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1. Nuiland Deputy Commissioner Sara S Jamir says good health care facilities imperative for growth of society

2. NCSU Phek demands High Level Committee to verify ongoing upgradation work from Chozuba town to PWD Office and Agri to Yoruba-Ighanumi junction

3. Chief Conservator of Forest Supongnukshi calls for collective action to mitigate adverse effects of climate change

4. Industries & Commerce Director P Tokugha Sema says Northeast Startup Catalyst aims to strengthens entrepreneurial ecosystem of entire Northeast region

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Integrated Health Campaign were successively launched in Nuiland and Chumoukedima District today. Speaking at a function in Nuiland, Deputy Commissioner, Sara S Jamir opined that proper health care facilities are imperative for a society to grow. To facilitate this, she urged medical officials to reach out unreached pockets of the district. On HIV/AIDS and TB problems, Jamir said stigma and discrimination is more harmful than the disease and urged concerned department to conduct intensive awareness camp. During the launching in Chumoukedima, ADC, Dr Kuzonyi Wideo asked civil societies, NGOs, tribal councils to disseminate information and create awareness, as most of the people are unaware of the programme. NSACS, Project Director, Dr Ahu Sekhose, pointed out that by 2026, the department intends to achieve goal on three categories where first 95 will be targeted on facilitation of all positive people to know their status, second 95 to be put under treatment of positive cases and third 95 to suppress viral growth. The campaign will be carried out for two months by providing packages of services in counseling, screening of TB, HIV, Syphilis, HBV, HCV testing, Diagnosis of diabetic, Hypertension, Anaemia and any other services.

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Phek District Nagaland Contractors and Suppliers Union has demanded a High Level Technical Committee to verify ongoing work of the upgradation of road from Chozuba town to PWD Office and Agri to Yoruba-Ighanumi junction. The Union in a release today said that it has inspected the road stretch on 17th May after receiving complaints from public through social media platforms of substandard work being undertaken by the contractor. The Union said the contractor had not appointed site engineer as mandated. It added that the clarification claiming that the works was as per technical specifications was also untrue. In this regard, the NCSU, Phek asked the government to appoint a High Technical Committee at the earliest for on-spot verification in the presence of public and Union members. The Union further asked the government to withhold pending bills until such time the matter is rectified and works are carried out strictly as per technical specifications.



Nagaland Forest Management Project under JICA, Tuensang Forest Division held Annual Review Meeting in Tuensang yesterday. SDO, Civil, Tuensang, Sentilong Ozukum said forest conservation is vital role for health of the planet and wellbeing of both humans and ecosystem. He advised participants to understand the roles and responsibilities. Divisional Forest Officer cum DMU Head, Samom Khelen Singh highlighted about the forest management project and emphasized on maintenance of the project. to all JFMC's and encourage the community for unity.

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Northeast Startup Catalyst programme was launched in Kohima today. Director, Industries & Commerce, P. Tokugha Sema said that the programme supports startups and strengthens entrepreneurial ecosystem in Nagaland and entire Northeast region. He informed that currently, Nagaland has five incubators empanelled under start-up Nagaland by providing resources, platforms, and mentorship to the startups. Sema said pro active support of decision-makers, leaders, and resourceful individuals to actively will make significant difference in transforming innovative ideas into successful businesses to contribute to the socio-economic development of the region. Altogether, 16 start-ups and 23 participants from Aizawl, Kohima, Guwahati and Imphal participated in the Northeast Catalyst Program

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Working President of Naga People's Front, Dr. Huskha Yepthomi passed away at Zion Hospital and Research Centre Dimapur yesterday. In a condolence message, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio while expressing pain over the demise said, Dr. Huskha was a sincere and a passionate leader who genuinely cared for the welfare of the people, especially those in the marginalised section. Rio said, he served in various organisations since his early days, showing his heart to serve people, and his contributions will be dearly remembered by all those who have encountered him. Chief Minister Rio said, his demise is a great loss, especially for Naga People's Front party, the Nagas and Sumi community in particular. Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton described Huskha as a stalwart of regional politics who served the people well. He said, in his demise, we have lost a leader not only for his party but the Nagas as a whole. Leader of NPF legislature party, Kuzholuzo Nienu conveyed condolences on the demise of Huskha Yepthomi, who is considered as one of the tallest Leaders of the Grand Old Party.

Chief Conservator of Forest Supongnukshi today said Biodiversity Management Committees play pivotal role in preserving bio resources. Speaking at the International Day for Biological Diversity 2024 observation under the theme 'Be Part of The Plan' in Peren, Supongnukshi also called for collective action to mitigate adverse effects of climate change on biodiversity. Director of Care-Centre for Environment and Rural Poor, C-CERP, Liangsi Niumai explained the link between biological diversity, life, and health and reminded the attendees that it is imperative to restore and safeguard our natural heritage. Assistant Chief Conservator of Forest, Peren Division, Punseni Khing urged the participants to be responsible towards biodiversity protection, while highlighting problems between exploitation and conservation efforts. President Zeliang People Organization, Kevipele Iheilung also expressed concerns over land degradation and introduction of non-local species. He encouraged traditional agricultural practices and preservation of indigenous species which are vital for ecosystem balance. The programme was organized by Nagaland State Biodiversity Board, NSBB in collaboration with C-CERP.

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A recognition programme was organized for Hanyuk village under Noklak district yesterday. Noklak Deputy Commissioner, Arikumba while speaking after unveiling the monolith, advised citizens of the new village to come together and collectively plan out for the future of the village. He also urged them to cooperate with Government in all aspect for smooth development of the village. Representatives from neighbouring villages also spoke on the occasion and share their joy over recognition of village and assured to live helping each other in peace and unity for a better future.

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A first of its kind State Level Pre-Subroto Tournament for under 15 boys will be organized by Youth Resources and Sports department in collaboration with Nagaland Football Association from 5th-12th June at Indira Gandhi Stadium Kohima. The department has informed comply to by-laws and said that TW3 skeletal tests will be undertaken to avoid overage players. In this regard, district sports officer, Zunheboto has informed that it will be conducting District Level Tournament from 30th-31st May at Zunheboto Town local ground. Players born on or after 15th January, 2010 will be eligible to take part. Interested schools have been informed to contact 8974578454 for further details. DSO Tseminyu also informed that district level tournament will be held on 30th-31st May. Interested schools or Institutions under Tseminyu have been requested to confirm to <u>districtsportsofficerkohima.gmail.com</u> or contact 8259031373 between 20th-25th May.

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