

THE HEADLINES:

- President Droupadi Murmu calls for drawing lessons from tribal communities' respect for nature
- Nine Nagaland officers included in select list for promotion to Indian Administrative Service
- Nagaland steps up efforts to integrate tobacco cessation into primary healthcare
- Nagaland United Sports Club to make historic Indian Football League debut on October 30.



President Droupadi Murmu has urged people to draw lessons from the nature-nurturing lifestyle of tribal communities, stressing the importance of protecting the environment while pursuing development. Addressing the 'Bastar Dussehra Festival 2026' event in Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh, today, she said protecting nature as a source of life should be the primary responsibility of every community. President Murmu lauded the initiatives to provide financial assistance to tribal entrepreneurs and connect them with markets, saying these efforts would help achieve to the goal of a developed India by 2047 through equitable and inclusive development.



Nine Nagaland State Civil Service officers have been included in the Select List of 2025 for promotion to the Indian Administrative Service. The officers are Wonchio Odyuo, Elizabeth Ngully, Linda Solo, Yongchingkumla, S. Tainiu, Sentiwapang Aier, Sara S. Jamir, T. Yanpvuthung Kikon and T. Wati Aier. According to a notification issued by the Union Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions today, the select list was prepared on September 18 and approved on October 19. The list covers vacancies arising between January and December 2025 under the State Civil Service promotion quota for the Nagaland cadre. Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton has extended congratulations to promoted officers, saying the significant milestone reflected years of dedicated service, perseverance and commitment to public welfare.



Nagaland is taking steps to integrate tobacco cessation advice into routine primary healthcare services across the state. The Health and Family Welfare Department conducted a State Level Capacity Building of Master Trainers in Kohima today, under the National Tobacco Control Programme, in collaboration with Vital Strategies, New Delhi. Speaking at the event, Secretary for Health and Family Welfare, S. Tainiu, stressed the need to make brief advice for tobacco cessation a regular part of healthcare delivery rather than limiting it to occasional campaigns. The programme also called on health workers, particularly those at the primary care level, to support patients in quitting tobacco. During the event, two training publications were released, while participants discussed district action plans to improve tobacco cessation services.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the youth have always remained at the centre of his government's policies and initiatives. Inaugurating the Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav Global Sammelan at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi today, Mr Modi said that all institutions must work towards the common goals of national development and scaling the country's pride. He stressed the need to unite society against divisive forces, promote self-reliance and involve every citizen in the resolve to build a developed India by 2047.

The three-day Sammelan has brought together over 9,000 participants from India and abroad, marking the culmination of year-long celebrations commemorating 75 years of the Chinmaya Mission.



A two-day Seed the Future Entrepreneur Programme training commenced in Phesama today, aimed at promoting innovation and entrepreneurial thinking among students to develop practical solutions to real-world challenges. The programme is organised and funded by Dassault Systèmes La Fondation, with support from Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog. It is being implemented in Nagaland by Lend A Hand India in partnership with Samagra Shiksha Nagaland, Department of School Education. Ten schools across Nagaland, along with interns from three government polytechnics, are participating in the training. The two-day training includes design thinking, hands-on 3D design, project development and mentoring, using digital design platforms.



Former Nagaland Chief Minister and Ura Academy president Dr. Shürhozelie Liezietsu stressed the importance of introducing drama and plays in school curricula to build students' confidence. Addressing the 3rd Annual Writers and Poets Meet 2026 of the Ura Academy in Kohima today, he said the initiative would also improve their speaking and delivery skills, and deepen their understanding of language. On the occasion, Ura Academy conferred its first Excellence Awards in Literature posthumously on Professor D. Kuolie and Medo Vizo, in recognition of their contributions to Tenyidie literature and poetry. Each award carried a cash prize of one lakh rupees and a citation. A total of 10 books in Tenyidie were released during the programme.



Nagaland United Sports Club (NUSC) will make its maiden appearance in the Indian Football League when it takes on Real Kashmir FC in the season opener in Srinagar on October 30, marking a historic milestone for Nagaland football. NUSC founding member Abu Metha has called on people across Nagaland and beyond to rally behind the team, describing the club as a movement to promote sports, create opportunities and nurture young talent.

The club will play its home matches at the Chümoukedima Football Stadium. Its first home fixture is scheduled against Gokulam Kerala FC on November 14. In a move to support sports development in the state, Mr Metha announced that 10 percent of ticket sales from all NUSC home matches will be contributed to the state government's Sports Development Fund. The club has appointed Kaizad Ambapardiwalla as head coach, along with an experienced coaching team and support staff. This season of the Indian Football League features 11 clubs. NUSC's entry into the league was made possible through the acquisition of the league-playing rights of Aizawl Football Club.



In the 25th Dr T. Ao Trophy Inter-District Football Championship, defending champions Mon district have sealed their place in the semi-finals, defeating Longleng four goals to two in the quarter-final today. Eshong Konyak scored twice in the 49th and 63rd minutes, while Tingshak Konyak and L. Nyamnyei added a goal each in the 67th and 69th minutes to put Mon firmly in control. Longleng fought back late in the match, with Henpang Phom scoring in the 76th minute and B. Mantong Jemphang in stoppage time, but Mon defence held strong to secure the victory. In the second quarter-final, Kohima are taking on Zunheboto.

