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:: THE HEADLINES ::

1. Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority stresses on the need to take urgent measures for preventing and controlling the environmental hazards caused by irresponsible disposal of plastic wastes.

2. Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench launches its own web based Online eServices Portal.

3. Deputy Commissioner Mon expresses serious concern over Head of Departments proceeding on leave without prior information.

4. And, World Blood Donors Day observed in Kohima and Mokokchung.

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The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, NSDMA has stressed on the need to take urgent measures for preventing and controlling the environmental hazards caused by the irresponsible disposal of plastic wastes and non-degradable garbage. As a matter of abundant caution, the NSDMA today issued an order in public interest in pursuance to the provision of the Disaster Management Act, 2005. It directed the District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs) to examine the vulnerability of the different water bodies in the district and the environmental hazards caused from the irresponsible disposal of plastic wastes and non-degradable garbage and bring out specific measures to be taken for its prevention or mitigation. The DDMAs have been asked to promote general education and awareness regarding the management of plastic wastes and non-degradable garbage in the different parts of the district which are vulnerable and the measures that may be taken up by the community to prevent and mitigate the hazards which are caused by the irresponsible disposal of plastic wastes and nondegradable garbage. The NSDMA also directed DDMA to review and examine constituted committees, orders related to the use of plastic and non-degradable wastes and take measures to reinforce those orders to prevent and mitigate hazards caused by the irresponsible disposal of plastic wastes and nondegradable garbage.

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In a significant move towards transparency and efficiency, the Gauhati High Court, Kohima Bench launched its own web based Online eServices Portal <u>hcnlservices.in</u> designed and developed by the eCourts Team of Kohima Bench. The "Online eServices Portal" was formally launched yesterday by the Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court, Justice Vijay Bishnoi. The online facility is designed to enhance efficiency, transparency, and convenience for employees, job applicants, advocates and stakeholders. A dedicated WhatsApp Channel - GHC Kohima Bench Info Channel was also launched on the occasion.

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Deputy Commissioner Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma has expressed of the serious concern over some Head of Departments/Offices/Institutions in the district are proceeding on leave without prior information and approval from the competent authority, thereby hampering the normal functioning of the Office and prompting indiscipline amongst other officials. Verma said it has also been noticed that some of the government office premises are not functioning/ opening during scheduled office hours causing inconveniences to the general public and adversely affecting the work culture in government offices. Therefore. the DC directed all Head of Departments/offices/Institutions to be in station and ensure proper functioning of the offices during scheduled office hours. He cautioned that disciplinary action would be initiated as per the relevant provisions of the law against defaulters.

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The Voluntary Blood Donor's Association Kohima in collaboration with Nagaland Institute of Medical Science & Research, NIMSR observed the World Blood Donor's day at the institute complex in Kohima with a host of activities and blood donation camp. Special Guest of the program, Director cum Dean, NIMSR Prof. Dr. Soumya Chakraborty said that there is no side effect due to blood donation as she herself has the experience of donating blood 22 times. She said there is no substitute for Blood so donation is the only way around to address the supply of Blood in order to save human life. Altogether 41 person donated blood on the occasion.

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The World Blood Donor Day was observed today in Mokokchung where a brief program was held at the conference hall of IMDH. The theme this year was "Share life, give blood'. Delivering the significance of the day Dr. Maongkala, MO Mongsemyimti PHC called upon all to take a moment to reflect on the incredible gift that transcends boundaries and connect strangers. Her speech also reflected to show appreciation and recognition to the enormous efforts undertaken by the blood bank, IMDH for ensuring the safety of transfusion, providing stable supply of safe blood and blood products and for equipping the blood bank in providing quality care to all the citizens, both donors and recipients. She also called for action reminding that blood donation is a community responsibility and by donating regularly, one takes part in building a healthier and more compassionate world. After the program, a voluntary blood donation camp was held where a number of people donated a total of 26 units of blood.

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The Chang Wedoshi Setshang, CWS, students conference has expressed grave concern over the negligence observed among Heads of Departments (HoDs) and employees within government established departments under Chang jurisdiction. It includes Tuensang Town, Noksen SDO Headquarter, Ngoungchung EAC, Sangsangnyu EAC, Chingmei EAC, and sub-centres in the villages. The CWS has found that many employees are irregular in performing their duties, causing significant hindrances to the general public. In a press release, CWS also pointed on the practice of engaging proxy teachers within the towns and villages under its jurisdiction. Cautioning that it will conduct surprise inspections at all offices and schools, CWS said employees found neglecting their duties will face appropriate action. Also appreciating the Department of School Education in introducing the SMILE APP, which aims to enhance educational administration, the CWS urged the department to expedite the implementation of the app within CWS jurisdiction.

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District administration and District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW)/Bedi Bachao Bedi Padhao Longleng today organised an awareness programme on Gender equality, Inclusivity and Menstrual Hygiene. It was held under the theme Gender equality for an equal future at Christian School Longleng. The awareness session was conducted by P. Phungla, District Mission Coordinator DHEW wherein she apprised the students on gender equality, etiquette on speaking, gender sensitive language, equal accessibility realization of services in regard to school classroom. She also educated the students on inclusivity of all students with different abilities without discrimination.

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Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung, Thsuvisie Phoji has informed on the revised objectives and application process for the Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme. The primary objectives of the Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme is to provide financial assistance to patients from Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes communities suffering from severe ailments that required costly medical interventions. This includes surgeries for kidney, heart, liver, cancer, brain and other life - threatening diseases, including organ transplants and spinal surgeries. An applicant would be eligible to apply the scheme if the family income do not exceed to three Lakh rupees per annum. The applicants can apply for the scheme by either post- submitting the prescribe application form or in a plain paper application detailing the prescribed pro-forma available on the foundation's website. For further details and to download the application form, please visit the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation's website.

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