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GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND

# BUDGET SPEECH

of

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FOR THE YEAR 2026 - 2027

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**Speaker Sir,**

I rise to present the budget for the year 2026-27 before this august house. This is not just a Budget Statement; it is a Roadmap- a strategic approach to Developed Nagaland @ 2047.

2. Before I proceed further, I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our brothers and sisters of the Eastern districts on signing the Memorandum of Agreement for the establishment of Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA). I express my deep gratitude to the Union Government and all stakeholders in the State for making this historic Agreement possible.

3. This agreement reflects the Government's sustained commitment to increased participation in governance and achieving measurable outcome for our people in the Eastern districts while addressing the aspirations of all citizens of the State.

4. In this regard, the State Government has been working earnestly to expedite the process for formation of the FNTA Interim Body. The FNTA Bill is being tabled in this august House during the current session.

5. Speaker Sir, my Government remains firmly committed to achieving a peaceful and early settlement of the Naga political issue. To strengthen and institutionalise this effort, the Political Affairs Committee (PAC) has been constituted, comprising all Ministers, elected representatives of all tribes, representatives of all political parties, and Members of Parliament from the State. The PAC continues to review key issues pertaining to the Naga political issue and, in order to further streamline and intensify its efforts, a Sub-Committee has also been constituted under my Chairmanship.

6. On 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026, I along with my cabinet colleagues and members of the Sub-Committee met the Hon'ble Union Home Minister and requested the Government of India to elevate the ongoing peace dialogue with the Naga Political Groups by appointing an interlocutor at the political or ministerial level so as to expedite the process and arrive at an honourable, inclusive and acceptable solution at the earliest. I am happy to inform that the Government of India has responded positively by initiating the constitution of a Committee under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs to monitor the progress of the Naga political talks and address the unresolved issues.

7. Speaker Sir, the Sixteenth Finance Commission, covering the Financial Years 2026-2031, has revised the formula for horizontal devolution resulting in reduction of Nagaland's share in Central Taxes from 0.569 percent to 0.481 percent, a decline of about 15 percent in relative terms. Consequently, for the year 2026-27, the State is projected to receive ₹7,341 crore as its share of Central taxes, whereas the amount would have been ₹8,684 crore had the earlier devolution formula continued.

8. I must draw the attention of this August House on the adverse fiscal impact resulting from the discontinuation of Post-Devolution Revenue Deficit Grants. On 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026, I met the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister Smti. Nirmala Sitharaman ji, and apprised her of our concern and submitted a written representation on the impending fiscal shortfall for the next five years unless the Union Government provide grants-in-aid to cover our revenue

deficit, as constitutionally mandated. Such support is essential to ensure that Nagaland's unique constitutional status, in the spirit of the 16-Point Agreement, is duly recognized and protected within the framework of India's fiscal federalism. We are proceeding with full budget presentation following a clear and reassuring concurrence of the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister in this regard.

9. Successive Central Finance Commissions have flagged the high revenue expenditure in our State budgets, particularly on salaries. I have consistently underlined the need to contain revenue expenditure and augment our own revenue receipts. To this end, my Government has been following a prudent fiscal consolidation path by improving our State's own revenue, stabilising our committed expenditure and containing fiscal deficit while ensuring the developmental needs of the State are not compromised.

10. Speaker Sir, let me now highlight the new initiatives that this Budget introduces. For the first time in the State's fiscal framework, this Budget introduces an SDG-linked Budget architecture and a Gender Budget Statement. The State has also adopted Outcome Budgeting from this Financial Year and the Outcome Budget Statement will be published in the subsequent Financial Year. This will strengthen monitoring, accountability, and outcome-based planning across departments. The Budgetary initiatives will adopt the whole-of-Government approach wherein all Stakeholders including Departments, public agencies and communities shall work in an integrated manner to achieve common policy objectives. This reiterates the significance my Government is placing on aligning public expenditure with inclusive development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

11. Gender equality has always been embedded as a foundational pillar of our Naga society. The State ranks first in SDG-5 (Gender Equality) among Indian States and has been a pioneer in gender-responsive governance through the VDB Model Rules, 1980, which institutionalised gender-based allocations and reservations decades ahead of national mainstreaming efforts. The objective of this year's Budget is to continue these efforts and align our interventions with our country's cherished goal of a Viksit Bharat 2047.

12. To enable higher participation of women in workplaces and to improve women workforce stability, Creches will be established in all major Government establishments across the State. The initiative will commence at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat from the ensuing Financial Year.

13. Recognizing the importance of women-led enterprises in strengthening local economies and acknowledging the daunting challenge faced by women in availing Capital, the Government will operationalize an **Innovation Seed Fund** for nano women entrepreneurs with an allocation of **₹2 crore targeting 1000 women** across the State. The initiative will provide early-stage financial support to women-led nano enterprises, without having them to undergo cumbersome loan related documentation. These women shall also be facilitated for linkage to the formal banking sector to open new avenues for further expansion and ensure they achieve economic self-sufficiency.

14. Further, to introduce economic opportunities for women in the Transportation sector, 50 Pink Scooty Taxis will be introduced in pilot mode across 3 districts of Nagaland. The candidates will be selected to undergo training under the Nagaland Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Mission (NSEDMD) and credit linkage shall be facilitated

through the Chief Minister's Micro Finance Initiative (CMMFI). Opportunities for women drivers will also be given for operating Taxi Services across the State.

15. Speaker Sir, every Society needs safe and sustained supply of drinking water. To this end, my Government will launch the **Nagaland Strategic Water Resilience Initiative** with an allocation of **₹24 crore**. This initiative will focus to enhance water security through creation of water bodies, strategic water storage, rainwater harvesting integration and urban groundwater recharge in all District Headquarters, in a phased manner. This will build our resilience and preparedness to extreme climatic changes.

16. This year, I am launching the **Chief Minister's Community Solar Partnership Initiative** under the **Nagaland Solar Mission** with an allocation of **₹11 crore**. The initiative is targeted to install 3 kW grid-connected rooftop solar systems in all Village Council buildings across Nagaland. This will reduce our power imports, ensure reliable electricity and generate community revenue. The initiative will complement our efforts to achieve a greener economy.

17. To further strengthen environmental sustainability, an allocation of **₹1 crore** has been earmarked for **Initiatives under the Green Economy**, to promote environmentally responsible economic activities and green livelihood opportunities under **Nagaland Empowerment of People through Economic Development (NEPED)** and promotion of bamboo charcoal and briquette value chain under **Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency (NBDA)**. Besides promoting eco-friendly produces, this will also potentially develop MSMEs in this sector.

18. Human capital development is key to a developed Nagaland. This Budget introduces a focused set of targeted initiatives designed to strengthen human capital, improve community wellbeing, and enhance economic resilience in the State. With an allocation of **₹5 crore**, the Government will expand the mandate of **Nagaland Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Mission (NSEDM)** by focusing on entrepreneurship incubation and livelihood generation aligned with emerging economic opportunities within the State and beyond. Targeted interventions for women will also be continued through this Mission.

19. Complementing this effort, the **Nagaland Apprenticeship and Placement Exchange (NAPEX)** will be introduced with an allocation of **₹50 lakhs** to facilitate structured pathways between skill development and employment opportunities for the youth and their placements. The platform will serve as the registry of our available workforce, connect job-seekers and job-providers and monetize the ever-growing care economy of the State. This will enable the State Government to maintain a comprehensive database of all Nagas working outside the State to enable targeted Governmental interventions, especially during emergencies and crisis situations. The existing Employment Exchanges will be transformed into an interactive and evolving platform to meet the supply and demand gap of the labour market. The registry will also be dovetailed to the Chief Minister's Life Insurance Scheme (CMLIS) for life and accidental insurance coverage of the breadwinners.

20. In order to strengthen administrative capacity and governance outcomes, the allocation of **₹2 crore** provided for the **Training of Public Servants and Authorities** in the last Budget will continue. This capacity building initiative will focus on modern governance practices, financial management, and policy implementation capabilities of Stakeholders. Trainings will also be imparted to the Village Level Functionaries wherein among other capacity building programmes, they will be trained at Gender Responsive planning and implementation of Governmental programs and policies.

21. Education and academic excellence remain critical priorities of the Government. The **Nagaland Academic Excellence Corpus** with an allocation of **₹1 crore** is designed for capacity building and up-skilling of teaching faculty in Higher Education, Technical Education and ITIs with special focus on emerging sectors, including digital economy and information technology, agri-technology, artificial intelligence and green economy. Incentives will also be provided for institutions taking up such sectors in their curriculum.

22. To encourage students to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, **₹1 crore** is allocated for the **Chief Minister's STEM Incentive Programme**. This will provide monetary support to Students enrolled in degree courses in these disciplines in institutes of national repute.

23. A huge number of Out-of-School children and youth will prove to be a socio-economic burden on the State for decades to come if we do not enable them to acquire minimum qualifications essential for undergoing skill trainings and bring them to the workforce. The **Nagaland Open Learning Support Scheme**, with an allocation of **₹1 crore**, is targeted to support alternative learning pathways and expand educational access to this section of our community.

24. Lack of collective social wellbeing in the community will eventually lead to non-productivity, both economically and emotionally. We need a motivated society as we endeavour towards a Developed Nagaland. To this end, **the Nagaland Community Wellbeing Initiative** is allocated **₹50 lakhs**. The programme will promote community engagement, mental wellbeing, and social cohesion across rural and urban areas. This initiative is positioned as a happiness and quality-of-life initiative aimed at social happiness and positive thinking rather than a psychiatric intervention.

25. The Government recognizes the importance of cleanliness and sanitation which are critical factors for achieving the status of a developed State by strengthening local institutions and civic participation. The **Nagaland Cleanliness Performance Incentive for Local Bodies**, with an allocation of **₹2 crore**, will primarily target to institutionalise behavioural change and social responsibility in the Community, central to achieving sustainable development. Financial incentives will be given to urban and rural local bodies that demonstrate measurable improvements in sanitation, waste management, and community cleanliness.

26. In the Sports sector, with an objective to identify and systematically promote Naga athletes to compete in international sporting events, the Government will introduce the **Chief Minister's Sports Advancement Initiative** with an allocation of **₹3 crore**. This programme will focus on development of athletes and coaching competency, training

support and incentives for sporting excellence across 5 priority disciplines, namely- Archery, Badminton, Sepaktakraw, Table Tennis and Taekwondo. This is aligned to the State Government's vision to prepare our athletes to compete in the Summer Olympics 2048. More disciplines will be taken up in the future.

27. Speaker Sir, I have mentioned about the unfavourable award of the 16<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission and the growing strain on our limited resources. Strengthening the State's revenue framework, therefore, remains critical for fiscal sustainability. Accordingly, the Government will establish a **Revenue and Development Fund Mobilisation Cell** within Finance Department, with an allocation of **₹1 crore**, to identify innovative financing mechanisms, strengthen resource mobilisation, and support development financing strategies. To further strengthen the State's revenue and fiscal consolidation, a **Committee on Expenditure Rationalization and Revenue Mobilization** will be formed under my Chairmanship.

28. Complementing this effort, the **Integrated Land Revenue Mobilisation Initiative** with an allocation of **₹1 crore**, will be introduced to focus on improving land-based revenue systems and modernizing land revenue administration in the State.

29. Coupled with this, the State Government will rollout **e-Stamps** to modernize and streamline the system of stamp duty and revenue administration. This reform will enhance transparency, minimize the risk of fraud and counterfeits, ensure real-time verification of transactions and improve the ease of doing business by enabling faster execution and registration of documents. This will also help plug the leakages in the system and enhance revenue of the State.

30. The State has developed the electronic Government Receipts Accounting System (**e-GRAS**), an online platform that will enable citizens, businesses, and institutions to pay taxes, fees, fines, and other dues through secured digital channels.

31. To revitalize Nagaland's business ecosystem, which is the engine of our economic dynamism, the Government will launch the **Nagaland Gross Value-Addition Promotion Initiative**, a sub-component of the Chief Minister's Micro-Finance Initiative (CMMFI). This initiative is targeted to attract, nurture and scale entrepreneurial ventures, thereby boosting Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP). The initiative will provide robust market-linkage facilitation and dedicated incubation support. **Financial incentives up to ₹10 lakhs** will be tied to a tiered performance framework of identified key indicators linked to the "promotion of private enterprise", ensuring that successful enterprises receive targeted capital assistance aligned with their proven impact and green intervention initiatives.

32. Speaker Sir, the Government will launch the **Nagaland Agro-based Produce Logistic Support Scheme** with an allocation of **₹5 crore**. The initiative will support aggregation, transportation, and market linkages for our produce, thereby enhancing agricultural income and reducing post-harvest and post-production losses. This will encourage our farmers and local producers to produce in huge quantity without the burden to worry about market access and ensure local products from across the State reach the market and are priced competitively.

33. Further, the Government will implement the **Nagaland Weavers Advancement and Market Formalisation Initiative** with an allocation of **₹1 crore**. This programme will support traditional artisans by establishing a registry to strengthen market access, product formalisation, facilitate GI tagging and value addition in the traditional textile sector. At the same time, it will mainstream weavers in the organised economy.

34. Detailed guidelines and incentive structures of all these initiatives will be published in due course of time, signaling the State's unwavering commitment to fostering an inclusive, sustainable, growth-oriented ecosystem across sectors on our journey to a developed Nagaland @ 2047.

35. Speaker Sir, the State Planning Board has allocated resources prioritizing completion of ongoing works and development of infrastructure in newly created districts. I shall now briefly enumerate the sector-wise allocations for the year 2026-27.

36. The Agri and Allied sector have been provided with a total allocation of **₹21.09 crore**. The **Agriculture Department** has been provided **₹10.95 crore** for Agri infrastructure and Agri Park at Kisama Heritage village. The **Horticulture Department** is provided **₹6.55 crore** for post-harvest management and value addition of strawberry, development of flower cluster model village at Tourist villages, construction of Horti infrastructure including Office Building in Shamator district. The **Soil and Water Conservation Department** will undertake a Comprehensive Sustainable Land Development project and other infrastructure development projects with an allocation of **₹3.59 crore**.

37. **Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department** is strengthening and constructing existing dispensaries, Health Centres & Resource Centres as well as promotion of rural livestock production and control of African Swine Flu. The department is provided **₹6.20 crore**. The State aims to transform fish farming into a commercial enterprise to achieve self-sufficiency in fish production by 2030. The **Fisheries and Aquatic Services Department** is undertaking cluster-based fisheries development and institutionalising Fish Farmer Producer Organisations (FFPOs) in the State. Fisheries and aquatic services has been provided **₹4.20 crore**.

38. Through sustained efforts in community participation, the State has become a pioneer in community-led conservation, with 208 Community Reserves notified under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, covering 1,975 sq. km. The **Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department** is provided **₹5.50 crore** for establishment of High-Tech Nursery, Plantation of Agarwood and other activities.

39. The **Cooperation Department** has been provided **₹6.17 Crore** for construction of ARCS Offices in Niuland, Peren, Mokokchung, Wokha and Zunheboto districts.

40. Coffee has emerged as a key rural economic driver, with Nagaland becoming a leading producer in the North-East. Recognized by the Ministry of DoNER as a 'Unique Selling Proposition', Nagaland coffee has secured assured markets both within and outside the country. The **Land Resources Department** is provided **₹6.25 crore** for promotion of

sustainable livelihood through coffee plantation, Coffee Café, Coffee adaptation station and development of Coffee nursery.

41. The **Sericulture Department** will undertake development of Eri silk in rural areas across the State and construction of Spinning and Reeling unit at Dimapur district. Departmental infrastructure will also be constructed in Peren and Meluri districts. The Department is provided **₹5.30 crore**.

42. **Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency, Bio-resources and Aromatic Plant, Bee and Honey Mission; Nagaland Empowerment of People through Economic Development (NEPED) and Hygroger (NEPeD)** are allocated **₹1 crore** each.

43. The **Rural Development Department** is provided **₹5 crore** for construction of BDO Offices at Ongpangkong South in Mokokchung and Sanis in Wokha district, improvement of rural roads and amenities at the Directorate complex. **The State Institute of Rural Development** is provided **₹4 crore** for construction of Administrative-cum-Academic Block at SIRD Office complex, Kohima and for various Training programmes.

44. The **Land Revenue Department** is provided **₹4.85 crore** to undertake procurement of Differential Global Positioning System and construction of DLRSO office building at Longleng and Tsemnyu districts. **₹200 crore** has been allocated for Land Bank under the Department.

45. Human Resources Development in multi-disciplinary trade for widows and educated unemployed women will be undertaken by the **Development of Under Developed Areas Department**. Construction of DUDA staff Quarter at Kohima and Iconic Projects under UDAP will also be undertaken for which the Department is provided **₹20.19 crore**.

46. In the **Power** sector, **Distribution and Revenue** is provided **₹9.29 crore** for construction of three 33 KVA sub-station in Wokha, Phek and Peren districts, purchase of transformers, and re-alignment and construction of 11 KV Line of Jangpetkong Feeder and upgradation of existing 33 KVA substations. The **Transmission and Generation** section has been provided **₹11.42 crore** for construction of Departmental infrastructure. In addition, **₹3.00 crore** is provided to the **New and Renewable Energy Department** for construction of 150 kW Thiza Ru Hydel project, implementation of solar water heater system and solar home lighting system. The **Electrical Inspectorate** has been provided **₹1.00 crore** for Green Village initiatives.

47. The **Industries and Commerce Department** has been provided **₹9.75 crore** for 'Ease of Doing Business', Startup Nagaland Programme, training and awareness programme in Textiles, MSMEs, Commerce, Food processing and implementation of India Industrial Land Bank (IILB). The Department will also undertake export promotion activities, packaging and branding of MSME products and construction of Meeting Hall and Storm water drainage at Avangkhu ITC. This includes **₹1 crore** each for NHHDC, NKVIB and NHTDC Ltd. and **₹50 lakh** for NTTTC.

48. The **Geology and Mining Department** has been allocated **₹7.50 crore** for key initiatives including mineral connectivity infrastructure to Dikhu bridge at Tengtak Saho river in Mon district; groundwater development in water stressed areas through deep tube wells, rainwater harvesting and artificial recharge structures, and exploration of strategic minerals. The Department will construct a Mining Governance & Resource Management Centre, undertake GIS- based district-wise assessment of minor minerals using DGPS surveys and investigate limestone deposits in North and South Choklangan in Noklak district. The **Nagaland State Mineral Development Corporation Limited** has been provided **₹2.39 crore**.

49. The **Roads and Bridges Department** has been provided **₹30.00 crore** for improvement of roads and rehabilitation of bridges. The Trans- Nagaland Highway (Foothill Road) is envisioned to create an economic corridor across strategic areas of the State and the Government is giving due priority considering its strategic socio- economic impact on the people. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highway (MoRTH) has stipulated a minimum Right of Way (RoW) of 30 metres, free from all encumbrances, to be provided before the project could be taken up as a National Highway. As specified by the Ministry, Forest clearance has been obtained. However, the requirement of the 30 m RoW free of cost is yet to be fulfilled and the State Government is in the process of discussion with concerned Tribal Hohos and stakeholders in this regard. The **Mechanical Department** has been provided **₹3.00 crore** for procurement of heavy machineries.

50. The **Road Transport Department** has been provided **₹9.41 crore** for construction of sub-station and garages at various districts, upgradation of NST Divisional workshop at Lerie, booking office and bus shed at Tening and Longjang and maintenance of helipads at various locations. The **Motor Vehicles Department** has been provided **₹4 crore** for construction of Office building and staff quarters. To streamline and formalise eco-friendly and economical transport option, the Department will formulate a policy for operation of commercial three-wheelers in identified feasible districts of the State.

51. The **Science and Technology Department** has been provided **₹2.82 crore** for departmental infrastructure and for Nagaland Science Mission. The **Information Technology and Communication Department** has been provided **₹5.35 crore** for departmental infrastructure, software development, enhancement of State Data Centre operations and Governance digital platforms using Multimodal AI agents and advanced analytics for online services. Nagaland Innovation Hub will also be constructed by the Department in Chumoukedima district.

52. The **Planning Machinery** has been provided **₹7.38 crore** for construction of SDPDB conference hall at Bhandari and Tobu and other infrastructure. **₹250 crore** is earmarked for State Matching Share to CSS. Other allocations include ₹12 crore for Special Development Programme; ₹2.5 crore for SDG initiatives; ₹1 crore for Nagaland Institute of Transformation (NIoT); ₹1.5 crore for aspirational districts & blocks. As announced earlier on the floor of this House, ₹132 crore is allocated for LADP, an increase of ₹20 lakh per constituency specially earmarked for skill development and promotion of micro enterprises. An additional ₹50 lakh each is allocated for the 29 (Twenty-nine) areas covered in the Under Developed Area Programme (UDAP).

53. The **Art and Culture Department** has been provided **₹7.45 crore** for construction of cultural hall at Tammong in Mon district, District Cultural Office at Longleng, Exhibition Hall at Kisama Heritage village, Traditional Gate and Morung at Benreu in Peren district, Konyak Community Hall at Dimapur and Departmental core activities including Hornbill Festival. The **Tourism Department** has been provided **₹17.20 crore** for the Hornbill Festival, Mini Hornbill Tribal Festivals and construction of office buildings, eco-tourism and tourism enhancement infrastructure in various districts.

54. The **Economics and Statistics Department** has been provided **₹4.71 crore** for construction of District Offices in Wokha, Kiphire and Tseminyu, staff quarters at Tuensang, Peren and various repairs and renovation of Departmental infrastructure. The **Food and Civil Supplies Department** has been provided **₹4.74 crore** for construction of office buildings in Tuensang, Peren, Zunheboto, Tseminyu and Godowns at various locations. The **Legal Metrology and Consumer Protection Department** has been provided **₹2.62 crore** for construction and upgradation of various departmental building, trainings and for consumer awareness. The **Evaluation Department** has been provided **₹2.87 crore** for various construction works and evaluation studies.

55. The **School Education Department** has been provided **₹12.89 crore** for construction of DEO and SDEO Offices in Meluri, Niuland, Chumoukedima, Noklak, Shamator, Mangkolemba in Mokokchung and Tening in Peren district and construction of school infrastructure in various locations.

56. The **Higher Education Department** has been provided **₹11.05 crore** for construction of Classrooms and Academic Buildings at various Government colleges, Girls Hostel at New Model College, Mangkolemba and Peren Government College, Peren; separate Boys and Girls Toilets at various Government colleges and infrastructure upgradation at Multipurpose Hall at Yingli College in Longleng. **SCERT** has been allocated **₹3.24 crore** for development of New Textbooks from KG2 till class 8 and construction of various departmental infrastructure.

57. The **Technical Education Department** has been provided **₹3.20 crore** for setting up Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning Laboratory at Government Polytechnic at Seithekema-C, construction of Girls Hostel at Government Polytechnic Doyang, Wokha, power line connections for Government Polytechnic Aboi, Mon and Doyang, Wokha.

58. The **Youth Resources and Sports Department** has been provided **₹10.43 crore** for construction of departmental buildings, capacity building for youth empowerment and sports personnel, tournament related activities and TaFMA core activities.

59. The **Health and Family Welfare Department** has been provided **₹10.10 crore** for construction of CHC, PHCs, offices, staff quarters, health Sub-centres, and infrastructural improvement across the State.

60. The **Public Health Engineering Department** has been provided **₹6.22 crore** for improvement of water supply to Kohima, Mokokchung and Wokha; construction of departmental infrastructure in Peren, Noklak, Niuland, Zunheboto and Wokha. Software

development for online water billing and roof top rainwater harvesting structure at NBCC Convention Centre at Kohima will also be undertaken by the Department.

61. The **Housing Department** has been provided **₹31.15 crore** for construction of rental housings, staff quarters, rest houses and office buildings in various districts and sub-divisions. **CAWD** has been provided **₹26.00 crore** for office buildings, residential quarters, flat type staff quarters, rest houses and circuit house for District Administration in various parts of the State. The **Police Housing** has been provided **₹13.57 crore** for construction of office buildings, construction and upgradation of police stations, staff quarters, barracks and upgradation of buildings. The Law and Justice Department has been provided **₹2.63 crore** for various construction activities.

62. The **Home Guards** has been provided with **₹3.29 crore** for construction of Departmental infrastructure. The **Jails (Prison) Housing Department** has been provided **₹5.61 crore** for construction of various departmental infrastructure. The **Excise Department** has been provided with **₹3.20 crore** for construction of buildings in Phek, Peren and Dimapur.

63. Speaker Sir, I am happy to announce that Nagaland has been awarded ₹100 crore for Nagaki City by the Central Government under the Theme-based Green Field Cities Competition during 2025-26. An area measuring 330 Hectare has been identified for development of critical infrastructure and other public amenities and works will commence soon. The **Urban Development Department** has been provided **₹17.49 crore** for Urban Roads in all district headquarters, Urban Infrastructure Development Schemes and urban drainages and footpath. The **Municipal Affairs Department** has been provided **₹4.40 crore** for Urban Sanitation and Sewerage Scheme, infrastructure for ULBs, Capacity building for ULBs and Municipal Solid Waste Management. Under State Finance Commission, **₹15.83 crore** is allocated to Municipal Department as Share-in-taxes and **₹9.16 crore** as Grant-in-Aid for urban local bodies.

64. The **Information and Public Relations Department** is provided with **₹4.39 crore** for advanced capacity building programme for films and AVGC-XR and sectoral integration of Nagaland in Screen Media & Creative Technology sector. The **Labour Department** has been provided with **₹2.97 crore** for construction of office buildings, unorganised social security and labour welfare centre. The **Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Department** has been provided with **₹4.70 crore** for providing access to core employability skills for 1200 rural youth and women, construction of office infrastructure, skilling in media and entertainment sector, health and hospitality sector with language for international placements.

65. The **Social Welfare Department** has been provided **₹5.29 crore** for construction and upgradation of Departmental infrastructures. The **Women Resources Department** has been provided **₹4.30 crore** for Transformative Livelihood Intervention project and Myki activities.

66. The General Services sector has been provided **₹22.10 crore**. This includes **₹2.80 crore** to the **Printing and Stationery Department**, **₹1.80 crore** to the **Administrative Training Institute**, **₹7 crore** to the **Nagaland Legislative Assembly** and **₹10.50 crore** to

the **Fire & Emergency Services** for development of fire stations in the newly created districts and divisions, development of infrastructure and upgradation of Training Centre for Fire & emergency services, improvement of existing and upcoming Fire station and purchase of equipment and appliances.

67. The **Treasuries and Accounts Department** has been provided **₹4 crore** for construction of office-cum-staff quarters at various locations. The **Parliamentary Affairs Department** has been provided **₹2.20 crore**. The **Taxes Department** has been provided **₹4.30 crore** for construction of various Departmental building. The **Village Guards** has been provided **₹5.56 crore** for construction of 18 VG barracks and other infrastructure.

68. The **Border Affairs Department** has been provided **₹2.00 crore** for construction of Border Rest Houses and Departmental infrastructure.

69. The **Election Department** has been provided **₹4.01 crore** for various infrastructure development. The **Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority** under Home Department has been provided **₹3.50 crore** for strengthening real-time and field-based emergency disaster response with emerging technology; strengthening Eliona, a super computer of NSDMA and establishment of 16 HAM Radio Stations, a standalone Emergency Communication Network. **₹1.20 crore** has been provided for upgradation of Nagaland Guest Houses in RK Puram and Salt Lake.

70. The **Tribal Affairs Department** has been provided **₹5.60 crore** for construction of directorate building, staff quarters and Tribal Arena at Kisama Heritage Village. The **Minority Affairs Department** has been allocated **₹4.50 crore** for construction of new directorate building, minority women marketing outlets in various districts and for Holy Land Tour. The **State Lotteries** has been provided **₹1 crore** for construction of a new directorate building at new Capital Complex, Thizama.

71. Speaker Sir, **₹100.57 crore** will be the **Grants to FNTA**, which is the proportional allocation of the total divisible pool of the State development fund after netting out the Statewide obligations including the non-transferred Departments.

72. The State, while committed to its role as a welfare provider, cannot sustain the delivery of essential services without corresponding contributions from users. Non-payment of charges for services such as electricity, water, and other utilities imposes a growing fiscal burden, constraining economic progress, particularly in a resource-constrained State like ours. It is, therefore, imperative that all revenue-earning departments establish realistic yet ambitious targets, eliminate leakages, and ensure the timely remittance of all collections into the State Treasury for optimal utilization. This responsibility extends across all Departments, which must diligently collect due fees and user charges, exercise expenditure discipline, and ensure value for public funds. Every citizen, taxpayer, trader, and public official handling Government revenue is equally obligated to discharge dues promptly and transparently. Strengthening revenue realization will enhance fiscal efficiency, reduce dependence on borrowing, and contribute to a sustained reduction in the fiscal deficit.

73. Speaker Sir, I am happy to inform that the closing deficit for the year 2025-26 is estimated to improve by ₹431.39 crore. As against the projection of ₹843.21 crore in the Budget estimates it is now estimated to close at ₹411.81 crore only in the Revised estimates.

74. As regards the Budget proposals, Speaker Sir, I am estimating the gross receipts at ₹22,507.10 crores and gross expenditure at ₹22,127.33 crore for the financial year 2026-27. The broad item-wise statement is as under :-

<b>A : RECEIPTS</b>	<u>(₹ in crore)</u>
State's Own Tax and Non-Tax Revenue	: 2714.44
State's Share in Central Taxes	: 7341.28
Central Assistance (Grants & Loans)	: 9471.08
Internal Debt	: 2978.77
Recovery of Loans and Advances by State Govt	: 1.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>: 22507.10</b>
<b>B : EXPENDITURES</b>	
Non Development Expenditure(excluding Servicing of Debt):	13337.51
Servicing of Debt (including repayment of WMA)	: 2618.74
<u>Development Expenditure (including CSS etc)</u>	<u>: 6171.08</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>: 22127.33</b>
<b>C. BALANCE (A-B)</b>	: 379.77
<b>D. PUBLIC ACCOUNT (NET)</b>	: (-)305.00
<b>E. NET CURRENT TRANSACTIONS (C+D)</b>	: 74.77

75. The gross receipts and expenditures during the year 2026-27 is estimated to result in surplus of ₹74.77 crore. However, because of the negative opening balance of ₹411.81 crore, the year is estimated to close with a negative balance of ₹337.04 crore.

76. The Government is committed to ensure that every rupee of public expenditure produces measurable social and economic impact, thereby strengthening the State's long-term growth prospects while safeguarding fiscal stability. We aim to create new opportunities for our youth, strengthen our local economies and lay the foundation for a more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable development trajectory for Nagaland, central in realizing our common goal of a developed nation by 2047.

77. With these words, Speaker Sir, I commend the Budget for 2026-27 to this august House for consideration and passing.

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