## Morning News Script

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Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda yesterday launched the National STOP Diarrhoea Campaign 2024 at a function in New Delhi. He launched the campaign by distributing oral rehydration salts (ORS) and zinc tablets to children in presence of Minister of States for Health Anupriya Patel and Prataprao Jadhav. The two-month campaign will begin from 1st of July and continue till 31st of August. The goal behind the STOP Diarrhoea Campaign is to attain zero child deaths due to childhood diarrhoea.

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The Department of Social Welfare has launched an online competition on substance abuse prevention. Speaking at the programme held at Directorate of Social Welfare, Kohima yesterday, Director, Social Welfare, Tosheli Zhimomi said, Nagaland is affected with the menace of substance abuse where hundreds of young people have fallen victims. She said, following State Government declaration on war on drugs, department of Social Welfare has taken up various programs as a measure of primary prevention thereby reaching out to various groups of people with the message on ill effects of substance abuse. Zhimomi expressed optimism that a large number of young people would register for the competition and that their critical thinking and creative writing would aid in educating the public about the dangers of substance usage. Deputy Director, Social welfare, Wango Langsym informed that in Nagaland alone, there are more than six lakhs substance-abusers, in which thirty seven thousand are children and seventeen thousand are female. The online competition will be conducted under three categories- creative writing, poster making and reel making. One can check the official handle of the Social Welfare Department on Instagram @ socialwelfare ngl8 for more details.

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In continuation of 'War against Drugs', Nagaland Police yesterday conducted the State level Anti Narcotic Task Force (ANTF) half yearly review meeting at PHQ, Kohima. The meeting was attended by ADGP (Law & Order) State Head of ANTF, Sandeep M Tamgadge, Investigation Head of ANTF IGP (CID) Vikram M Khalate, and other senior officers of PHQ, District Police Chiefs and District level ANTF Nodal Officers. During the meeting, reviews on number of activities

carried out for the functioning of Narcotic Coordination at District level, Meetings on NCORD and ANTF conducted, data uploaded on NIDAN Portal, fingerprints uploaded on NAFIS portal, number of cases registered, number of vehicle confiscated, number of person arrested and total number of illegal drugs and contraband seized for the last six months were discussed. The ADGP (Law & Order) acknowledged the positive reports of all Districts Chief and encouraged to conduct the NCORD and ANTF meetings on regular basis and also reminded the Districts chief to conduct awareness programme, events or campaign related to Drugs and Psychotropic substances.

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Life Insurance Corporation, LIC yesterday issued a clarification over reports of offerings by certain entities to acquire policies held by existing policyholders of LIC as an alternative to surrender of policies to the LIC. It clarified that LIC is not associated with any such entity, or the products and services being offered by such entities. LIC urged its policyholders to consult with its officials before responding to any such offers.

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In view of the mudslide near the NST Garage at Lerie Chazou, local water mains has been disrupted, leading to interruption of the water supply for the area. The PHED informed that temporary restoration efforts have been largely ineffective, and added that full restoration will be done in collaboration with relevant line departments. The department also assured that it is working to resolve the situation and restore water services as soon as possible. The PHED further appealed to the residents to bear with the inconvenience and continue their cooperation, stating that it is working to ensure the resumption of reliable water supply services to all valued consumers.

