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- NDPP President Chingwang Konyak says establishment of NDPP party is in consonance with desires of the people to have a change from existing political parties
- Naga Council Dimapur appeals leaders of various groups not to involve in the affairs of forth-coming Dimapur Municipal Council election.
- Advisor, Department of Social welfare, Wangpang Konyak says the Department is taking up various schemes to uplift women, children and disabled persons
- And, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima gets a vertical garden under National Clean Air Programme

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Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) is celebrating its 8th Foundation Day today. In a message, NDPP President Chingwang Konyak said the party was established in consonance with the desires of the people to have a change from existing political parties. The President said it was with the vision of change that the founding members decided to start a new political party, with regional identity and a global outlook. He said the journey from inception till today has been challenging, yet the party has prevailed because of the dedication and hard work of all the party men and women who have stood steadfast with the leadership in ensuring that the Party achieve its goals and targets. Chingwang said the success of NDPP would not have been possible without the resounding support and confidence of the people of the State and thanked the citizen for the unwavering support and help. The President added that despite the success of the Party, there are still many

challenges and goals to be achieved in order for the Party to deliver on the commitments to the people of the State. Konyak also requested all the citizens to continue their support for the Party and the Government and work unitedly in taking Nagaland –towards a State of Excellence. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio in a social media post extended warm greetings to all rank and file, and well-wishers, of the NDPP on its 8th Foundation Day. Rio said the Party reaffirm its commitment to serve all sections of the society and honour its mission, vision and goals.

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Naga Council Dimapur (NCD) has appealed leaders of various Civil Society Organisations, groups and self interested individuals not to involve in the affairs of forth-coming Dimapur Municipal Council (DMC) election. The NCD in its extraordinary meeting of councilors, discussed on peaceful conduct of the upcoming DMC Election and viewed that Dimapur Municipal Council area is the most prone city for unlawful activities during such elections in particular. The NCD therefore resolved in strongest term that no leaders of any organizations, groups, individuals, politicians and non-residents of DMC jurisdiction should vent into the affairs of ULB election for self benefit. To this, the NCD said it will strictly monitor all such anti-social elements in and around Dimapur district and that any organizations, groups, parties, individuals coming from outside and creating problems will be doing so with their own risk and will be held fully responsible for any consequential unwanted incidents. Lamenting that there is total lack of development in Dimapur city in recent times, the NCD appealed the electorates to take the upcoming ULB election as an opportunity for development and come forward to exercise their franchise and elect the rightful candidates to foster development and progress. The NCD also appealed the state Government to deploy sufficient security man-power in all polling stations and provide adequate security to the voters to facilitate free and fair election and for security of the electorates.

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Advisor, Department of Social welfare, Wangpang Konyak said the Department is taking up various schemes to uplift women, children and disabled persons. Speaking at the Annual Officer's Conference of the Social Welfare Department in Kohima today, the Advisor highlighted the various schemes initiated by the government to help the most vulnerable sections of the society. Wangpang further encouraged the officers to be sincere and work diligently and look after the grievances face by the public.

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Kohima Forest Division under National Clean Air Programme has set up a vertical garden at Naga Hospital Authority Kohima (NHAK). The vertical garden was officially inaugurated today by Chief Conservator of Forest Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Supongnukshi. Speaking at the function, Supongnukshi commended the medical team of NHAK for providing their services to the people of the state. He said many external factors influence one's mental and psychological health. The Chief Forest Conservator said good and healthy environment with good surroundings are important factors for recovery of the patients. He said the installation of the vertical garden will improve the air quality and aesthetic beauty which will aid in the well-being of everyone including visitors in the hospital. Managing Director, NHAK Dr. Sendimeren Aonok lauded the efforts of everyone involved for the concept of the vertical garden at NHAK.

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External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar today said that India will develop all the requisite national strengths that will make it a leading power in the times to come. Speaking at the function organised by traders organisation in New Delhi, Dr. Jaishankar said that India's endeavour should be to enhance capability and competitiveness along with a business friendly environment. He said that India has witnessed robust growth, sweeping reforms, radically improved governance, fiscal discipline, infrastructure progress, rapid digitisation and a focus on developing skills in India.

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The All Commercial Vehicle Association (ACVA), Wokha commemorated its 10th foundation day today. Speaking during the programme, President, ACVA C Renbi Ngullie said the association was formed in 2013 to address the challenges commercial vehicle owners faced due to taxation from various groups. Ngullie said since its inception the association has adopted the call for “one government, one tax”, and the district has become a tax-free environment for commercial vehicles. He expressed regret that over time the members have become complacent and now lack cooperation. Ngullie urged the members to adhere to the principles of the association and said only unity can take the association ahead

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Wokha District Administration, under Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan, organised a one-day Agripreneurship at Sanis today. During the workshop, the resource persons provided guidance on agri-preneurship schemes and opportunities available for youth while emphasizing the importance of a drug-free, healthier, and happier society.

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The Directorate of Industries and Commerce has invited application from indigenous candidates of Nagaland to undergo two years Diploma in Handloom and Textile Technology. The Department said candidates should be in between the age of 24 years as on 1st July 2024 and upto 26 years in case of ST or SC candidates. The candidate should have a minimum qualifications of HSSLC/SSLC or equivalent examination passed in a single sitting with Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry as a subject in consideration for direct admission into Second year through Lateral Entry. The course will begin in July 2024 at the Indian Institute of Handloom Technology, Jawahar Nagar, Khanapara, Guwahati. The Department also informed that necessary detailed information and prescribed application forms can be collected from the office of the Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Kohima during office hours. The last date for submission of form is on or before 15th June. Further, the department said, no separate calling letter will be issued.

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