

MTLT demands evidence-based review of NLTP Act

MOKOKCHUNG, OCTOBER 17 (MExN): The Mokokchung Town Lanur Telongjem (MTLT) on Saturday called for a comprehensive, evidence-based review of the Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition (NLTP) Act, 1989, expressing grave concern over continuing deaths linked to spurious liquor in the state.

The MTLT urged elected representatives to take up the matter in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly “without fear or favour.” It said the demand was not for outright repeal but for an assessment of the Act’s implementation, effectiveness and impact on public welfare.

The appeal follows the deaths of three persons at Longpayimsen village on October 15 and 16, suspected to have been caused by methanol poisoning. The MTLT termed the situation as an alarming public health crisis demanding urgent and comprehensive intervention.

“However, the continuing fatalities raise a fundamental ques-

tion: Can strict enforcement of the NLTP Act, 1989, alone resolve a crisis that persists despite prohibition?” MTLT President Imnaonen Pongen and General Secretary Moarenba Ozukum said in a joint statement.

The Telongjem acknowledged the prompt response of the district administration and police, including their stated commitment to a zero-tolerance approach towards illegal alcohol. However, it said the present situation cannot be attributed solely to bootlegging, adulteration or inadequate enforcement, and also exposes concerns about the effectiveness of the existing policy framework.

It said that when a prohibition policy fails to prevent illicit activities, it risks driving them underground, making regulation more difficult and exposing citizens to greater danger. The continuing fatalities, it added, also raise questions about the State’s constitutional responsibility to protect the right

to life under Article 21 of the Constitution, which warrant careful legal and policy scrutiny with public welfare as the guiding principle.

The MTLT said placing blame on the government, the Church and civil society would serve no purpose, and that entrenched positions for or against the NLTP Act would not resolve the crisis. What is needed, it said, is a thorough, informed and constructive debate in the Assembly to examine the Act’s effectiveness and determine the way forward.

“How many more lives must be lost before meaningful legislative action is taken?” the body asked, adding that without concrete policy interventions, the circulation of spurious liquor and the resulting deaths may continue. It said the crisis demands more than enforcement alone and requires a sustainable, evidence-based response addressing illicit alcohol distribution, public safety and the wider social consequences of alcohol dependence.

The MTLT also urged the Mokokchung police to clarify the status of the investigation into the May 8, 2026 incident, in which 15,824 empty bottles of McDowell’s rum were reportedly seized during a surprise vehicle check at Sewak Gate, Mokokchung. Police had then suspected the bottles were being transported for manufacturing adulterated liquor. It called upon the authorities to establish the intended use of the bottles, determine whether they were linked to any illicit alcohol-manufacturing operation, and take appropriate action wherever wrongdoing is established.

Appealing to all consumers, whether occasional or habitual, the body asked them to exercise caution and recognise the grave dangers of consuming liquor from unverified sources. It also strongly cautioned against turning to narcotics or other harmful substances as substitutes amid the scarcity of alcohol, warning that this could

precipitate another drug epidemic reminiscent of the devastating period of the 1990s. “Our society cannot afford to lose another generation to substance abuse and addiction,” it said, adding that the lessons of the past must serve as a reminder of the need for collective responsibility, foresight and decisive action.

The MTLT reiterated that protection of human life must remain the highest priority and called upon the government, district administration, law enforcement agencies, elected representatives, the Church and civil society to work collectively towards a practical and sustainable solution, through effective enforcement, responsible policymaking and a willingness to critically examine existing laws.

It urged all stakeholders to move beyond entrenched positions and work together towards a solution that safeguards human life, upholds public welfare and protects the future of society.

NPP urges Nagaland govt to strengthen border coordination

DIMAPUR, OCTOBER 17 (MExN): The National People’s Party (NPP) on Saturday urged the Nagaland government to order a comprehensive, transparent and time-bound investigation into the suspected adulterated liquor deaths in Mokokchung and Tuensang districts.

The NPP National Vice-President Vevoyi Wideo D Vadeo in a statement called upon the state government to strengthen inter-state coordination between Nagaland and Assam police and enforcement agencies to identify the sources, suppliers and distribution channels of the suspected spurious liquor.

The party also demanded accountability, seeking appropriate legal action against individuals or networks found responsible based on forensic evidence and investigation findings, and urged the government to provide relief and assistance to the bereaved families and strengthen public awareness about the dangers of consuming liquor from unverified sources.

Expressing “grave concern and deep anguish” over the continuing loss of lives, the NPP said the recurrence of such deaths exposed the “complete collapse of enforcement” and the free availability of illicit liquor across Nagaland, particularly in border areas, in a dry state.

“These are not isolated incidents... This points to a deep-rooted, organised illicit network and a systemic failure of the State machinery,” Vadeo said, extending heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

The party said the issue must be addressed beyond political considerations, with compassion for affected families, scientific investigation and firm administrative action, asserting that protection of human life must remain paramount and that no policy framework should be beyond objective examination when repeated tragedies expose implementation gaps.

“This is not the time to debate morality. This is about the Government’s constitutional duty to protect the right to life of its citizens. When a ban exists, it is the Government’s duty to enforce it,” the NPP said, urging the government to treat the matter with the seriousness and urgency it deserves to prevent further loss of innocent lives.

NNC calls for recognition of Naga sovereignty on Martyrs’ Day

KOHIMA, OCTOBER 18 (MExN): The Naga National Council (NNC) General Secretary V Nagi on Sunday called on India and Myanmar to recognise Naga sovereignty and the identity and rights of the Naga people, as he paid tribute to those who sacrificed their lives for the Naga national cause on the occasion of Naga National Martyrs’ Day.

In a statement marking the observance, Nagi said the day was an occasion to remember the Naga martyrs with respect and gratitude for their sacrifices and urged the Naga people, particularly the NNC, to rededicate themselves to the commitment to “Nagaland for Christ” and the sovereignty of Nagaland.

Noting that the observance coincided with Sunday, a day of worship, he called on the people to gather in prayer and dedicate the occasion to the honour and glory of Jesus Christ.

Tracing the history of the Naga political movement, Nagi said it dated back nearly a century, beginning with the submission of a memorandum to the Simon Commission of the British Indian government in 1929.

He referred to the Government of India Act, 1935, under which the Naga Hills were classified as an “Excluded Area,” followed by the declaration of Naga independence on August 14, 1947, which he said was acknowledged by the United Nations Organisation, and the Naga plebiscite held on May 16, 1951, which he claimed was witnessed by Indian officials.

These events, he said, reflected

the longstanding political aspirations of the Naga people and their claim to sovereignty.

Nagi called on the governments of India and Myanmar to officially recognise the Naga nation and peacefully withdraw from Nagaland. He alleged that the two countries had illegally occupied and divided the Naga homeland in 1953 without the consultation, consent or mandate of the Naga people.

He said the NNC viewed the occupation and division as a violation of the fundamental, historical and political rights of the Naga people.

Appealing to neighbouring countries to recognise Naga sovereignty, identity and rights, Nagi said such recognition would contribute to lasting peace, mutual respect and development in the region. He added that Nagaland deserved its rightful place among the nations of the world in accordance with the aspirations of its people.

The NNC general secretary said the demand for sovereignty was the cause for which the Naga people had struggled and their martyrs had made the ultimate sacrifice. He also said individuals or groups compromising the historical and political rights of the Naga people must be held accountable to the people and to the sacrifices of the martyrs.

Calling for unity and renewed commitment to the Naga national cause, Nagi urged the people to uphold the legacy of the martyrs and continue the struggle for the sovereignty of the Naga people and their homeland.

NNC/FGN pays tribute to Naga martyrs, recalls Zasibito Nagi’s sacrifice

KOHIMA, OCTOBER 18 (MExN): The Naga National Council/Federal Government of Nagaland (NNC/FGN) on Sunday paid tribute to Naga martyrs, particularly Zasibito Nagi of Jotsoma village, who was killed during a demonstration in Kohima on October 18, 1952, and called on the people to uphold the original political principles of the Naga national movement.

In a statement issued by Rali Wali, NNC/FGN, under the leadership of Zhopra Vero, the organisation said the sacrifices of the pioneers reflected the Naga people’s resolve for self-determination.

According to the statement, Zasibito Nagi, an assistant judge of the Angami Tribal Council Court, was allegedly shot dead by an Assam Police officer while participating in a peaceful demonstration in Kohima on October 18, 1952.

The demonstration, it said, sought to reaffirm the declaration of Naga independence on August 14, 1947, the mandate expressed through the 1951 plebiscite and the subsequent rejection of the Indian general election in 1952.

The organisation described these events as successive expressions of the Naga people’s

political aspirations and said Zasibito Nagi’s death had become a symbol of sacrifice in the history of Naga nationalism.

The NNC/FGN expressed gratitude to him and thousands of others who, it said, sacrificed their peace, dignity, wealth, homes and lives in defence of the collective political aspirations of the Naga people.

It said the sacrifices of the pioneers could not be erased by what it described as revisionist narratives, political expediency or deliberate distortion. The organisation also rejected attempts to portray the pioneers as mere villagers or blind followers, citing Zasibito Nagi’s position in the Angami Tribal Council Court as evidence of his standing and political awareness.

The statement also criticised what it described as the abandonment of the original principles of the Naga national movement by certain elements who allegedly collaborated with their political adversaries.

It termed the creation of Nagaland state in 1963 one of the most consequential political mistakes in the movement’s history, arguing that the sacrifices of the Naga pioneers had compelled a departure from the Indian government’s original posi-

tion of district autonomy within Assam under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

The NNC/FGN further claimed that the historical resistance of the Naga pioneers had influenced political developments beyond the Naga homeland, including political arrangements in other north-eastern states.

Urging Naga citizens to honour the martyrs, the organisation said Naga nationhood was not an idea conceived by a handful of leaders for personal interests but a collective political conviction affirmed by the people and defended by generations.

It called on the people to remain committed to the original Naga political aspiration despite changing political circumstances and present challenges.

Expressing faith in God, the NNC/FGN said it hoped the Naga people would one day witness the fulfilment of their national aspiration.

The organisation also called on those committed to the original national principles to unite and pursue the collective cause, asserting that the sacrifices of the martyrs and the principles for which they died would endure despite political changes and the passage of time.

LMFN extends Durga Puja greetings

DIMAPUR, OCTOBER 17 (MExN): The Linguistic Minority Forum of Nagaland (LMFN) has extended Durga Puja greetings to members of non-Naga community organisations, Hindu religious organisations, temple committees and citizens across the state.

In a message, LMFN Chairman Bishnu Bhattacherjee called upon communities to embrace unity through their respective cultures, traditions and religious beliefs while fostering mutual respect, understanding and peaceful coexistence.

He expressed hope that the blessings of Goddess Durga would bring peace, happiness, good health, prosperity and well-being to every household.

Bhattacharjee said Durga Puja was not only a celebration of faith and devotion but also an occasion to strengthen unity, brotherhood and harmony among people from diverse communities.

He urged all communities to uphold the spirit of “Unity in Diversity” and work collectively towards building a peaceful, inclusive and prosperous Nagaland, where every citizen is treated with dignity and respect.

He also expressed hope that the festive season would inspire people to rise above differences, preserve their cultural heritage, respect one another’s religious beliefs and strengthen shared values of humanity and togetherness.

“May Goddess Durga bless the people of Nagaland with peace, prosperity, happiness and lasting harmony,” he said, urging people to celebrate their diverse cultures and traditions while remaining committed to peace and mutual respect.

Hindu Seva Samiti issues guidelines for Durga Puja in Dimapur

DIMAPUR, OCTOBER 17 (MExN): The Hindu Seva Samiti, Dimapur unit, has issued guidelines for Durga Puja committees to ensure safe, disciplined and environment-friendly celebrations, while directing them to maintain religious decorum and public order.

The guidelines, signed by Samiti president Yogendra Prasad Gupta and secretary Rupak Das on September 28, call on committees to comply with environmental regulations, maintain security at puja pandals and cooperate with the district administration and other authorities.

Environment and Pollution Control Norms

Under the environmental norms, committees have been directed to comply with the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000, and guidelines issued by the Nagaland Pollution Control Board.

Puja pandals have been asked

to use eco-friendly and biodegradable materials and straw-structured idols, while avoiding Plaster of Paris (PoP), chemical colours and plastic materials that could pollute rivers. Committees have also been urged to keep the Dhansiri River free from non-biodegradable waste.

The Samiti has advised the use of oil lamps or diyas instead of chemical-based candles to minimise pollution. The use of loudspeakers near hospitals, nursing homes and old-age homes has been discouraged, while audio playback must remain within permissible limits and stop by 10 pm.

Only devotional songs, music, drums, cymbals and conchs have been encouraged during the festivities.

Safety, Security, and Traffic Guidelines

On security and traffic management, committees have been directed to remain vigilant about unclaimed bags and suspicious ob-

jects in and around pandals and immediately report them to the local police station.

Stalls and hawkers must not obstruct the free movement of people near celebration sites and immersion ghats. Stall owners have also been asked to obtain the necessary licences and permits from the Dimapur Municipal Council to avoid legal penalties.

Idol Immersion Details

The Samiti said idol immersion on Vijaya Dashami would be held on Wednesday, October 21. All puja committees have been instructed to assemble at Khermahal, near Hemkunt Motors, by 8 am before proceeding to the Hindu Immersion Ghat at Purana Bazar.

Only Tata Mobiles, Bolero pickups or other light vehicles will be permitted for the procession, according to the guidelines. Each committee will be issued 15 designated cards for entry into the immersion ghat and has been asked to cooper-

ate with the volunteers, or karyakartas, deployed there.

Competitions, Inspections and Awards

A panel of judges will visit various pandals and mandirs from October 17 to assess them in different categories. The Samiti will also deploy inspection teams to visit pandals regularly, provide guidance and ensure compliance with the prescribed norms.

The tentative date for the Vijay Sammelan-cum-award ceremony has been fixed for November 22 at 4 pm at the Durga Mandir Auditorium, Old Daily Market, Dimapur.

The Samiti has urged all puja committees to extend full cooperation to the district administration, police, municipal council and council members to ensure peaceful and orderly celebrations.

It also cautioned that any unruly behaviour or disturbance to communal harmony would be dealt with strictly in accordance with the law.



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SALE NOTICE FOR SUBSEQUENT SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
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Dimapur	A) Borrower- Mrs. N. Sashila Jamir, W/o Mr. Pallav Kumar Sharma, Address- Ward No. 20, House No. 854 (A), C-Khel Half Nagarian, Dimapur, Nagaland, PIN- 797112 and Mr. Pallav Kumar Sharma, Address- Ward No. 20, House No. 854 (A), C-Khel Half Nagarian, Dimapur (Nagaland), PIN- 797112.	a) All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Registered Mortgage of land in the name of Mrs. N. Sashila Jamir, Daughter of Late R. Nganshimongba situated at Half Nagarian, Dimapur, Nagaland covered by Dag No. 187, Patta No. 65 Measuring 00B-01K-04Ls of Nagarjan Block, Mouza No. 03, Dimapur, Nagaland having Deed No. SD-721/05 dated 30-09-2019.	a) Rs. 1,23,99,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Three Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand only) b) Rs. 12,39,900/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred only) c) Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) d) Not Known any	
	Guarantor- Mr. Kilmesungba Ao, Address- House No. 48, Near Ao Church, Imkonglenden Colony, P.O., + P.S.- Dimapur (Nagaland), PIN- 797112.			
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	Guarantor- Mrs. K. Tainila, Address- House No. 873, C-Khel Kuda Village, Nagarjan, P.O., + P.S.- Dimapur (Nagaland), PIN- 797112.			
	Guarantor- Mr. Takosashi, Address- Near Welcome Gate, Imkonglenden Colony, P.O., + P.S.- Dimapur, Nagaland, PIN- 797112.			
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Date & Time of e-Auction: On 30.10.2026 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM with unlimited extension of 10 minutes		Last Date & Time for Submission of EMD Amount: 30.10.2026 up to 05:00 P.M.		
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Tender Notice No.: LMG/Engg/61 of 2026; Dated: 15-10-2026; E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work:
SN.1: Brief Description of Item : Reconditioning of CMS X-ing under jurisdiction of ADEN- Dimapur. **Tender Value:** ₹1,06,97,010/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹2,03,500/-; **Date & time of closing of tender at 15:00 hrs. on 12-11-2026 and opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. on 13-11-2026.** Complete information alongwith the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs. on 12-11-2026 in the website www.irops.gov.in

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E-TENDER NOTICE No. TSK/Engg/ 58 of 2026; Dated: 15-10-2026. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work. **Item No.1: Brief Description of item:** Manufacturing and supply of Alumino thermic welding portions under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/ I/Tinsukia. **Tender Value:** ₹1,38,46,740/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹2,76,900/-; E-tender will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 09-11-2026 and opened at 16:00 hrs. on 09-11-2026. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs. of 09-11-2026 in website <http://www.irops.gov.in>

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Item No. 1: Brief Description of Item: Manufacturing, Supplying machine crushed track ballast, stacking at Silapathar, New Sisibogaen or any other suitable yards and loading it into hoppers/ wagons/trucks for various section/ locations under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/II/Tinsukia. **Tender Value:** ₹12,76,37,513/-; **Earnest Money :** ₹ 25,52,800/-; **Date & time of closing of tender at 15:00 hrs. and opening of tender at 16:00 hrs. on 06-11-2026.** For complete information alongwith the tender document of above e-tender are available upto 15:00 hrs. on 06-11-2026 in website <http://www.irops.gov.in>

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