

Festivity in Nagaland township



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Ahuna festival fetched no less pomp and gaiety to the people of Zunheboto on Monday as the township turned 75.

Addressing the mammoth gathering on the occasion at Public Ground this morning, Chief Minister TR Zeliang termed the day as a '[Red Letter Day](#)' and extended warm greetings on behalf of the government of [Nagaland](#).

From today, he said, Zunheboto which is known as the 'land of warriors' be changed and called as the 'land of peace and prosperity'.

"A spirited people, Sumi's are known for their courage, dash and boldness and Zunheboto has produced many well-known Naga [leaders](#). He urged the people to strengthen their resolve and look ahead to the future with renewed understanding and hope. As Zunheboto town marches on to its next milestone of 100 years in another 25 years time, the Sumi people should be agents of transformation so that Zunheboto town will turn into a role model of a 21st century town with an enlightened citizenry."

"It is an occasion to rejoice and jubilate. In the Christian tradition, Jubilee is a time to look back at the decades gone by; to remember God's faithfulness and give thanks to the Almighty; to forgive and forget past differences within individuals, families and clans and look ahead to the future." This is the time to look back and recall the sacrifices made by the founding fathers 75 years ago, he added.

On Ahuna festival, he said, it is to invoke the Almighty's blessings "It is a fact that the deplorable conditions of the [roads](#) are being acutely felt by all. People have suffered and continue to suffer due to bad [roads](#). Here I wish to briefly touch on our resource position which I feel the public should know. Due to our [state](#)'s poor resource base, we are not in a position to provide funds for developmental purpose from our [normal](#) budget unless Govt. of [India](#) comes to our aid. As we are all aware, the main reason for shortage of funds is due to the payment of salaries to the huge population of Govt. employees including pensions."



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