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- Nagaland Cabinet Sub-Committee recommends termination in 15 appointment cases over irregularities
- State government, FNR discuss repatriation of 39 Naga ancestral remains from Oxford
- Advisor Hekani Jakhalu calls for deployment of adequate teachers in government schools
- And, Nagaland records over 25 thousand activities during Rashtriya Poshan Maah

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The state cabinet sub-committee today held a meeting with the Naga Students' Federation (NSF) to discuss alleged irregularities in government appointments. Speaking to media persons after the meeting in Kohima, School Education Advisor, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, said 69 of the 107 distinct appointments flagged by the NSF remain under review. He said, while the NSF had submitted a list of 109 appointments for scrutiny, two entries were found to be duplicates. Dr Yhome said the Sub-Committee had recommended termination in 15 cases, including 12 appointments made against posts meant to be filled through the Nagaland Public Service Commission without open advertisement, and three against unsanctioned posts. Four other appointments had already been terminated due to procedural irregularities. Meanwhile, 19 cases involved regularisation of services in accordance with government policy. Dr. Yhome said, of the 69 cases still under consideration, 22 involve appointments made in violation of the government's ban on fresh appointments imposed in 2020 as part of the COVID-19 austerity measures. He said the Sub-Committee, headed by Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton, would submit its recommendations to the Cabinet for further action.

Dr. Yhome also stressed the need to fix accountability on officials who authorised appointments in violation of government orders.

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The state government today held a meeting with representatives of the Forum for Naga Reconciliation (FNR) to discuss the repatriation of 39 Naga ancestral human remains currently housed at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. In a social media post, Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton said the meeting deliberated on the way forward to facilitate the return of the

remains with due respect, dignity and sensitivity. He appreciated the efforts of the FNR in pursuing the matter and expressed hope for continued engagement to ensure the dignified return of the ancestors to their homeland. Minister for Roads & Bridges, G. Kaito Aye, Principal Secretary, Abhijit Sinha, and Special Secretary (Home) Limasunep, also participated in the meeting.

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Advisor for Industries and Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu, has called for deployment of adequate teachers in government schools. While acknowledging the financial constraints faced by the government, she stressed that children should not suffer due to inadequate educational facilities. Ms Jakhalu was speaking at the District Planning and Development Board meeting of Chümoukedima today. She also highlighted the district's potential as a sericulture belt and called for stronger market linkages and sustained support for farmers. Meanwhile, the board recommended upgrading Government High School, Dhansiripar, to a Higher Secondary School and Government Middle School, Seitheke Basa, to a Government High School, while urging for ensuring adequate provision of teachers. The Board also recommended upgrading the Health and Wellness Centre at Sovima to a Primary Health Centre.

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The Dimapur Police have directed all lodging and accommodation establishments in Chümoukedima, Dimapur, and Niuland districts to register under the Sarais Act, 1867. In an order, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) asked owners and persons in charge of hotels, inns, guest houses, homestays and other establishments covered under the Act to ensure proper registration in accordance with the law. Establishments yet to register have been directed to complete the formalities within seven days.

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Nagaland recorded 25,440 activities across all 17 districts during the 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026, according to data from the Poshan Abhiyaan Jan Andolan dashboard and the State Project Management Unit of the Department of Social Welfare. As of October 9, Mokokchung district led the state with 3,076 activities, while Mon ranked second with 2,609. Observed under the theme, 'Hamari Anganwadi, Hamari Jimmedari', the month-long campaign focused on improving nutrition, maternal health and early childhood development through community participation. Nutrition, Early Stimulation and Education for Childhood Development recorded the highest number of activities in the state, at 5,679, followed by Community Ownership and Accountability with 5,093, and fresh hot

cooked meals at Anganwadi Centres with 4,903 activities. Led by the Social Welfare Department, Poshan Maah brought together several government departments, Anganwadi workers, health personnel, self-help groups, Village Councils, and community leaders to advance the goal of a healthier, well-nourished Nagaland.

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Centre has urged all States and Union Territories to ensure the prominent display of rates charged for services and facilities offered by clinical establishments. The move aims to empower patients to make informed healthcare decisions, prevent billing-related disputes and strengthen trust in healthcare services. Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava has written a letter to the Chief Secretaries of all States and UTs in this regard. Emphasising the importance of transparency in healthcare pricing, the minister noted that the conspicuous display of rates will help patients and their families to understand the likely cost of treatment and plan their medical expenditure.

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And, Deputy Commissioner of Mokokchung, Ajit Kumar Verma, has issued a travel advisory in view of the 25th Dr. T. Ao Inter-District Football Trophy. Under the advisory, all heavy vehicles plying on the Mokokchung-Ungma-Tuensang Road, National Highway-202, has been directed to divert via the Mokokchung-Chare Road bypass from today till the 29th of October. The advisory has directed all transport operators and heavy vehicle drivers to strictly comply with the order and urged the public to cooperate to ensure smooth traffic and public safety during the tournament.

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