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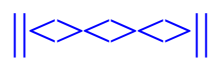
## **THE HEADLINES**

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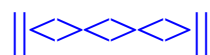
- Kiphire District Hospital observes World Breastfeeding Week with focus on exclusive breastfeeding.

- And, Nagaland State College of Teacher Education holds first Graduation day.



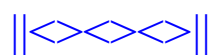
The Government of Nagaland and State Bank of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Disaster Risk Transfer Parametric Insurance Solution (DRTPS), making Nagaland the 1st Indian state to implement this disaster management insurance. A parametric multi-year risk transfer solution, it will aid in protecting the State's critical

infrastructure and reduce economic losses due to disaster. Following the signing of the MOU, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said the insurance covers the whole state ,adding that the state don't have its own resources, but it will be paying premium and the insurance would come to the rescue of the state. He informed that the MoU is for a period of three years 2024-2027 and exuded hope that it have the mechanism in all districts with the support of the public. Rio emphasized on the need to involve public as it will insure all the citizens for any kind of disasters.



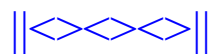
Director of Higher Education Nagaland, Dr. A. Nshoga, today informed that the State Government has proposed six more Model Colleges under PM- USHA initiatives, so as to establish one Higher Education institution in every District. Dr. Nshoga was speaking at the All Nagaland College Students Union 45th Foundation Day cum Degree Topper Felicitation program in Kohima. He also announced plans to phase out stand-alone and single-stream Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in favor of vibrant multidisciplinary institutions. Dr. Nshoga emphasized the goal of providing high-quality, multidisciplinary teaching, learning and

research. To keep pace with the 21st century educational systems, he added that the department have been taking an initiative to digitalize all Government colleges with optimum use of ICT and digital. Dr. Nshoga outlined the introduction of the Choice Based Credit System and Four Year Undergraduate Program in line with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and highlighted other department's initiatives such as digitalization of government colleges, skill development collaborations and the introduction of Open Distance Learning programs like SWAYAM. He also stressed the need for a coherent ecosystem of professional and vocational education and underscored the role of NEP 2020 in fostering critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills. On the occasion, a total 61 student toppers of Undergraduates from Nagaland University and Autonomous colleges were felicitated.



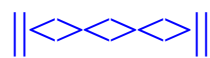
The District Hospital in Kiphire today observed World Breastfeeding Week with a focus on exclusive breastfeeding (EBF), highlighting its numerous benefits for infants and mothers. Speaking on the occasion, Senior Specialist Dr. Thringtonla Sangtam said EBF is widely recognized by

healthcare professionals and organizations, including the World Health Organization, as the gold standard for infant nutrition. She said breast milk provides the perfect mix of nutrients for growth and development and contains antibodies that protect babies from infections and diseases. Dr. Thritingla asserted that EBF not only fosters a deep sense of connection and closeness between mother and child, promoting emotional and psychological development, but it also offers advantages for mothers, including uterus shrinkage, reduced risk of breast and ovarian cancer, and weight loss after childbirth. Extra Assistant Commissioner of Kiphire, Kudazo Swuro emphasized the importance of breastfeeding, adding that surveys show 3.2 billion out of 7.2 billion people are not breastfed. Swuro encouraged mothers to prioritize breastfeeding, highlighting its critical role in giving life and nourishment to their children.



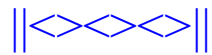
Nagaland State College of Teacher Education today held its first Graduation day program at the College campus in Kohima. Pro-Vice Chancellor of Nagaland University, Kohima Campus Professor Glen T. Thong conferred the Degrees as Graduation Guest. A total of 46 teachers graduated

for the 2024 batch. Addressing the graduates, Professor Thong said many people have succeeded challenges in life because there were teachers who have guided and shape them. He emphasized that teachers should educate their students on issues like environmental awareness, community participations and biodiversity protection. Asserting that teachers have huge responsibilities to play in shaping the young students, the Professor called on the graduates to be innovative, hardworking, discipline and to create awareness on issue which need urgent intervention.



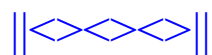
Deputy Commissioner of Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant has lifted the ban imposed on slaughter of pigs, import and export of live pigs and piglets in the Infected Zones and Surveillance Zones (ASF) at Kidima Village under Kohima with immediate effect. The ban was lifted in view of no further report of new outbreak in the three months time period since the detection of first case of African Swine Fever and having followed the protocol of 'National Action Plan' for Control, Containment and Eradication of ASF. However, the DC has asked the public to strictly follow hygiene and bio-security

measures and to remain vigilant and immediately report to the concern authority in case of any unusual sickness or death of pigs.



The Nagaland State Human Rights Commission (NSHRC) today organized an awareness program on Human Rights and the Role of the State Human Rights Commission in collaboration with Nagaland State Legal Service Authority at Kohima Science College, Jotsoma. Addressing the program, Member, NSHRC R Nzambemo Lotha said the primary goal of the programme is to introduce the NSHRC to all young people of the state and encourage them to approach the commission by educating them about human rights. He said the programme would ignite the minds of the students on human rights and provoke the thought of young intellectuals of the society to make a better tomorrow. Retainer Lawyer Nagaland State Legal Service Authority, Advocate Apila Sangtam, dwelled on “Protection of Human Rights Act (1993) and spoke about the vast history surrounding the Act and the various other commissions stemming from it, including the National Commission for Women Act and the National Commission for Backward classes, amongst many others.

Elaborating on the important powers of the Human Rights Commission, Advocate Apila informed that the commission has the authority to visit under imitation to the State Government jail or any other institution under the control of the State Government and intervene in any proceeding involving any allegations of violation of human rights.



Nagaland Board of School Education has informed that the National Scholarship Portal for Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Protsahan Central Sector of Scholarship for College and University Students (PM-USP CSSS) is now live for application from the students in higher education. It stated that students who were placed in the Top Twenty percentile in Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate Examination and with gross parental annual income up to 4.5 lakh rupees are eligible to apply for this scholarship through the National Scholarship Portal. The Board has directed Heads of college and educational institutions to create awareness about the scheme to the students.

