that the country's many languages are its strength, rather than a drawback. He said the progress of Hindi is purposeful only when it moves forward while ensuring the dignity, promotion and protection of other Indian languages.

The Minister also presented the 'Rajbhasha Gaurav' and 'Rajbhasha Kirti' Awards 2025-26 at the 6th All India Official Language Conference in Navi Mumbai today. On the occasion, 11 institutions and individuals were honoured for outstanding contributions to the field of Official Language. Bharati Multilingual Translation App was inaugurated and Bhasha Kunj, India's first data centre dedicated to Indian languages, was launched. Hindi Diwas is being celebrated today, commemorating the adoption of Hindi written in Devanagari script as the country's official language.



Governor Nand Kishore Yadav has extended greetings to the people on the occasion of Hindi Diwas. In a message on X, Governor Yadav described Hindi as a reflection of India's culture, identity and thoughts. He called for collective efforts to further enrich and empower the language and promote it on the global stage. Also extending greetings, Rajya Sabha MP Phangnon Konyak said

India's linguistic diversity strengthens national unity by connecting millions across the country and beyond.



Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Government of India on the successful conduct of the BRICS Summit. In a social media post, Mr Rio said the summit strengthened India's diplomatic stature and leadership of the Global South, while advancing economic, technological and strategic cooperation among BRICS member nations.



Minister for PHED and Cooperation, Jacob Zhimomi, today inaugurated a newly constructed Type-C flat-type quarter for administrative officers at Niuland. Speaking at the inauguration, Mr Zhimomi said the state government is making efforts to provide necessary infrastructure in all newly created districts, within the resources available to the state. He also called for unity and cooperation among communities, cautioning that divisions among tribes, civil society and political groups could hamper development. The Minister expressed satisfaction over the timely completion of the project in accordance with the required specifications.

Advisor CAWD, Kudecho Khamo, who also attended the inauguration, said the new complex would accommodate various line departments and urged all to preserve government properties as their own. The Type-C quarter is a duplex building comprising two residential units, equipped with 24-hour water supply and sanitation facilities, rainwater harvesting and electrification.



Zunheboto district today formally launched Poshan Maah 2026 with a District Convergence Meeting, bringing together government departments and community stakeholders. The campaign, being observed till October 8, is centred on the theme 'Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari', highlighting the shared responsibility of communities in ensuring the health and nutrition of children and mothers. Speaking at the programme, Deputy Commissioner Dharam Raj, stressed that healthy mothers and children are essential for building a healthy society. He said efforts to address malnutrition must continue beyond the month-long campaign and called for sustained action throughout the year. The programme concluded with participants taking the Poshan Pledge. Activities during the Poshan Maah will include intensified home visits,

regular growth monitoring of children, nutrition tracking and promotion of locally available nutritious foods.



The temporarily restored Lein Bridge on the Noklak-Panso road via Lengnyu-Tsuwao has been opened for vehicular movement. In a travel advisory issued today, Noklak Deputy Commissioner P. Mono Khamniungan said, the bridge is presently motorable for light vehicles only. He advised commuters and drivers to maintain a safe speed, avoid overloading and use the bridge with due caution. The bridge had collapsed in July following heavy rainfall, cutting off surrounding villages. The temporary wooden bridge was constructed through the efforts of Noklak District Disaster Management Authority, Road and Bridge Department and village councils of Lengnyu and Tsuwao.



District-level youth festivals were held today in several districts. Organised by the District Youth Resources and Sports Offices, the festival provided young people a platform to showcase their cultural, creative and oratory skills. Competitions were held in declamation, folk song and folk dance. In Noklak, the festival was held under the theme, 'Youth, Skill and a Self-Reliant Nagaland' at Noklak Village. Government Higher Secondary School, won the folk song and folk dance competitions, while St. Paul School, secured first place in declamation. In Shamator, Christian High School won in folk song, Government Higher Secondary School in folk dance Shamator college in declamation. In Tuensang, six teams participated in the festival held at the Loyem Memorial Astro Turf Ground. Government Higher Secondary School, Hakushang, secured first place in folk dance, and St. John Higher Secondary School in declamation. Tuensang Village Students Union won the folk song competition.

Meanwhile, the festival at Old Town Zunheboto saw participants from three educational institutions. Cornerstone Higher Secondary School won in declamation and folk dance, while Zunheboto Government College secured first position in folk song. The winners will represent their districts at the state-level competition.



The India Meteorological Department has forecast isolated to scattered rainfall over Nagaland and the neighbouring states throughout the week. The showers are likely to be accompanied by thunderstorm and lightning. The weather agency said, scattered rainfall is very likely across all districts in Nagaland tomorrow.

