

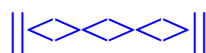
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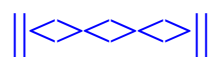
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:: THE HEADLINES ::

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarks on a three day visit to Poland and Ukraine.
- Nagaland Medical Students Association opposes conduct of departmental examination for regularization of doctors.
- Naga Students' Federation says it will conduct physical verification of documents of all candidates selected through NEET for various courses.
- Nagaland Governor declares Saturday August 24 as working day.

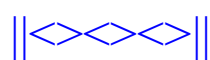


Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a three day visit to Poland and Ukraine. Modi will hold talks with his Polish counterpart Donald Tusk and will call on President Andrzej Duda. Modi will also interact with the Indian community, business leaders and prominent Ideologists. The Prime Minister said that Poland is a key economic partner in Central Europe. Modi said, he will be visiting Ukraine on Friday at the invitation of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and this is the first-ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Ukraine since bilateral relations began in 1992. He said, he looks forward to the opportunity to build upon earlier conversations with President Zelenskyy on strengthening bilateral cooperation and share perspectives on peaceful resolution of the ongoing Ukraine conflict.



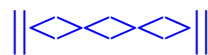
Nagaland Medical Students Association, NMSA has strongly opposed the Health and Family Welfare Department's notification to conduct departmental examination for regularization of doctors appointed on contractual basis during the COVID-19 pandemic. NMSA demanded that all sanctioned Medical Officer posts currently occupied by

COVID-19 contractual doctors, should be advertised and filled through NPSC Combined Technical Services Examination. NMSA in a press release today said that state government's decision to conduct departmental examination for regularization of doctors appointed on contractual basis effectively restricts examination opportunities to only the 98 contractual doctors appointed during the pandemic. It said that the government notification is against established norms and poses a significant threat to the careers of countless deserving medical professionals. The NMSA strongly urged the government to reconsider its decision and uphold the principles of fairness and meritocracy. NMSA also forwarded a representation to all the appropriate authorities for their consideration.

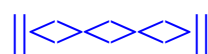


Naga Students' Federation, NSF has said that it will conduct physical verification of documents of all candidates selected through NEET for various courses, at the NSF office in Kohima on August 22 and 23. NSF asserted that only candidates who are Nagas by blood from Nagaland state are eligible for seats allotted under the Nagaland state quota. The

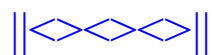
students' body said that it will not tolerate non-indigenous candidates applying under the state quota. It said verification process requires candidates to appear in person, accompanied by their parents or guardians. NSF has asked the Candidates to come along with their original documents, including a recent passport-sized photograph, NEET documents, HSLC and HSSLC Admit Cards, Scheduled Tribe certificate, and Indigenous Certificate. Further, NSF said that candidates who fail to complete the verification process within the specified dates will be deemed ineligible, and appropriate actions taken against defaulters.



Nagaland Governor has declare the 24th of August 2024, 4th Saturday, as a working day for all State Government offices located in Kohima in view of the forthcoming 5th Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly commencing from 27th August 2024. All Administrative Heads and Heads of Departments have been asked to ensure attendance of the officers and staff of their respective departments on the aforementioned date.

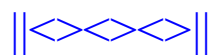


The Bharatiya Janata Party, BJP today conducted a workshop on Sadasyata Abhiyan membership drive aimed at expanding party membership and strengthening grassroots engagement, at Lions Club, Dimapur. Speaking at the programme, Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister Y Pattton urged party members to keep in mind the unique challenges and opportunities faced in Nagaland and tailor their approach to resonate with the aspirations of the young and dynamic population. Member of Parliament and BJP National Secretary, Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, in his keynote address highlighted the significance of civic engagement and the role of political parties in driving national progress.



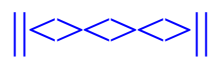
National People's Party, NPP 17th Chizami Assembly Constituency, has urged Nagaland government to urgently address the deteriorating condition of Pfutsero-Zhavame road. It stressed that the road is a critical inter-state route connecting Nagaland with Manipur and is the main artery for the villages of Tsüpfüme, Razeba, Zelome, and Zhavame. The party criticized the government for years of neglecting the

important road. It said that the Pfutsero-Chillo road, despite its vital role, has seen little to no maintenance for years, leaving it in a pathetic and awful state. It said that The Razeba area, recognized for its agricultural potential, has suffered significant setbacks as farmers struggle to transport their produce to markets. Further, Zhavame and Tsüpfüme villages, known as a ‘Vegetable Village’ and ‘Ground Apple Village,’ respectively have faced considerable losses due to poor road conditions. In this regard, the NPP demanded the government to construct safe all-weather road to ensure the well-being and economic stability of the Razeba area.

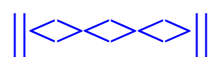


A Certification programme for weavers under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, PMKVY Short Term Training scheme, was held today at North Eastern Handloom and Handicraft Development Corporation centre in Wokha. Speaking at the programme as special guest, Functional Manager of District Industries Centre, Wokha, Mhabemo Lotha assured full support from the department for entrepreneurs and urged the trainees to form groups and societies to leverage their skills. SDO and Project Manager

Wokha, Anuranjan Singh urged the trainees to use the training centre for production as it is also a production centre. During the programme, certificates were distributed to 32 beneficiaries. The event was organized by Charity Club Multipurpose Society.

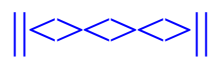


Nagaland Board of School Education, NBSE has notified that the dates for filling up of forms for High School Leaving Certificate and Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate Examinations 2025 for the Regular, Repeaters and Compartmental students are fixed from 17th September to 30th September 2024. Intending candidates have been asked fill up their Application Forms by accessing the NBSE portal nbsenl.edu.in. NBSE asked institutions and centres to login into the NBSE portal and verify the forms and pay the examination fee for their different categories of candidates within the above mentioned dates.



The Department of Fishery and Aquatic Resources Kiphire conducted a three days training program on importance of fish consumption and process of making value added products.

Speaking at the programme as guest of honour, today, DPO LRD Lipichem emphasized on making fishery pickle to encourage fish farmers and to boost the district's rich fishery. 30 beneficiaries from kiphire district who attended the programme also received technical training on pickle making, jam making and candy making.



The 13th Luke Sasong Memorial Trophy 2024 got underway today at the multi-sports complex, Mokokchung. In the first match of the tournament, MH-10 Kohima defeated Changtongya Volleyball Association in straight sets of 25-21 and 28-26. Earlier, speaking at the inaugural programme as guest of honor, Mokokchung District Volleyball Association, MDVA President Imtipokym acknowledged the efforts of Luke Sasong Sporting Association in organizing the tournament. He also recalled Luke Sasong as a renowned leader. Altogether, 12 teams are taking part in the trophy.

