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Historic Tripartite Pact Signed for Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority

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The Government of India, the Government of Nagaland, and the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO) signed a tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) in New Delhi to establish the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) — a new administrative framework aimed at addressing administrative and developmental concerns of six eastern districts of Nagaland.

Key Highlights

The pact was signed in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphi Rio.

It facilitates the creation of the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) **covering Tuensang, Mon, Kiphire, Longleng, Noklak, and Shamator districts.**

The agreement **aims to devolve powers over 46 subjects to FNTA and ensure equitable development for Eastern Nagaland.**

A **mini-Secretariat for FNTA will be set up**, headed by an Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary-level official.

Development funds for Eastern Nagaland will be shared proportionate to population and area.

The pact **does not affect Article 371(A) of the Constitution**, which safeguards Naga customary laws, land, and resources.

Background of the Agreement

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The **Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO)** is an **apex body representing eight recognised Naga tribes** from six eastern districts, which has long demanded greater administrative autonomy to address perceived neglect and underdevelopment.

The FNTA framework **offers a middle path between full statehood and status quo**, aiming to fulfil genuine aspirations without altering the constitutional integrity of Nagaland.

Significance of the Pact

The agreement is a **landmark step** in federal governance within India, reflecting flexible autonomy arrangements under the Constitution.

It is expected to accelerate infrastructure and economic development in Eastern Nagaland through local decision-making and financial autonomy.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the pact as “historic” and a boost to peace, progress, and inclusive growth in the North East.

Development and Peace Implications

The FNTA is seen as a conflict-management and peace-building measure in a region with a history of socio-political tensions.

Enhanced local governance is expected to reduce grievances that have previously driven political agitation in Eastern Nagaland.

Constitutional Safeguards

Article 371(A) of the Constitution **provides special protections to Nagaland**, including customary law, land ownership, and resource rights, and remains unaffected by the new arrangement.