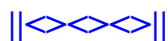


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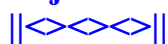
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Advisor for IPR, Soil and Water Conservation, Imkong L Imchen has termed the BJP Nagaland Unit's direction to its party workers to clean the church compound under its respective mandal or booth as a stupid decision. Speaking to media persons on the sideline of Moatsü festival celebration in Kohima, Imchen viewed that a political party is not supposed or expected to take such a decision, and if such activity is to be carried out, prior consent should be taken. He emphasized that without consultation or consent, cleaning someone else's property could lead to criminal charges. Imchen also lamented that in the recent parliamentary election, although the BJP supported the NDPP candidate in Nagaland's lone parliamentary seat, the BJP faced significant criticism from the Christian community. He said that entering a church without permission undermines its sanctity and that political parties, regardless of their level of leadership, should refrain from making such decisions. Highlighted the importance of respecting institutions with mutual respect, Imchen asserted that as a political party, BJP should prioritize respect and consent, especially when seeking votes and support. On the question on whether the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) scheduled to go for polls on June 26 would be conducted in the Ao Senden area, with the New Nagaland Municipal Act, which includes 33 percent women reservation, Imchen expressed confidence that election will take place.



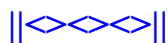
Nagaland Board of School Education has informed that NCERT is offering online courses for Classes XI and XII in various subject through SWAYAM. Popularly known as SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) is a platform for offering Massive Open online Courses launched by the Ministry of Education. NBSE stated that 28 online courses for classes XI and XII across 11 subjects such as Accountancy, Business Studies, Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, English and Sociology from April 22 to September 30 in the present Academic year under this program. It informed that the enrolment for the courses are open from 15th April, and will close on 1st September. It stated that these online courses can support and enrich the learning of students in a virtual mode. Teachers and parents also can participate in these courses to understand the ways of approaching the content and subject. In this regard, the School Board has directed all concerned Heads of Higher Secondary Schools registered under NBSE, to disseminate the information to all teachers and students to enroll in these courses and take benefit in the subjects.



The Centre has increased the children's education allowance and hostel subsidy for its employees. This change comes after the dearness allowance reached 50 per cent in January this year. The latest order from the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Training follows a 2018 directive, saying that the allowance and subsidy will increase by 25 percent whenever the Dearness Allowance on the revised pay structure rises by 50 per cent. As per the order, the reimbursement for children's education allowance is fixed at 2812.5 rupees per month, and the hostel subsidy is fixed at 8,437.5 rupees per month, regardless of the actual expenses incurred by the employees. The reimbursement for children's education allowance for Divyaang children shall be 5625 rupees, which is twice that of the normal rates.



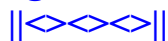
Senior Indian Information Service officer, Maushumi Chakravarty assumed the charge of Director General of Akashvani News today. A 1991 batch IIS officer, Chakravarty has a vast experience of working in several media organizations of the Information & Broadcasting Ministry, including Press Information Bureau and Central Bureau of Communication. In her career spanning over three decades, she has also worked on deputation basis in the National Human Right Commission and as P.S. to Cabinet Minister. Chakravarty assumed the charge after superannuation of Vasudha Gupta as Principal Director General yesterday.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has wished the Ao community on the occasion of Moatsü festival, that marked the end of the sowing season. Rio hoped that the festival strengthen the bonds of unity and brotherhood, and also bring blessings of a bountiful harvest.



Advisor IPR, Soil & Water Conservation Imkong L Imchen has encouraged all the Naga people to exhibit their cultural traits, adding that it is a constitutional mandate endorsed to the people to showcase and be proud of one's culture. Addressing the Mangmetong Senso Telongjem Kohima "Moatsü Festival" today at his official residence in Kohima, Imchen said Kohima being the capital is inhabited by all Naga tribes, showcasing their own unique culture and tradition while co-existing in harmony. As constitutionally mandated by Article 371 A, he said, our cultural traits should be demonstrated, otherwise in the process of civilization, it will only be a history of the past. Imchen said the demonstration and exhibition of the cultural inheritance would be a common good for the Naga people in general. Also speaking on the occasion, Advisor Law & Justice, Land Revenue T.N Mannen, said festivals are the bedrock of the Naga's culture and traditions. Mannen also said that celebration of festivals are social necessity and urged all to strive towards unity and led a disciplined life just like our ancestors did. Traditional songs and dances presented by various groups and feast were the highlights of the Moatsü Celebrations.



Nagaland State Department of Agriculture today organized a Farmers Training under Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCD) for North East Region at Pughoboto, under Zunheboto district. Addressing the training, Sub Divisional Agricultural Officer of Pughoboto, Kitoho Michael Swu said MOVCD is a farmers' mobilization program, aimed to transform conventional agriculture to Organic agriculture with quality assurance and market linkages. He informed that the MOVCD-NER will be implemented under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner of Zunheboto and with Centre Of Learning Knowledge & Services (COLKS) as the service provider. Speaking on the occasion as the special guest, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Pughoboto, Tiameren

Chang called on the people to make judicious use of the rich natural land resource and take advantage of the various State Government schemes and projects to make Nagaland a truly organic state. Chang also urged the farmers to imbibe scientific knowledge and traditional practices for enhanced agricultural production. Altogether, 500 farmers from 20 Farmer Interest Groups from 10 villages are being trained in this phase.

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Executive Engineer of Public Health Engineering Department, Urban Division in Kohima has said that the district is experiencing dry spells and extreme dry phases over the past few weeks, impacting water sources. It said that the source of water are accumulated through the spring, which are recharged only by the natural hydrological cycle and are affected due to change of climatic patterns. The Executive Engineer added that the division will continue to serve the public within all means possible and urged the general public and consumers to cooperate and bear amidst severe water scarcity.

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