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- Governor of Nagaland La Ganesan confers Rajya Puraskar to 35 Scouts, Guides, Rovers and Rangers
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio calls on Prime Minister Narendra Modi at New Delhi and apprised on projects and development of Nagaland
- Nagaland Vector Borne Diseases Control Program Kohima launches dedicated Dengue Helpline number to assist public on dengue related issue
- Akashvani Kohima all set to organise 'Musical Fiesta' tomorrow

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Governor of Nagaland La Ganesan today conferred the Rajya Puraskar to 35 Scouts, Guides, Rovers and Rangers from Dimapur, Kohima and Wokha. The Rajya Puraskar, also known as the Governor's award is the highest award a Scouts, Guides, Rovers and Rangers can earn at the state level. On the occasion, 50 Scouts and Guides from Dimapur, Kohima, Mokokchung and Wokha received the Tiritiya Sopan, the highest rank for a Scout and Guide to earn at the district level. Speaking at the event, Governor Ganesan said, the purpose of the Bharat Scouts & Guides movement is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving an all-round potentials as individual and as responsible citizen. Highlighting the significance of 8th of August which marks the 82nd anniversary of the Quit India Movement, Governor called upon the young Scouts and Guides to remember and honor the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters. He said as young citizens of this great nation, it is their duty to draw inspiration from the historical events and the individuals who shaped the country's history. Ganesan also urged the young people to emulate the selflessness and commitment of the freedom fighter in their everyday lives. Mentioned may be made that awardees of both Rajya Puraskar and Tiritiya Sopan have undergone regular and consistent trainings and testings to earn their respective Awards. The Rajya Puraskar awardees will be preparing for further higher Award at the National level.

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi at New Delhi today. In a social media post, Rio said Prime Minister Modi was apprised on the major projects and initiatives for the development of the State. Looking forward to his continued support and guidance, Chief Minister Rio added.

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Following the rising cases of Dengue across the state, Nagaland Vector Borne Diseases Control Program (NVBDPC), Directorate of Health and Family Welfare, Kohima has launched a dedicated Dengue Helpline number, aimed at providing timely assistance, information and resources to the public during critical period.

The Dengue Helpline, accessible at **7630932527** is now operational to assist residents with any dengue-related inquiries. The NVBDCP said the service is staffed by trained professionals who can offer guidance on dengue prevention and advice on seeking further medical help. In addition to the Helpline, the NVBDCP is intensifying its effort to combat Dengue through public awareness campaign, entomological studies, fogging and distribution of Long-lasting insecticidal nets. Public are also urged to take necessary precautions to protect from Dengue, by using mosquito repellents, wearing long-sleeved clothing, and ensuring no stagnant water in and around their homes.

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In a vibrant prelude to India's 78th Independence Day, Akashvani Kohima is all set to organise a 'Musical Fiesta' at State Academy Hall in Kohima tomorrow. The Music Fiesta will begin at 4:00 PM. Director General of Police Nagaland, Rupin Sharma will be the Guest of Honour. This special celebration will honor the spirit of freedom and unity through an exceptional showcase of music and cultural performances from 15 tribes of Nagaland. The Musical Fiesta will feature an array of performances by both renowned and emerging artists from the state like DGP band, Colour keys, and Moko Koza among others. Assistant Director (Programme) & Head of Programme Akashvani Kohima, Abino Lasuh, said the event is not only a tribute to India's rich cultural legacy but also a chance for all to come together and celebrate the nation's journey and achievements. Lasuh urged all the citizens in Kohima to join the event and be a part of this celebration.

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On the occasion of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples today, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said the day provides us with an opportunity to tell our truth, our story and our connection to our place. Rio expressed hope that it would bring greater awareness and understanding of the rich cultural heritage and rights of indigenous communities.

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Nagaland State AIDS Control Society, NSACS, will be launching a nationwide two month long Intensified Information, Education Communication (IEC) campaign across the districts from 12th of August, on the occasion of International Youth Day. Addressing media person at Kohima today, NSACS Project Director Dr Ahu Sekhose said, in order to enhance the knowledge levels of the general population and equip masses with information about HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections, the intensified campaign is intended to reach all the nook and corners of the state. He said, the campaign will be launch at NBCC convention centre Kohima and will cover all the districts of Nagaland. Deputy Director (IEC), Thejangunuo Theunuo said, different campaign activities will be carried out at rural and urban level. She said, 780 villages will be covered through field functionaries in coordination with the district administration and village. She said, at the urban level, the department will held a Youth Convention starting with Kohima Zone on 12th and 13th of August, where the Red Ribbon

Clubs members and nodal officers from seven districts will be trained as HIV Ambassadors. Theunuo also added that the districts will be covered in other two zones in Dimapur and Mokokchung shortly.

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Advisor Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Zhaleo Rio has asked the councillors to work for accountability and transparency. Speaking at the inaugural function of the two day orientation programme for the elected councillors of Urban Local Bodies at Chümoukedima today, he emphasized on setting up various sub- committees for functioning of ULBs and also to generate revenues through a co-ordinated efforts. He also said the best is expected from the new elected Councilors for development of the ULB's and provides basic services. Zaleo further advised the councillors to carry out visitation or inspection at their respective jurisdiction and examine identify areas for revenue generation, planning, development of infrastructures, land use and regulation and Economic growth.

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The Dimapur District Task Force on Single Use Plastic has resolved to form a sub-committee for regular monitoring on the ban on single use plastic. This was decided yesterday during a meeting with all stakeholders held under the chairmanship of ADC, Dimapur, Mhalo Humtsoe. The ADC while emphasising the importance of enforcing the government-mandated ban on single-use plastics said, defaulters would be penalised a sum of 10 thousand rupees for first offence and 20 thousand rupees for second offence. He informed that an official order detailing the complete ban on single-use plastics, including fines and penalties for non-compliance would be notified. During the meeting, the task force decided to launch a widespread awareness campaign using IEC materials, print media, churches, and schools as dissemination to public on single-use plastics and their alternatives. Further, directives would be issued to churches, event organizers, and hotel or venue owners to prohibit single-use plastics on their premises to public as a means of reducing demand. The DTF also informed that SUP Public Grievances App “SUP-CPCB” has been developed by CPCB where any citizen can lodge a complaint if they see any banned items.

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