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EDUCATION

## Students of Tuensang Celebrate Their Heritage, Inspire Future Generations



In Tuensang, Nagaland, students recently celebrated their rich cultural heritage. The event, themed "Roots and Wings", aimed to foster pride in traditions and encourage aspirations. Organisers hope that by showcasing heritage, students will be inspired to contribute to the development and progress of their community.

### Nagaland Women Weavers Demand Comprehensive Government Support

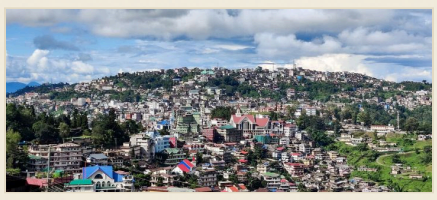
Traditional garment-making women artisans in Nagaland have called for more inclusive government assistance. They argue that while schemes exist, complex procedures and limited outreach in remote villages prevent them from benefiting. Representatives of the weavers met local officials to highlight i

### Magnitude 5.3 earthquake recorded near Tuensang, Nagaland

According to Volcano Discovery, a magnitude 5.3 earthquake was recorded near Tuensang, Nagaland. Local officials stated that there have been no reports of loss of life or widespread damage from the earthquake so far. The India Meteorological Department has deployed teams to monitor potential after

SPORTS

### Kohima wins overall title at NSPG 2026



Kohima, the capital of Nagaland, was declared the overall winner at the National School/Sports Promotion Games 2026, as reported by The Naga Post. Kohima’s athletes accumulated the highest number of points across various sports to secure the top position. This victory highlights the growing importance of sports development in the northeastern region. Officials praised the coordinated efforts of coaches, players, and local authorities. The award ceremony underscored the commitment to nurturing young talent in Kohima and promoting a healthy sports culture.

NSPG is held annually, with participants from various parts of India competing in multiple events. This year, Kohima’s performance, which left other major competitors behind, has become a milestone in the state’s sports agenda. This success is expected to boost the morale of local athletes and encourage participation in future games.

State sports officials have announced plans to upgrade training facilities and launch new grassroots programs to build on this victory. This achievement positions Nagaland as an emerging center for sports excellence in the country.

HEALTH

### Rising Mental Health Concerns in Nagaland



A recent report published by MorungExpress highlights rising mental health concerns in Nagaland. The report stresses the need to increase awareness and support systems to address the growing number of individuals struggling with mental health issues. Specific details regarding the nature and extent of these challenges have not yet been released. Nonetheless, the report calls on policymakers, healthcare providers and the public to prioritise mental well-being in Nagaland.

DEFENCE

### Blinken Says US Should Respect India's Right to Self-Defense



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken stated that the United States must respect India's right to self-defense, according to a report by the Nagaland Post. The comment reflects the official US stance toward India's sovereign security decisions.

Blinken's remark underscored the importance of the India-US strategic partnership. By recognizing India's right to defend its region, the United States affirmed support for India's autonomy in security matters.

The statement arrives amid regional security concerns and could shape diplomatic dialogue between the two nations. Both governments have repeatedly emphasized the need for mutual respect and cooperation in defence and foreign policy.

While no specific policy shift was mentioned, the declaration reinforces the broader framework of India-US relations, where respect for each nation's sovereign choices remains a fundamental principle.

TRAVEL

### Nagaland eases PAP rules for foreign travellers



Nagaland officials have announced that foreign travellers will no longer require a Protected Area Permit (PAP) to visit most parts of the state starting December. The change aims to boost tourism and simplify travel procedures for international visitors.

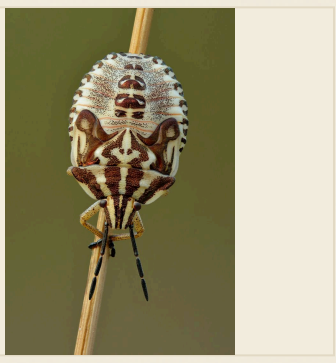
Under the new guidelines, travellers from countries outside India will not need a PAP to enter Nagaland, although special permits may still be required for certain sensitive areas. This step is part of a broader effort to promote the state's natural beauty and cultural heritage.

Tourism officials estimate that the relaxation will increase the number of visitors and support the local economy. They have urged travellers to check the latest travel advisories and adhere to safety protocols while exploring the landscapes of Nagaland.

The decision was taken in consultation with the Ministry of Tourism and aligns with similar reforms in other northeastern states.

ENTERTAINMENT

### Fifth Note releases unplugged version of 'Here We Are'



Emerging indie band Fifth Note has released an unplugged version of their song “Here We Are.” This stripped-down rendition highlights the band's sonic arrangement and vocal harmony, giving the original track a new dimension.

Nagaland Post featured the release prominently, shedding light on the band's more intimate sound experimentation. No music video or upcoming concert details are currently available.

Fans can listen to the new track on major digital platforms, where it is available alongside the band's existing songs. This move reflects a growing trend among Indian indie artists to present a more diverse musical output.

Industry experts view such releases as a way for artists to showcase their versatility and reach a wider audience. Fifth Note's unplugged track adds a new dimension to the rich landscape of Indian indie music.

performances or new releases, have not yet been announced.

SPORTS

## Gokulam Kerala FC achieves historic win in Nagaland



Gokulam Kerala FC secured a historic victory in Nagaland, winning a thrilling match 2-1. This win is a significant achievement for the club, demonstrating its capabilities on the national football stage. Details regarding specific players involved and key moments of the match have not yet been disclosed. The victory will be celebrated by Gokulam Kerala FC fans across the country.

TRAVEL

## 27th Hornbill Festival to be held in Nagaland in December

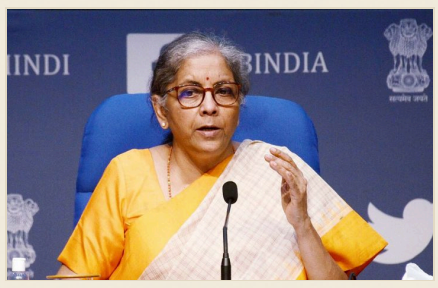


The Nagaland Tourism Department has announced that the 27th Hornbill Festival will be held in December 2026. The annual cultural event attracts visitors from across India and abroad, featuring traditional dances, music, handicrafts, and local cuisine. Organizers said the festival will boost tourism in the state and provide a platform for tribal communities to showcase their heritage. Exact dates and the program schedule will be released in the near future. The announcement reflects Nagaland's commitment to promoting its rich cultural heritage.

Traditionally held in the capital, Kohima, the Hornbill Festival has become a major attraction in the region. This year's edition will also offer artists, performers, and tourists an opportunity to experience the vibrant traditions of the Naga tribes. Local authorities are preparing infrastructure and security measures to manage the crowds.

Stakeholders expect the festival to drive economic activity for local hotels, transport services, and artisans. The state government has pledged support to ensure a smooth and festive environment for all participants.

## Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Leads Second Pre-Budget Meeting with Agricultural Experts



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman led a second pre-budget meeting with agricultural experts, clarifying the government's intention to incorporate a regional perspective into the upcoming budget. The meeting was part of a consultation series aimed at gathering extensive stakeholder feedback before finalising the budget. Representatives from various sectors of the agricultural field discussed challenges, opportunities and potential policy measures to increase production and improve farmers' welfare. The minister emphasised the need to address farmers' concerns and promote inclusive development in the sector. Key takeaways from the discussion will influence budget proposals and shape future agricultural policy initiatives.

SCIENCE

## Nagaland showcases culture and entrepreneurship at IIITF 2026



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Visitor feedback was positive, with many expressing interest in purchasing unique Nagaland products and in travel programs that include the state's natural scenery and cultural festivals.

## Northeast's First TUMO Tech Center Opens in Dimapur, Nagaland



The Nagaland government has announced that the Northeast's first TUMO Creative Technology Center will be established in Dimapur. The state's Department of Education has confirmed the decision, marking a significant step toward digital and creative education in the region.

TUMO, an internationally recognized after-school learning hub based in Armenia, provides project-based training in fields such as graphic design, animation, coding, and digital marketing. The model combines technology-driven curricula with mentorship to teach students market-ready skills without the traditional classroom setting.

Officials believe the Dimapur center will attract hundreds of young students from Nagaland and neighboring states, offering them employment opportunities in emerging creative industries. The center plans to begin operations by mid-2025, featuring state-of-the-art labs, studios, and collaborative workspaces.

The project is being implemented in partnership with the TUMO Foundation and is receiving financial support from the state government and private sponsors. All parties hope the center will empower local talent and become a hub for innovative digital education in the region.

SARKARI YOJANA

## Activists demand full implementation of Senior Citizens Welfare Act across all Naga districts



A formal petition has been presented to the state administration demanding the prompt implementation of the Senior Citizens Welfare Act across all districts of Nagaland. Filed by an alliance of senior citizen groups and social workers, the petition states that several districts have yet to enforce the provisions of the 2015 law, leaving elderly citizens without guaranteed benefits.

The Act aims to provide financial assistance, health support, and social security measures, and mandates the establishment of dedicated welfare cells in every district. Petitioners argue that the lack of such cells has hindered access to pensions, medical subsidies, and senior-friendly infrastructure.

State officials have been requested to issue clear guidelines, allocate necessary funds, and monitor compliance across the 12 districts. Activists have also demanded a timeline for implementation and a grievance redressal mechanism, stating that timely action is essential to protect the rights and dignity of the elderly.

government is likely to constitute a task force to oversee the swift delivery of the Act's benefits to intended recipients.

CRIME

## CBI Conducts Raids in Six States in Mahad App Investigation



The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) announced raids in six states as part of its investigation into the Mahad mobile application. During the raids, CBI officials collected evidence related to potential irregularities in the app. Mahad App is a mobile platform whose operational details have not yet been made public. CBI officials stated that the action is part of a broader effort to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

BUSINESS

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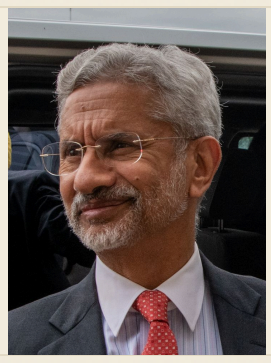
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## India-US trade deal likely to be finalized soon, says S. Jaishankar



New Delhi – External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar stated that the pending trade agreement between India and the United States could be finalized soon. He said both governments are working intensively to resolve remaining issues and that formal signatures are expected in the coming weeks.

The agreement, which has been under negotiation for several months, aims to reduce tariffs, increase market access in service sectors, and strengthen supply chain cooperation. Officials from both countries have highlighted potential increases in investment in sectors such as technology, renewable energy, and pharmaceuticals.

Jaishankar said that finalizing the deal would strengthen broader strategic ties and support India's goal of diversifying its trade partners. He did not specify a date for the signing but indicated that the pace of finalizing the agreement is now favorable.

Analysts believe a swift conclusion could lead to increased Indian exports and a clearer regulatory environment for US companies. Both sides will issue a joint statement following the formal approval of the agreement.

SPORTS

## Medzipema FA wins 26th NSF Martyrs Memorial Trophy 2026



The Nagaland Football Association concluded the 26th Martyrs Memorial Trophy on Saturday, with Medzipema Football Academy claiming the title. Clubs from various regions participated in the competition, and Medzipema FA secured the top spot after an impressive performance in the final.

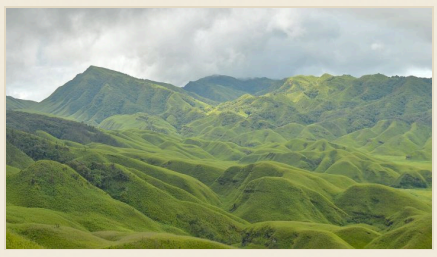
New Market Football Club also recorded a notable victory during the tournament, raising the overall level of competition. Both clubs appreciated the organization of the event and acknowledged the enthusiastic support of local spectators.

Organizers highlighted the smooth conduct of the tournament and expressed hope to host the event again next year, promising even more exciting matches for football enthusiasts.

The successful conclusion of the 26th Martyrs Memorial Trophy reflects the growing quality of football in Nagaland and underscores the importance of regional competitions in nurturing local talent.

Sponsors and stakeholders, including the Nagaland Sports Council, praised the sportsmanship of the participating teams and expressed hope for the continued development of the sport at the grassroots level.

## Nagaland State Lottery Results Announced for 16 November 2026



The official results for the Nagaland State Lottery on 16 November 2026 have been announced.

The draw was conducted at three scheduled times throughout the day: 1 pm, 6 pm and 8 pm.

Participants and ticket holders can now view the complete list of winners for all three time slots. The results provide winning numbers that correspond to the various prize categories offered in the state lottery scheme.

Interested individuals are advised to match their ticket numbers against the official winners list to confirm their status. This announcement follows the daily draw process maintained by the Nagaland State Lottery Department.

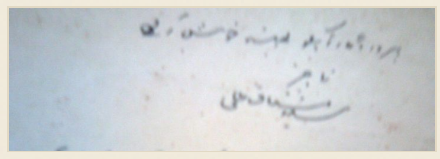
INTERNATIONAL

## Trump, Xi, Putin to hold joint meeting, Nagaland Post reports



The Nagaland Post reports that U.S. President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Russian President Vladimir Putin are planning a joint meeting. This announcement represents a rare opportunity for the three leaders to discuss global issues. No information about the date or location is available yet.

## Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2026-27: How to Watch Second Round Matches Live



The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has scheduled the second round matches of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2026-27 to be held at various stadiums this month. As the tournament progresses, viewer interest is expanding beyond the stadiums.

NDTV Profit has confirmed that it will live stream all second round matches on its official website and mobile app. This service will be available free of charge to registered users, requiring only a simple sign-up process to access the streams.

Viewers can also watch the matches in real time on the NDTV Profit television channel. The channel's commentary team will provide ball-by-ball analysis, while the digital feed will include interactive features such as live scores and player statistics.

Streaming times are synchronized with the tournament's official schedule, and matches will be available from their scheduled start until the end. Viewers are advised to check the NDTV Profit platform for any last-minute updates, such as changes in match times or technical issues.

This partnership is expected to expand the viewership of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, keeping it a crucial platform for emerging Indian cricketers.

RELIGION

## Nagaland Governor: Chhath Pooja fosters self-discipline, harmony, and respect for nature



Kohima, Nagaland – At the Chhath Pooja celebrations, the Governor noted that the festival encourages self-discipline among devotees. The rituals dedicated to the sun and rivers foster a sense of personal commitment and responsibility.

families singing together, observing fasts, and adhering to traditional customs strengthen social harmony. This collective participation bridges cultural differences among various communities and promotes unity.

Finally, he drew attention to the environmental aspect, stating that reverence for the sun and water sources generates respect for nature. He urged citizens to translate this respect into concrete steps toward environmental conservation.

These remarks were heard by local officials, cultural groups, and representatives of the Chhath community, reflecting the festival's growing national recognition.

BUSINESS

## Yes Bank Seeks Supreme Court Review of AT-1 Bond Write-Off



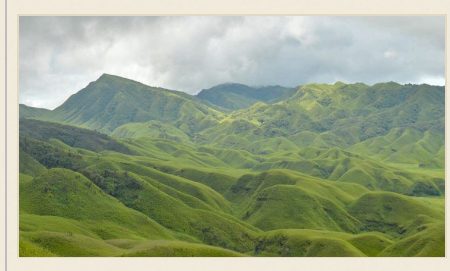
Yes Bank has filed a petition in the Supreme Court seeking a judicial review of the decision to write off AT-1 bonds. The bank argues that the step taken by the regulator following financial stress was procedurally improper and has caused harm to bondholders.

The petition argues that this write-off could undermine investor confidence and negatively impact the market for AT-1 bonds, which are used in the capital structure of banks in the future. Yes Bank is seeking relief, whether in the form of reversing the write-off or providing clear guidelines for its implementation.

Legal experts believe the case could have far-reaching implications for the Indian banking sector, as AT-1 bonds have featured prominently in recent regulatory actions. The Supreme Court's decision could determine the handling of future capital restructuring measures and the balance of rights for bond investors.

Investors and industry observers are closely watching the case, as the court's verdict will clarify market sentiment toward Indian banks.

## Nagaland grants PAP exemption for foreign tourists from November 26 to December 15



The Nagaland state government has issued a notice stating that foreign tourists will not require a Protected Area Permit (PAP) between November 26 and December 15. This temporary exemption is intended to facilitate travel during the holiday season.

The PAP system has been in place for several decades, requiring tourists to obtain permission from the Home Ministry to enter certain sensitive environmental and cultural areas. By suspending the permit requirement during this period, officials aim to increase the number of foreign visitors.

Tourism department officials said this move will help showcase Nagaland's diverse tribal culture, mountain landscapes, and festivals to an international audience, thereby providing additional income to local communities.

The standard PAP process for foreign travelers will resume after December 15.

HEALTH

## Nagaland's Health Budget Cuts 29%, CAG Highlights Doctor-Nurse Shortage



The Nagaland Health Department recorded a 29% cut in the budget for this fiscal year, as shown in the latest figures released by the state. This sharp reduction drew the attention of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), which issued a report on the matter.

serious shortage of doctors, nurses and essential health services. The report stated that the budget cut disrupted recruitment, training and maintenance of existing medical infrastructure, leaving health services inadequate in many districts.

State officials acknowledged the report and said they would review the audit findings and plan corrective measures. No concrete action has yet been announced, but the department indicated it will seek additional funding to fill the major staffing gaps and sustain basic health services.

The situation underscores growing concerns about the availability of health services in Nagaland's remote areas, where limited resources already hinder the provision of adequate medical care.

INTERNATIONAL

## Bangladesh tightens surveillance of Chinese vloggers after India raises concerns



Bangladesh has decided to tighten surveillance on Chinese vloggers active within the country. This move comes after India intervened to express concern over the activities of these vloggers.

Indian officials stated that some China-produced content could influence public opinion and pose a challenge to regional security. In response, Bangladesh said it would strictly enforce existing media regulations and increase monitoring.

This step reflects growing vigilance regarding digital influence in South Asia, where both countries have expressed a willingness to act against foreign propaganda.