

EC orders SIR of electoral roll in Nagaland

KOHIMA, AUGUST 4 (MExN): The Election Commission of India has ordered a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll in Nagaland, with October 1, 2026 fixed as the qualifying date, the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of the state said in a notification.

The Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) of each Assembly constituency will be responsible for ensuring that no eligible citizen is left out and no ineligible person is included in the electoral roll during the exercise, the notification said.

Ahead of the field exercise, a preparatory stage, covering preparation, training and printing will be undertaken from August 5 to 14. This will involve meetings with important stakeholders, including political parties, setting up of help desks, training of BLOs and officials connected with the SIR, dissemination of important information, and printing of Enumeration Forms and their issuance to the BLOs.

According to the schedule,

house-to-house visits by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will be carried out from August 16 to September 14. During these visits, BLOs will distribute Enumeration Forms, containing pre-printed details of existing electors, in duplicate to each elector and guide them in filling up the forms. Every elector is required to submit the filled form along with the requisite information to the BLO.

The BLOs will then make a second round of visits to every household to collect the filled copies of the Enumeration Form. The BLO will retain one copy of the form and give an acknowledgment of receipt on the other copy, which will be retained by the applicant, the notification said.

Based on the house-to-house enumeration, the ERO of each constituency will also assess the need for new polling stations, ensuring that no polling station has more than 1,200 electors except with prior approval of the Commission. EROs have also been directed to

ensure that polling station areas are so defined and demarcated that no overlap exists with any other polling station. This exercise of rationalisation of polling stations is to be completed by September 14.

The draft electoral roll will be published on September 20 and will include only the names of electors who have submitted duly filled Enumeration Forms to the BLO during the H2H enumeration period or which have been received online and verified by BLO. Names of other electors, from whom Enumeration Forms are not received, will not be included in the draft roll. In case any elector is unable to submit their filled in enumeration forms within the specified time, they may file Form 6 along with the prescribed Declaration Form for inclusion during the claims and objections period.

The period for claims and objections will run from September 20 to October 20, during which EROs and Assistant EROs (AEROs) will scrutinise the eligibility of proposed electors under

Article 326 of the Constitution and Sections 16 and 19 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, based on submitted documents and field reports.

A notice phase for disposal of claims and objections will follow from September 20 to November 18. In cases where the eligibility of a proposed elector is in doubt due to non-submission of documents or other reasons, the ERO or AERO will initiate a suo motu enquiry and issue notice before deciding on inclusion in the final roll. EROs will also refer cases of suspected foreign nationals to the competent authority under the Citizenship Act, 1955, the notification said.

The final electoral roll for the state will be published on November 22, it said.

Describing the SIR as a participative exercise, the CEO's office appealed to all stakeholders, including electors, political parties and election officials, to extend cooperation and support in preparing an error-free electoral roll for the state.

Nagaland Power dept files ARR and Tariff petition for FY 2026-27

KOHIMA, AUGUST 4 (MExN): The Department of Power, Government of Nagaland, has filed a petition before the Nagaland Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) seeking approval for its Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) and Tariff Proposal for the fiscal year 2026-27, effective from October 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027.

The Commission has admitted the petition and has invited suggestions and objections from all stakeholders by August 14, 2026, stated a DIPR report.

The petition, filed under Sections 61, 62, and 64 of the Electricity Act 2003 and the NERC MYT Tariff Regulations, 2016, was initially submitted on November 28, 2025, with a revised calculation filed on July 27, 2026. It has been registered as Petition No. 02/2026-27.

2026-27, a decrease from the Rs 953.86 crore approved in the MYT Tariff Order dated March 28, 2025.

Revised Energy Charges: The Department has proposed revised energy charges (Rs./kWh) for various consumer categories for the period of October 2026 to March 2027. Key proposed rates for post-paid consumers include:

- Domestic: Slab rates ranging from Rs 6.10/kWh (0-30 kWh) to Rs 8.30/kWh (>250 kWh).
- Commercial: Slab rates from Rs 8.60/kWh (<60 kWh) to Rs 10.35/kWh (>240 kWh).
- Industrial: Slab rates from Rs 7.50/kWh (<500 kWh) to Rs 8.70/kWh (>5000 kWh).
- Agriculture: Rs 3.85/kWh.
- EV Charging Stations: Rs 8.80/kWh.

Pre-Paid Consumer Rates: A separate, uniform rate structure has been proposed for pre-paid consumers. Rates include Rs 6.05/kWh for Domestic, Rs7.10/kWh for Industrial, Rs 7.35/kWh for Bulk, Rs 9.00/kWh for Commercial, and Rs 3.45/

kWh for Agriculture categories.

Public Lighting Charges: Charges for public lighting are to be recovered from Domestic, Commercial, Industrial, and Bulk consumers through a fixed monthly surcharge per connection, ranging from Rs 10 to Rs 25.

Stakeholder Invitation: The consumers and other stakeholders have been invited to give their written suggestions, objections, comments. These should be sent to the Deputy Director, NERC, Kohima, with a copy to the Chief Engineer (D&R), Department of Power, by August 14, 2026.

Document Availability: Copies of the petition and related documents are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Engineer (D&R), RMC Branch, Kohima, during office hours. Interested parties can obtain copies for a fee of Rs200 per set in cash or through Demand Draft.

Suggestions can also be submitted via email to nerc_kohima@yahoo.com and cepower1@gmail.com

Chümoukedima Electrical Division overhauls metering system

CHÜMOUKEDIMA, AUGUST 4 (MExN): The Chümoukedima Electrical Division has announced the discontinuation of the Single Point Metering (SPM) system for consumer billing across all village councils under its jurisdiction. This change comes into effect following the State Government's notification of the First Amendment Rules to the Nagaland Communitisation of Electricity Management framework, dated August 27, 2024.

Under the new amendments, the SPM will be relegated to a reference meter solely for energy audit and accounting purposes. "It will no longer be the basis for consumer billing," stated Er Albert Ovung, Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Chümoukedima, in an official statement.

All domestic and other consumers will now be billed exclusively based on individual smart meter readings. This is in accordance with the national mandate for 100% smart metering of Distribution Transformers and consumers under the Electricity Act, 2003 and related Central Electricity Authority regulations.

Installation of smart meters (under RDSS schemes) is being carried out free of cost

The Department stated that

the amendments are designed to ensure accurate billing, substantially reduce Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses, improve revenue realisation, and facilitate better quality power supply through infrastructure upgradation.

The Electrical Division has appealed to all Village Councils, Gaonburas, Village Electricity Management Boards (VEMBs) and the public to extend their full cooperation during the installation of smart meters.

The Department of Power has issued a cautionary note to consumers, urging them not to be misled by incomplete or incorrect information regarding the new metering system. Official sources confirmed that the older SPM system, while useful in the past, is no longer compatible with present legal and technical requirements. Departmental officials are available at respective Electrical Divisions and Sub-Divisions to address public queries.

"The Department remain committed to transparent, efficient, and consumer-friendly electricity services while fulfilling mandatory national and State directives on smart metering," affirmed the Executive Engineer.

Mkg faces severe infrastructure crisis; two villages remain cut off

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Incessant rainfall, landslides and flooding have caused widespread damage to roads, power lines, water-supply systems and public infrastructure across Mokokchung district, affecting connectivity to at least 35 villages. Molungkimong and Yimjenkimong villages in Mangkolemba subdivision have remained completely cut off since July 19.

Deputy Commissioner Ajit Kumar Verma, IAS, briefed the media on the district's disaster situation, stating that rain is expected to continue through the week, with moderate to heavy rainfall forecast in the coming days. He appealed to residents, village authorities and community leaders to remain alert and promptly report vulnerable locations.

The DC said the worst road damage has been reported from Mangkolemba subdivision, particularly on interior roads. Around eight affected families in the subdivision have received emergency relief from the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), while assessments of damage to houses, agriculture and allied sectors are continuing.

The district has received Rs 36 lakh from the Nagaland State Disaster

Management Authority (NSDMA) to support relief and restoration efforts. Essential commodities are being carried on foot from the nearest vehicle-accessible points to the cut-off villages, while authorities work to restore road connectivity.

Two major landslides at Molungkimong have severely hampered restoration work. NSDMA nodal officer for Mokokchung and Tuensang, Temsuwangsi Jamir, said the smaller landslide stretches for about 100 metres and is being cleared with the support of villagers. The larger slide, however, is extensive and may take considerable time to clear.

Yimjenkimong is also inaccessible due to multiple landslides. Restoration work is under way on the Warumong-Yimjenkimong-Molungkimong road, where sinking portions and landslide-prone stretches have further complicated access. Major landslides have also been reported near Aosungkum and along the Aosenden road, raising concerns that the Mokokchung-Mangkolemba route via Mariani could face further disruption if the rain continues.

The Yajang bridge was damaged on July 19, disrupting the village's main access route. Villagers, with assistance from the DDMA and in coordination with Assam authorities, have temporarily repaired an alternate route

through the nearby NAP camp area using bamboo and wood. Further consultations are being held to speed up restoration of the bridge and road.

On the national highway network, sections of NH-02 have been affected by landslides and road blockages, making the route unsuitable for heavy vehicles. The administration is using NH-702B, the Mokokchung-Mariani route, to maintain the movement of essential commodities and other heavy vehicles. The Public Works Department is maintaining alternate routes until the damaged highway sections can be fully restored.

Tuli subdivision, which experienced flooding following heavy rainfall on July 19 and 20, has also suffered significant damage. About 430 households were affected, though the situation has since stabilised. The relief camp established for affected families is being discontinued, as most residents have moved in with relatives. Relief and support will continue through the DDMA, ADC Tuli and other concerned agencies.

Water supply remains a major concern in Tuli, where pipelines were damaged by flooding. The Public Health Engineering Department has deployed water tankers and is working on temporary pipeline arrangements to restore supply until permanent re-

pairs can be completed. Power supply and mobile-network connectivity were also disrupted in the subdivision.

The Longchem sector has reported serious power disruptions, while damaged power lines in and around Mangkolemba and Yajang are under repair. Authorities said restoration is taking time because of difficult terrain, continuing rain and repeated landslides. The district administration also reported damage to schools, health facilities and agricultural land in several areas. Damage assessments are being compiled by administrative officers in coordination with the agriculture, power, PHE and other departments for submission to the NSDMA.

In Mokokchung town, two persons died in a landslide-related incident. Seven families living in vulnerable locations were shifted to safer areas as a precautionary measure. The administration said district response teams and local authorities have been deployed to identify and monitor landslide-prone areas.

Verma acknowledged assistance from the State Government, NSDMA, community organisations, churches, village councils and the public. He said the administration would continue co-ordinating with all departments and stakeholders to restore essential services and road connectivity once weather conditions improve.

MP Jamir urges Centre to boost facilities at CAU's veterinary college in Peren

DIMAPUR, AUGUST 4 (MExN): Nagaland Member of Parliament S Sumpommeren Jamir on Tuesday urged the Centre to strengthen infrastructure and academic facilities at the College of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, Jalukie, a constituent college of the Central Agricultural University (CAU), Imphal.

Raising the issue during Zero Hour in Parlia-

ment, Jamir appealed to the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying to sanction key developmental projects for the institution.

The MP sought the construction of a Veterinary Clinical Complex, upgradation of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnostic (VLD) facilities for efficient animal disease diagnosis, and the introduction of veterinary telemedicine and mobile

animal health services to improve outreach and service delivery.

Jamir said the proposed interventions would enhance the quality of veterinary education, strengthen animal healthcare services and build capacity in the livestock sector in line with national development goals.

He noted that the college attracts students from different parts of the country and said improved infrastructure

would benefit both students and faculty while helping the institution develop into one of the country's leading veterinary colleges.

The MP urged the Union Ministry to accord priority to the proposals, stating that investment in veterinary education is vital for improving livestock productivity, strengthening food security and generating employment opportunities in the rural economy.

Nagaland Govt announces bureaucratic reshuffle, reallocates key charges

KOHIMA, AUGUST 4 (MExN): The Nagaland Government on August 4 announced a bureaucratic reshuffle involving the transfer, posting, retention and reassignment of additional charges of 17 Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Nagaland Civil Service (NCS), Nagaland Secretariat Service (NSS) and other officers across several key departments.

The transfers, postings and retentions were ordered with immediate effect in the interest of public service, stated a notification issued by the State Chief Secretary, Santiyanger Imchen.

Among others, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister and Home Commissioner, Abhijit Sinha has been assigned the additional charge of Principal Secretary, Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department (DP&AR).

Dr K D Vizo, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister and Tribal Affairs Department, has also been assigned the additional charge of Principal Secretary, Law & Justice Department.

Meanwhile, Commissioner & Secretary, Water Resources Department-

tAsangla Imti has been transferred and posted as Commissioner & Secretary, School Education and SCERT Department, while Kevileno Angami, Commissioner & Secretary, School Education & SCERT Department, has been transferred as Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department.

The Secretary, Economics & Statistics Department and Parliamentary Affairs Department (designate) Akun S Meyaseh has been relieved of the Parliamentary Affairs Department and assigned the additional charge of Secretary, Water Resources Department.

Kuko Mero, Secretary, Home Department, has been entrusted with the additional charge of Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs Department.

On promotion, Nusieta Rhakho, Secretary, Home Department, has been transferred and posted as Secretary, Agriculture Department, while Vechovo Teteo, Additional Secretary, DP&AR, has been transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department.

Additional Secretary, Finance Department and IDAN/Vineet Kumar will hold the additional charge of Additional Secretary to the Chief Minister.

Renabomo Odyuo, Additional Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, has been transferred and posted as Director, DUDA, while Y Chingyak Konyak, Joint Secretary, DUDA, has been posted as Director, Food Processing Department.

Samuel Thyug, Deputy Secretary, Finance Department, will continue to hold the additional charge of Deputy Secretary, School Education Department until completion of the NECTAR Project.

Among other transfers, Limanungsang, Deputy Sec-

retary, Labour, Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Department, has been posted as Deputy Secretary, PHED; Temsububa Jamir, Under Secretary, Home Department, has been posted as SDO (Civil), Mokokchung.

Accordingly, Selesma S Sangtam, SDO (Civil), Mokokchung (designate), has been retained as SDO (Civil), Medziphema while Nchumbemo Humtsoe, Under Secretary, Land Revenue Department, on promotion, has been transferred as Under Secretary, Tourism Department.

Akumlong Amer, EAC, Zunheboto, has been transferred and posted as EAC, Pughoboto.

Bharat Vikas Parishad Dimapur elects new executive committee

DIMAPUR, AUGUST 4 (MExN): The Dimapur branch of Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP) has constituted a new executive committee for the 2026-27 session and resolved to expand its presence in Nagaland by opening branches in Kohima and Chümoukedima.

The decisions were taken during the branch's general meeting, where members reviewed the activities of the outgoing committee and discussed the organisation's roadmap for the coming year.

The meeting considered the annual report for the 2025-26 session, dissolved the outgoing executive committee and unanimously approved the formation of a new executive committee, which subsequently received approval from the Regional Office on August 4.

General Secretary Arijit Sharma presented the annual report, highlighting the branch's service projects, cultural programmes, organisational activities and achievements during the previous year. Members appreciated the efforts of the outgoing committee in promoting the objectives of the organisation.

The newly constituted executive committee comprises Ganesh Sharma as president; Deepankar Sarkar and Sravani Kar as vice-presidents; Arijit Sharma as general secretary; CA Rajib Saha as treasurer; Subhash Burman as cultural secretary; Angshik Sharma Biswas as convener of Bharat Ko Jano; and Sumi Das as convener of the National Group Singing Competition. The meeting also inducted 30 executive members who have been assigned various projects and community service activities for the 2026-27 session.

Members unanimously resolved to establish two new Bharat Vikas Parishad branches in Kohima and Chümoukedima during the next quarter to expand the organisation's outreach and promote service, cultural awareness and national integration in the state.

'We Before Me': Zunheboto to launch Green Campus Initiative on Aug 12

ZUNHEBOTO, AUGUST 4 (MExN): Zunheboto Government College, in collaboration with the Zunheboto Forest Division, will launch the Green Campus Initiative on August 12 as the first pilot project under the Community Social Responsibility (ComSR) model introduced by the Forest Division.

According to the organisers, the initiative aims to promote environmental stewardship and community participation while transforming the college into a model of environmental sustainability.

The ComSR model, launched during the first Satoi Connect Fest on March 26 this year, is a people-centric initiative based on the principle that every individual has a responsibility towards society and the environment.

Officials said that while Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) encourages businesses to contribute to social development, ComSR extends the concept to citizens, educational institutions, villages, organisations and communities by encouraging voluntary action for the common good.

Built around the philosophy of "We Before Me", the model seeks to foster collective responsibility through volunteerism and environmental stewardship. It encourages individuals and institutions to contribute their time, knowledge, skills and resources towards envi-

ronmental conservation, education, public welfare and sustainable community development.

The Green Campus Initiative, the first project under the ComSR framework, will focus on green audits, tree plantation, biodiversity conservation, waste segregation, water and energy conservation, reducing single-use plastics and promoting environmental awareness.

The programme also aims to develop environmental leadership among students so they can serve as ambassadors of sustainability in their homes and communities.

Officials expressed hope that the successful implementation of the pilot project would encourage other educational institutions, villages, government offices, civil society organisations and community groups across the district to undertake similar initiatives under the ComSR framework.

The organisers have invited students, alumni, educational institutions, government departments, civil society organisations, village leaders and members of the public to participate in the launch programme at Zunheboto Government College on August 12.

The statement said the initiative reflects the belief that sustainable development can be achieved only through shared responsibility and active public participation, rather than government efforts alone.

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