Nagaland can acquire land under 1965 Act, compensation must follow 2013 law: HC

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The Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench, has clarified that the Nagaland Government may acquire land under the Nagaland Land Requisition and Acquisition Act, 1965, but compensation must be determined according to the rates and quantification prescribed under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (RFCTLARR Act), which the Court held to be more beneficial to landowners.

The 1965 Act "has not been replaced by the Act of 2013 in the State of Nagaland," noted the clarification was issued by a Division Bench comprising Justice Susmita Phukan Khaund and Justice Yarenjungla Longkumer on November 3 while disposing of review petitions filed by some landowners from D-Khel Kohima.

However, it added that "the acquisition process may be done in terms of the Act of 1965" while "just and fair compensation has to be made as per rates and quantification as provided under the Act of 2013 as it will be more beneficial to the landowners."

Case background

The litigation originated from two writ petitions, WP(C) 216/2021 and WP(C) 50/2022, filed by landowners seeking compensation for the acquisition of their lands.

On November 29, 2024, a Single Judge of the High Court held that the petitioners were entitled to just and fair compensation under the 2013 Act. The State challenged the decision through Writ Appeals (7/2025 & 6/2025) but a Division Bench upheld the Single Judge ruling on May 5, 2026.

The landowners subsequently sought a limited review, arguing that certain observations in the appellate judgment were being interpreted by the State to mean that the 1965 Act applied to the exclusion of the 2013 Act.

They contended that the earlier judgment had not considered their submission that the National Highways Act, 1956, and the 2013 land acquisition Act did not require separate adoption by Nagaland, arguing that both were already in force by virtue of Section 26 of the State of Nagaland Act, 1962.

The reliance on an earlier High Court judgment in Repasosang Ao v. State of Nagaland was also challenged by invoking the doctrine of implied repeal, arguing that the 2013 Act had effectively replaced the 1965 Act.

The State opposed the review petitions, submitting that review jurisdiction is limited and cannot be used as an appeal in disguise.

Court clarifies legal position

The Bench agreed that the petitioners had not established grounds warranting a review of the earlier judgment. Citing the Supreme Court's decision in Kamlesh Verma v. Mayawati, it reiterated that review cannot be used to substitute one judicial view for another. It observed that an error apparent on the face of the record must be self-evident and not one requiring "a long drawn process of reasoning".

"Not every legal error, omission, or failure to discuss an argument qualifies for review," it added.

On whether the 2013 Act had rendered Nagaland's 1965 acquisition law inapplicable, the Court relied on the doctrine of harmonious construction, under which two enactments may coexist where their provisions can be reconciled.

"The principle of implied repeal does not necessarily render the entire earlier act inapplicable," and the two laws could operate together "where there is no repugnancy," it held.

Accordingly, the Court clarified that the acquisition process may proceed under the 1965 Act, but compensation must be determined according to the rates and quantification prescribed under the 2013 Act.

Harnessing the Power of 'I': Nagaland capital hosts ELECRAMA 2027 preview

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The Indian Electrical & Electronics Manufacturers' Association (IEEMA) on November 3 organised an outreach and preview of ELECRAMA 2027 in Kohima, bringing together regional stakeholders to highlight advancements in electrical infrastructure, technological innovation and evolving power sector.

IEEMA is gearing up to host the 17th edition of ELECRAMA 2027, its flagship event for the global electrical industry, scheduled from February 20 to 24, 2027, at India Expo Mart, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR under the theme, "Harnessing the Power of 'I'."

Speaking at the preview held at Hotel De Oriental Grand, KG Kenye, Nagaland Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, urged business houses to invest in Nagaland and create opportunities for its literate and talented youth. He said that business must serve as a force for integration, with business bodies helping connect the North-East with the rest of the country. He lauded IEEMA for its role in strengthening the national economy and thanked the association for expanding its presence in the eastern part of the country. He also said Nagaland would join the 2027 event.

Principal Secretary, Department of Power, KD Vizo, said the State's ongoing distribution-sector reforms presented significant investment opportunities in hydro and solar power generation, transmission networks, battery storage, smart metering and distribution systems.

Highlighting opportunities in the NE's power sector, he pointed to the expansion of transmission lines along with distribution infrastructure, smart meters and electronic systems and urged investors and manufacturers to come forward and invest in Nagaland.

Arjun Deb, Vice Chairman of IEEMA's Eastern Region, said the Kohima preview, offering a glimpse of the 17th edition, was an important step in extending engagement across regions and building anticipation for ELECRAMA 2027. A presentation on ELECRAMA 2027 was made by Nilankha Chaliha, State Head (North East), IEEMA.

About IEEMA: Established in 1948, IEEMA is the apex association of manufacturers of electrical and industrial electronics and allied equipment in India. It represents the value chain in power generation, transmission and distribution equipment, including the renewable energy sector. ELECRAMA is IEEMA's flagship event, showcasing technologies, emerging trends and innovations shaping the future of the energy sector.

Nagaland: NPCC's 'Vote Chori' campaign reaches Mon

MON, NOVEMBER 3 (MExN): The Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee (NPCC), under its "Vote Bachao, Desh Bachao" campaign, held a meeting in Mon district to review the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and its implementation in the district.

The meeting was attended by AICC Observer Puran Chand Padhi, NPCC Working President Apok Jamir and members of the Mon District Congress Committee (DCC).

According to a press release issued by the NPCC, Padhi raised concerns over alleged "vote chori", claiming that the SIR exercise could be misused to delete names of genuine voters from electoral rolls. He also alleged that Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar was overseeing a process through which eligible voters' names were being removed.

Padhi urged Congress workers to conduct constituency-level verification of electoral rolls and identify any wrongful deletions, stressing the need to protect every eligible citizen's right to vote.

Jamir also called for close monitoring of the SIR process, raising concerns over what he described as "vote chori" and "Ghati Chor". Citing figures during his address, he claimed that approximately 14% of votes had been deleted across the country and urged party workers to ensure that no eligible voter was deprived of their democratic rights.

He observed that the SIR exercise in Mon had been carried out more systematically than in some other districts, particularly Dimapur, while emphasising the need for continued monitoring and verification across Nagaland.

Jamir urged Congress workers to scrutinise electoral rolls and complete the necessary verification before November 20, 2026, so that discrepancies or wrongful deletions could be brought to the notice of the appropriate authorities.

The meeting concluded with an appeal to DCC members and grassroots workers to intensify efforts to safeguard eligible voters' rights, the release added.

The NPCC reiterated its commitment to ensuring that every eligible voter is included in the electoral roll.

SAYO inspects landslide area at Phesama

KOHIMA, NOVEMBER 3 (MExN): The Southern Angami Youth Organization (SAYO), along with the unit presidents and secretaries from Southern Angami areas, today inspected the road restoration work in the landslide area at Phesama. The road is expected to be completed by November 20.

"Till now, we can see that at least 80% of the work has been done," said SAYO President Zasitsolie Beio while speaking to media persons after the inspection. The organisation requested a temporary passage through the road to facilitate students appearing for examinations soon and for the convenience of the public. Ketouneio Zashumo of the Phesama Youth Organization stated that the public was facing a lot of problems, especially along the alternative route.

The alternative route connecting Phesama and Kisama/Kigwema via Rhododendron Resort and Kisama Gate has deteriorated further. In this connection, the organisation requested that the road be opened as early as possible.

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The North East Initiative Development Agency is looking for committed professionals to fill the flowing position below.

1. **Officer (Agriculture) (1 Position)**
   Educational Qualification: Master's degree or higher in Agricultural Sciences or related field from a recognized university
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   Work experience: Minimum 1–2 years of experience in Rural Development/Water, Health & Sanitation (WASH)/Natural Resource Management (NRM)

Salary: Will be competitive and shall be commensurate with experience

Job posting: (1) Kohima, Nagaland (with extensive travel across the state)
(2) Pungro, Kiphire, Nagaland with extensive travel to villages across the district.

Application Procedures: Detailed CV should be sent to **recruitments@neida.org.in** by **November 15, 2026.** "Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for next stage of the selection process"

"Candidates-in-waiting for Government Jobs are discouraged from applying for the above posts."

ZRSU imposes evening curfew to ensure conducive study environment

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The Zunheboto Range Students' Union (ZRSU) has imposed evening curfew restrictions on students within Zunheboto town, directing them to return to their respective homes, hostels or other places of residence by 6:30 pm in view of the forthcoming final examinations.

In an official circular issued on November 3, the Union said the restrictions were aimed at ensuring a peaceful, disciplined and conducive academic environment, allowing students to concentrate on their examination preparations.

Under the directive, students have been prohibited from roaming, loitering or gathering unnecessarily at public places, marketplaces, streets, parks, commercial areas and other locations within the town after 6:30 pm. They have also been advised to avoid unnecessary gatherings and utilise their evenings for revision, self-study and adequate rest.

ZRSU General Secretary Tonoka V Zhimomi said the curfew was intended to give students sufficient time for focused preparation and help them maintain a disciplined study routine ahead of their examinations.

He added that regular checks would be conducted to ensure compliance with the prescribed timings. Students found violating the curfew would be reported to the concerned School Management Board for appropriate disciplinary action, he said.

The Union has called upon parents and guardians to ensure that their wards comply with the instructions and remain indoors after the prescribed time. Students have also been directed to cooperate with educational institutions, hostel wardens, concerned authorities and law enforcement personnel.

Exceptions have been made for unavoidable movement arising from medical emergencies or other genuine exigencies, provided valid reasons are communicated to the concerned authorities.

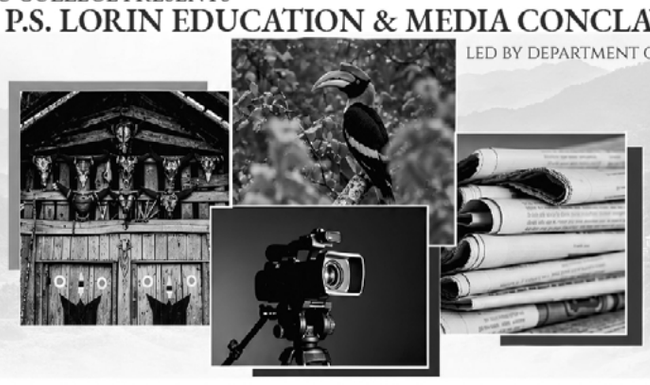
The circular cautioned that violations may invite appropriate action in accordance with applicable rules and instructions issued by the competent authority.

The restrictions have come into force with immediate effect and will remain in place until the completion of the final examinations or until further orders. The Union has sought the cooperation of students, parents, educational institutions and other stakeholders in implementing the directive.

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WSH, WSKH urge ceasefire between GoI and NSCN-K (Angmai-Mulatonu)

CHÜMOUKEDIMA, NOVEMBER 3 (MExN): The Western Sümi Hoho (WSH) and Western Sümi Kukami Hoho (WSKH) have welcomed the recent peace talks between NSCN-K (Angmai-Mulatonu) and Myanmar's National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee (NSPNC).

In a joint statement dated October 31, the two organisations expressed their wholehearted support for the talks held in Nay Pyi Taw on October 22, and called for similar peace efforts between the Government of India (GoI) and the NSCN-K (Angmai-Mulatonu) and initiate a formal ceasefire.

The organisations said a cessation of hostilities was essential for long-term stability and socio-economic progress across Naga-inhabited areas. They stressed that the need for a truce was greater than ever, citing the strain decades of conflict had placed on border communities and its impact on infrastructure development, trade and public welfare.

Emphasising the importance of inclusive dialogue, the WSH and WSKH stated that lasting peace could not be achieved in isolation and required all active groups to be brought into constructive engagement.

The organisations appealed to New Delhi and the NSCN-K (AM) leadership to exercise political foresight and enter into a formal ceasefire agreement. They said an official truce would be a significant step towards regional harmony, ending armed confrontation and creating an inclusive environment for political reconciliation.

Reiterating their commitment to genuine peace initiatives, the two organisations urged both sides to act in the greater interest of the Naga people.

CORRIGENDUM

Apropos the news item "*Satami: Keeping agri traditions alive to ensure food security*" published in the November 3, 2026 issue, the following corrections may kindly be noted: The sentence "Vihokhu Awomi, village chief of Satami" should read "Vihokhu Awomi, GB of Satami," and the sentence "According to local tradition, Satami was established by Puloshe" should read "According to local tradition, Satami was established by Phuleshe Awomi." The inadvertent errors are regretted.

NFR launches digital life certificate camps

MALIGAON, NOVEMBER 3 (MExN): The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has launched its month-long Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign 5.0, with camps held at New Tinsukia and Dibrugarh on November 2 to facilitate annual life certificate submission by railway pensioners and family pensioners.

According to a press release issued by NFR, the camps were organised at the respective offices of the NFR Pensioners' Association (NFRPA) and recorded an attendance of 52 pensioners, including 47 at New Tinsukia and five at Dibrugarh.

Digital Life Certificate details of 35 pensioners and family pensioners were successfully uploaded, while an additional camp has been scheduled at Dibrugarh on November 6 to assist those yet to complete the process.

The campaign is being conducted from November 1 to 30 in accordance with the guidelines of the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare and the Railway Board.

It promotes digital submission of life certificates, particularly through Aadhaar-based face authentication, which allows pensioners to generate certificates using compatible smartphones without visiting banks or pension disbursing offices.

As part of the initiative, camps are being organised at NFR's zonal and divisional headquarters, workshops and other locations with significant pensioner populations, in coordination with NFRPA, banks and concerned agencies, the release informed.

Special assistance is being extended to pensioners aged 80 years and above, as well as those facing illness or mobility constraints, including doorstep assistance where required.

NFR also urged eligible pensioners and family pensioners to avail services of the designated camps.

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