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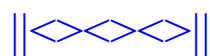
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio says councilors are backbone of local governance
- Peaceful demonstration in Kohima calls for enforcement of Ceasefire Rules and protection for citizen
- 53 heads of schools from Nagaland undertakes School Leadership Development Programme in Kohima
- And, Nagaland to experience heavy rainfall in almost all the districts till 10th of August; orange alert issued for Kohima, Kiphire and Tuensang

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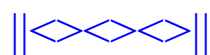
Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today said the councilors are the backbone of local governance, directly connecting with people to address daily concerns. He said this while addressing the inaugural session of the two -Day Orientation Workshop for Elected Councilors in Kohima. Rio said, the ULBs should focus on grass root democracy and community development thereby ensuring that necessary steps are taken to improve the quality of life for all the citizens. Rio said, the announcement made by the Governor on the ordinance for the Anti-defection law, will be legislated in the upcoming Legislative Assembly.

Outlining the challenges of resource constraints and revenue limitations, he stressed the need for sustainable, inclusive urban development and suggested creating revenue-generating assets like market complexes and recreational parks with the Grant-in-Aids from the Central as well as State Government to support local bodies. The Chief Minister also pointed out that a significant portion of ULB revenue is spent towards the payment of wages to ULB state. To this, he termed it as 'disguised unemployment,' and urged rationalizing the workforce for better efficiency. Rio informed that the state has cleared five months of pending salaries for Kohima and Dimapur municipalities, amounting to 7.76 crore rupees to give ULBs a fresh start. The Chief Minister also committed to providing a one-time grant for ULB office setups and highlighted the need for a collaborative approach to address urban governance challenges. Further, Rio reminded the councilors that privilege comes with responsibilities and urged them to work closely with all stakeholders to create a synergistic environment that fosters growth and development. The workshop will culminate tomorrow.



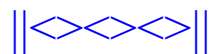
Thousands of people have demonstrated peacefully in State capital Kohima today in fight against the unabated illegal taxations, harassment, intimidation and death threat to common people by Naga National Political Groups. A public rally initiated by the Angami Youth Organization (AYO) saw people from all walks of life braving rain to voice their resentment. They gave clarion call to all Naga Political groups to refrain from illegal activities. Later, the AYO submitted a

memorandum to the Governor of Nagaland requesting immediate remedial measures. Among the listed points in the Memorandum, the AYO demanded that the Government of India strictly enforce the Ceasefire Ground Rules in letter and spirit by ensuring the cadres of the groups adhere to the agreed ground rules. The Memorandum also stated that the State Government should take necessary action to protect its citizens and assert its authority if any such acts of coercion occur. The organization further demanded that the armed cadres be confined to their designated camps and prohibited to move around with arms in civilian areas. Additionally, the AYO called for the Ceasefire Monitoring Group to take appropriate action against the GPRN/NSCN Khango group if it fails to withdraw the capital punishment issued by the Group and directive issued to all contractors under the purview of AYO to cease activities and demobilize their manpower and machinery currently deployed across other districts in Nagaland.

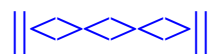


The 5th Batch of School Leadership Development Programme (SLDP) for 53 heads of schools from across the state commenced today at SCERT in Kohima. The one-month long SLDP training is being organised by the School Leadership Academy, SIEMAT, SCERT in collaboration with Nagaland Education Project – The Lighthouse (NECTAR) with an aim to equip the school leaders with relevant and updated skills. During the inaugural programme, Joint Director, SCERT and Cell Head SIEMAT Achetla Ao, encouraged the participants to be an effective school leader and emphasized the need to update regularly with relevant skill. The training focuses on seven key

areas like perspective on school leadership, developing self, transforming teaching-learning process, and leading school administration among others. The ongoing Batch of SLDP will conclude with project work submissions and an online valedictory programme on September 4.



Nagaland will experience heavy rainfall in almost all the districts accompanied with thunderstorm and lightning at isolated places till 10th of August. Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) in a weather updates stated that during the period, extremely heavy rainfall is expected in the districts of Kohima, Kiphire and Tuensang. In these three districts an Orange alert has been issued for tomorrow. Due to the likelihood of excessive precipitation in the hill sector, Nagaland's lowland and foothill regions, including Dimapur, Nuiland, Chumukedima, Bhandari, Pangti, Tizit, and Tuli, are likely to be impacted by inundated water logging and flash floods, it added. The NSDMA therefore advised all to take necessary precautionary measures during this time.



Dimapur Police has implemented the Student Police Experiential Learning Program (SPELP) under Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. SPELP is an engagement learning program requiring students to participate in an actual professional activity or work experience. The objective is to enhance the cognitive skills of students, give them knowledge about their local community and improve the interface between

citizens and Police. Under this initiative, 13 students from City Law College, Dimapur were imparted with internship programme. During the month long programme, students were attached to various Office branches of Dimapur Police- East Police Station, Traffic Control, PI Court, Women Police Station, Cyber Cell including field visits to De-addiction Centers, Observation Homes among others. On the completion of the internship, students were awarded certificate of experiential learning completion by DCP, Dimapur.

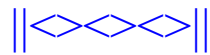


Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has greeted the Khamniungan brothers and sisters on the occasion of Biam festival. Rio wished that the festival of thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest strengthen the bonds of family and community.



The Second Phase of short-term Skill Development Training on Tailoring for Rural Women, under Skill Development for Rural Women through Mobile Skill Morung got underway at Wozhuro Headquarter, under Wokha district yesterday. Additional Director, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Nagaland Savio Visa encouraged the trainees to take up self-employment in order to help their community. He also requested the village council to support logistically and monitor their performance in various capacities as they start their venture. Village Council Chairman Meriyan Village Alow Khuvung who spoke on behalf of Wozhuro Range Village Council Union thanked the Department for bringing the training programme to their doorstep and further requested the

Department to provide such training to the youths of the range for mitigating the unemployment problem in the range. 25 trainees from various villages under Wozhuro range have enrolled in the 14 days training.



Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa has informer that the National Highway 202 between Longkhim and Mangaki has been restored for Light Motor Vehicle. However the Movement of heavy vehicles would remain closed till further order.

