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## THE HEADLINES:-

- Advisor to Chief Minister Abu Metha says Akashvani plays very crucial role, not only in sharing news, but educating the masses of the country
- Nagaland observes World No Tobacco day today
- Family Planning Association of India underscores critical importance of maintaining Sexual and Reproductive Health services during emergencies.
- Two persons arrested with suspected Shan Flower drugs in Dimapur



Advisor to Chief Minister and Chairman Investment & Development Authority Abu Metha said, media organization like Akashvani plays a very crucial role, not only in sharing news and giving information but educating the masses of the country. Metha who paid his maiden visit to Akashvani Kohima today said this while interacting with the officers and staff. He noted that Akashvani is one of the largest radio networks in the world, had played a key role in the journey of the country since independence, an era where there was no audio visuals media or television. Metha said, in a country like India having more than 1.5 billion people, radio still plays a very important role, however, he added that the Akashvani should also adapt with the change in dynamics. He also emphasized on the need of having a good quality FM stations in the state. While urging the public broadcaster to highlight the positive aspect of the government, he also emphasized that challenges of the common people should be equally hihlighted so that it can reach to the higher authority and be addressed. Metha further suggested on the need for Akashvani Kohima to expand its scope by bringing young achievers, entrepreneurs, farmers, musicians, and others for quality inputs. Metha was accompanied by Director IPR Dzüvinuo Theünuo and Media Secretary Chief Minister's Office Ayieno Kechü.



State Tobacco Control Cell, National Tobacco Control programme (NTCP) today observed "World No Tobacco Day on the theme "Protecting children from tobacco industry interference" at New Sendenyu Village, Tseminyu. Director Dental, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Dr Meribeni Odyuo said it is a collective effort of all morally responsible adults to protect their children. She emphasized on the need to educate children on the dangers of tobacco use, enforce

strong tobacco control policy, engage people at all levels, parent to children advocacy, complete ban on tobacco and youth advocacy. EAC (Tsogim) Tseminyu, Ruokuosetuo Tetso said, it is time to reflect, while adding that tobacco use is preventable. Joint Director and State Nodal Officer NTCP Dr. Arenla Walling declared New Sendenyu Village as Tobacco Free Village and GPS New Sendenyu and Binzen Pre-School as Tobacco Free Schools during the event.

The Family Planning Association of India (FPAI) has underscored the critical importance of maintaining Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services during emergencies. Addressing a media meet at Kohima today, General Manager of FPA India, Nagaland Branch -Kohima, Vincent Belho, highlighted the often-overlooked SRH needs during conflicts, natural disasters, and public health crises, emphasizing the severe consequences of such neglect. Belho pointed out that pregnant women face life-threatening complications without access to delivery and emergency obstetric care. He noted that over 110 million people have been displaced due to violent conflict, climate change, and extreme poverty, which further complicates the delivery of essential services. In such situations, protection mechanisms and service delivery systems often break down, making the continuation of SRH services vital, he added. Belho also informed that FPA India, through its Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP), ensures that specific clusters are identified and supported by organizations and agencies for effective MISP implementation.

With an endeavor to fight against Drugs, Commissionerate Police covering Dimapur, Chumoukedima and Niuland continues unabated to combat illegal trafficking of Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances through stringent force deployment. In this regard, Dimapur Police arrested two persons with suspected Shan Flower drugs on May 29. The police arrested one Abdul Suhid of Bowalgiri Village In Asaam from Railway Platform Area and recovered five numbers of Plastic Soap cases suspected to be Shan Flower, weighing 56 grams. While another person namely Mazada Begum of Naringi district Assam was also apprehended from Railway Platform and recovered two numbers of Soap Boxes suspected to be Shan Flower weighing 21 grams. In this connection a cases have been registered against the two accused under relevant provision of law and investigation on going.

Gariphema Village of Kohima District has been declared as the Best Performing Tobacco free Village. The declaration was made during a programmed held on World No Tobacco day at TM Government Higher Secondary School Kohima organised by the District Tobacco Control Cell. Additional Director, Higher Education Dr. K. Nishena Nekha highlighted the dangers of using tobacco, while emphasizing on the need to raise awareness on the harmful effects of tobacco and the importance of tobacco free programmes. He exhorted the students to learn good habits at early age to combat tobacco use, and assert their right to health and healthy living to protect the future generations. Theme speaker and Senior Resident BDS, MDS, Nagaland Institute of Medical Science & Research, Dr. Thungbeni Ngullie spoke on the theme 'Protecting Children from tobacco industry interference'. She mentioned that tobacco consumption, in any form, is extremely unhealthy for the body, leading to cancer and other diseases. Meanwhile, results of the essay writing competition held in commemoration of World No Tobacco day 2024 was also declared.

Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra has stressed that tobacco poses a severe threat to public health. Addressing the gathering at the event organized to mark World No Tobacco Day in New Delhi today, Chandra highlighted that in India, tobacco-related diseases cause 13 lakh preventable deaths annually, which leads to significant economic burdens on the country's healthcare system. He added that the government is continuously taking decisive action and enacting measures at local, national, regional, and global levels to address the critical issue of tobacco use in the country. Chandra further announced the government's key focus areas for tobacco control initiatives in 2024, including strict enforcement of the national tobacco control law COTPA 2003, intensified awareness campaigns, and creating a tobacco-free environment.

Workshop on Decoupage - development training for women and girls under Phek district was organised by the District Administration and District Hub for Empowerment of Women Phek under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, was held at Phek Town Council Hall today. The objective of the workshop is to empower women through skills development and to make them economically independent and self reliant. Deputy Commissioner Phek, John Tsulise Sangtam said, women are the backbone of the family's economy, and encouraged the trainees to be sincere, dedicated and to make the best use of the skills recieved during the workshop. Resource person Diethoseno Whiso shared on the Decoupage, its uses and

applicability and encouraged the trainees to have hobbies that can support them financially. Later hands on training for Decoupage was conducted alongwith the participants on straw basket, wooden spoon and tea coaster. Altogether around 35 trainees attended the workshop.

