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1. Wokha farmer bags Guinness World Record for tallest coriander plant
2. Nagaland's Lok Sabha MP S. Supongmeren Jamir seeks upgrade of Veterinary College in Jalukie
3. Kohima Bar Association red flags alleged illicit nexus of advocates and police in state
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The 2.77 meter coriander plant of Yilobemo Erui from Wokha village has officially been named the World's tallest coriander by the Guinness World Records. The confirmation was received via email today, and also updated on the authority's website. Erui will soon receive the official certificate. Emphasizing that the plant was wholly organic, Erui said he did not use any fertilizer. The farmer and his family expressed their gratitude for the collective effort in realizing the achievement. They thanked the District Administration, Horticulture and Agriculture Departments, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Land Records and Survey, and Shishoi Oshom Project Manager, Anuranjan Singh, for their support and assistance. Erui said the recognition

has brought pride not only to his village but also to the entire district and state.



Lok Sabha MP from Nagaland S. Supongmeren Jamir, has requested the centre to upgrade the College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry in Jalukie. In a letter to Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Jamir has sought the introduction of postgraduate and PhD level courses at the college. The minister also appealed for commensurate improvement of infrastructure, appointment of faculty members, development of laboratories, and other related facilities for higher studies and research.



Kohima Bar Association, KBA, has alleged a growing illicit nexus between advocates and police in the state, to compel accused persons or their families to engage pre-arranged advocates. In a statement, KBA said this malpractice hampers the criminal justice system and violates the personal liberty and rights of the accused. It said, Article 22 of the Indian Constitution of entities accused persons to engage an advocate of their choice. However, in many cases, police and jail officials compel the accused or their relatives to appoint a particular advocate, by keeping contacts and documents of handpicked advocates at police stations, while sharing a percentage of the legal fees as per pre-agreed rates, KBA said. It claimed, the practice is aimed at extorting money and puts unnecessary financial strain on the accused and their families. KBA said engaging in such malpractice is punishable and liable for disciplinary proceedings under relevant laws. The association said it has flagged the concern with the Director General of

Police Nagaland, for initiating coercive action. KBA has urged its member-advocates to cease the practices, and encouraged anyone with knowledge of such instances to inform its office.



In the run-up to the 78th Independence Day celebrations, Nagaland is joining the country in observing the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign with a range of activities. Deputy Chief Minister Yantungo Patton today launched a flag distribution programme at Old Riphym Village. Patton said the "Har Ghar Tiranga" initiative strives to ignite a deep sense of patriotism within every citizen and foster a greater understanding of the significance of the national flag. He added that the tricolour is not just a symbol but a profound representation of our collective pride and unity, and urged everyone to proudly hoist it. At Dimapur, National Secretary and Prabhari In-charge of Nagaland for BJP Anil K Antony, flagged off a bike rally today. The rally saw participation of 170 riders. Antony also announced plans to visit the War Memorial in Kohima as part of ongoing activities. Medziphema District Administration and 7th Assam Rifle, Ghaspani conducted a walkathon today under the campaign. Meanwhile, Kohima District Sports Office organised the "Har Ghar Tiranga" rally today, which saw participation of 200 students and sports enthusiasts. Kohima Deputy Commissioner Kumar Ramnikant has also instructed all homes, government departments, educational and other establishments to hoist the tricolour.



Three special guests from Nagaland have been invited by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to witness the 78th Independence Day Celebrations on 15th August in New Delhi. These guests have been selected from the Aspirational Block Program, and are being honoured for their exemplary leadership and entrepreneurship. They are, Renung from Kiusam Block, Kiphire District, Kughalu K from Emlomi village of Akuhaito Aspirational Block under Zunheboto District, and A.P. Tsupan of Thonoknyu Aspirational Block, Noklak District. Renung and her Self Help Group "Limreh" established a 'Weaving & Tailoring Center' at Kiusam, which provides training to women and generates income through sale of traditional and non-traditional products. Kughalu has played a vital role in the development of his village Emlomi, as a beneficiary of MGNREGA scheme. Tsupan is a beneficiary of the PM-KISAN Scheme, which has supported his agricultural endeavours and contributed to his livelihood.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that science, education and research should be used to the maximum for the betterment of the society. She also called for innovation, scientific thinking and finding quick solutions to make India a developed nation. Sitharaman was addressing the 11th convocation ceremony at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research in Bhopal today. Describing renewable energy as the need of the hour, the Minister appealed to the students to make such batteries and resources, and called for efforts to meet the energy needs of the country through advanced chemistry.



Nagaland Health and Family Welfare Directorate has issued key guidelines for managing and preventing Dengue Fever. In a press release, the directorate's National Vector Borne Disease Control Program has advised the public to stay hydrated, ensure proper rest and medication, and seek immediate medical attention in case of any symptoms, such as bleeding from gums, nose, urine, or stools. It called for use of Mosquito Nets and regularly remove stagnant water to prevent mosquito breeding. Meanwhile, the department has advised against self-medication and using Ibuprofen, Aspirin, and Naproxen sodium as they may increase the risk of bleeding. Citizens have been advised to refrain from visiting Dengue outbreak areas whenever possible, avoid using steroids without prescription and unnecessary platelet transfusions. The department further advised the public to be cautious with Rapid Diagnostic Tests as they can produce false positives, but to confirm diagnosis with sentinel site hospitals such as Naga Hospital Authority Kohima and District Hospital Dimapur.



India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy rainfall to continue over isolated places across the northeast states during the week. The department also predicted scattered to fairly widespread rainfall over the region during the next 4-5 days.

