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Deputy Chief Minister, TR Zeliang urged upon the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (NHIDCL) and contractors to ensure safety measures and good quality roads in all State Highways, especially the Dimapur-Kohima 4 lane road. Addressing a coordination meeting of NHIDCL, contractors and National Highway officials on monsoon preparedness at his office chamber on Wednesday, Zeliang who is in-charge of National Highways expressed concern over the lack of safety measures along the National Highways causing inconvenience to the commuters during monsoon season. He urged upon the NHIDCL to pay special attention to accident prone regions especially Patkai bridge-Kukidolong area along the Dimapur-Kohima 4 lane road and initiate safety measures to prevent any untoward incident. Zeliang also emphasised the need for preventing rock fall, maintain proper road dividers and timely repair of potholes as safety measures. He asked the NHIDCL and contractors to keep all machineries and man power in place during monsoon to address any blockages and maintain traffic flow. He added that special focus should be given to ensure good quality road and safety as Dimapur-Kohima 4 lane road is not only the main lifeline for Nagaland but also for Manipur and South-East Asian countries. He urged NHIDCL to complete the four-lane project before the forthcoming Hornbill Festival. In response, the NHIDCL officials and contractors assured its commitment to implement all precautionary safety measures during the monsoon season. Meanwhile, the meeting also agreed to have quarterly coordination meeting of NHIDCL, contractors, BRO and state's National Highways.

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Inspector General IGAR (North) Major General, Manish Kumar called upon Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio at Kohima yesterday . During the interaction, Major General Kumar briefed the Chief Minister on the overall security situation in the state and also apprised him of the various civic initiatives undertaken for the well-being of the people. The Chief Minister appreciated the "Centre of Excellence" being run by Assam Rifles at Chieswema, Kohima where children are mentored and empowered for the prestigious JEE and NEET exams. A total of 37 students are being trained in the current year.

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New and Renewable Energy Secretary Bhupinder Singh Bhalla has underscored the country's determination to play a pivotal role in the global hydrogen economy. Addressing the World Hydrogen Summit 2024 in Rotterdam, Netherlands, he assured the delegates of India's capability to meet any scale of production demand

for green hydrogen, provided there is sufficient market demand and support. The Secretary reiterated India's position as a global leader in renewable energy affordability, emphasizing the nation's low cost of renewable energy. Bhalla said that the country's installed electricity capacity from non-fossil-fuel sources is projected to increase by 50 per cent by 2030 in line with the country's commitment to transitioning towards sustainable energy sources.



District Administration of Wokha under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan, in collaboration with the ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Nagaland Centre, and ICAR-KVK, Wokha, organized a one-day workshop on Agripreneurship yesterday at Bhandari Town Hall. The event was organised to promote agricultural entrepreneurship among the youth. Additional Deputy Commissioner of Bhandari Longdiba Sangtam, extended expressed gratitude to the resource persons from various departments for their invaluable contributions. Agriculture Departments also participated in the sessions, and shared their expertise and guidance to the participants. The workshop witnessed the active participation of 50 young individuals from the Bhandari area. The participants were highlighted on various topics such as valuable insights into sustainable agricultural practices, business management, and community welfare.



The 11-day long Asian Football Confederation (AFC) C Diploma Course, under the All India Football Federation (AIFF), concluded at IG Stadium Kohima yesterday . The two-week course was organized by Nagaland Football Association with William Koso, a coach educator for All India Football Federation and the Asian Football Confederation as the instructor for the course. While Azho Sophie as course coordinator. A total of 21 coaches from across the districts of Nagaland, including one from Assam and one from Lakshadweep, participated in the diploma course. The course consisted of theoretical and practical content, while the results of the course will be announced in a later date. At the closing ceremony President of the Nagaland Football Association, K. Neibou Sekhose, emphasized the increased responsibility of coaches in developing football in the state. He encouraged coaches to make a significant impact by striving to develop high-quality players.

