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THE HEADLINES:-

- India and New Zealand signs customs co-operation arrangement to ease trade between the two countries.
- Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton meets NSF team; engages in discussions relevant to state and well being of the people.
- Advisor, New & Renewable Energy & NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe, says Nagaland Disaster Risk Reduction Roadmap 2023-2030 signifies pivotal advancement towards safer and more resilient Nagaland.
- Deputy Commissioner Kohima Kumar Ramnikant and other officials inspects deteriorating roads in Kohima.

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President Droupadi Murmu held bilateral talks with Prime Minister Christopher Luxon and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Winston Peters at Government House in Wellington today. Discussions were held on wide range issues including customs co-operation, traditional medicine and renewable energy. Bilateral engagements between President Droupadi Murmu and leaders of New Zealand ended on positive note. India and New Zealand inked the bilateral customs cooperation arrangement which is expected to ease trade between the two countries. New Zealand also ratified the International Solar Alliance paving way for enhanced opportunities for joint research and development in this field. Both countries also agreed to exchange best practices in the field of traditional medicine through Global Centre for traditional medicine in Jamnagar.

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Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton met with the team of Naga Students' Federation led by its president Medovi Rhi. In a social media post, Patton said, they engaged in discussions relevant to the state and the well being of the people. He expressed gratitude to the team for their insights, and commitment. The Deputy Chief Minister further wished them success in all their endeavours for the welfare of students and society at large.

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A two-day workshop on Nagaland Disaster Risk Reduction Roadmap (NDRR) 2023-2030, organised by Nagaland State disaster management authority (NSDMA) in collaboration with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, commenced today in Kohima. Advisor, New & Renewable Energy and NSDMA, Z. Nyusietho Nyuthe, said that Nagaland is located in the most vulnerable seismic zone and the land is weak and exposed to multiple disaster risk such as prone landslides, flood, earthquake, forest fire and wind. During the launch of the NDRR Roadmap, Nyuthe said it signifies a pivotal advancement towards a safer and more resilient Nagaland, underscoring the collective dedication of the people to strengthening preparedness for preserving our landscape and heritage from disaster risks where every citizen can thrive without the fear of disasters. Joint Chief Executive Officer NSDMA, Johnny Ruangmei mentioned that the workshop aims to provide practical guidance for stakeholders to take actions to minimize the impact of disaster in the state, reduce disaster risks, mitigate the impact of climate change and achieve sustainable development goals.

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Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant, along with his team, conducted thorough inspection of deteriorating road conditions in Kohima today. The team included Additional SP Kohima, Revenue Officer Kohima, Executive Engineer Urban, Executive Engineer NPWD NH, Executive Engineer NPWD R&B, and other officials. The inspection was done along NH-29, where the team assessed the sinking zone at Old KMC dumping site. It was decided to channelize the water flow from above the road into the drainage system to prevent further damage. Also, the team resolved to clear and repair Jotsoma bypass road within two days. At the sinking road near the GREF Mandir in Dzüdza Village, Jotsoma, it was decided that Police would regulate truck entry to Kohima along the National Highway. Heavy motor vehicles, Commercial trucks will now be parked on single lane on one side of the 4 lane highway further down from

sinking area to mitigate risk. Decision was made to ensure regular patrolling by police personnel on national highway, and a tow truck will be arranged for emergency operations. Additionally, NPWD NH will clear drains and carry out road repair work at the sinking zones. In this regard, public is advised to exercise caution while travelling through the sinking zone areas. Regarding the box cutting road, the team decided to lay cement concrete road on Saturday, to be carried out by EE Urban. To facilitate road repair, vehicular traffic at box cutting will be suspended on 10th and 11th August.

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Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, government has provided tap water connections to over 77 per cent rural households across India. Answering to supplementaries during the question hour in Lok Sabha Union Jal Shakti Minister C R Patil said, Narendra Modi government has started this scheme in the year 2019 and along with that, 15 crore households have been provided with tap water connection so far. Patil added that according to a study, clean and safe drinking water provided to the households have saved over eight lakh crore rupees by eliminating diseases.

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Labour and Employment Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said, government is running 15 schemes which are dedicated for employment generation. Replying to supplementaries during the Question Hour in Rajya Sabha, Mandaviya said, the government is running several schemes for employment generation and as a result, the unemployment rate has decreased from six per cent to 3.2 per cent now.

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Deputy Commissioner & Chairman DDMA, Wokha, Vineet Kumar has issued public advisory following incessant rainfall in the catchment area of the Doyang River. The advisory stated that the continuous rainfall has led to a significant rise in the water level at the Doyang Reservoir, with projections indicating that it may soon reach the Full Reservoir Level if the current inflow persists. Under such circumstances, the radial gates of Doyang Dam will be opened to release excess water in a controlled manner. During such exercise, the excess inflow will spill over and flow through Doyang River downstream of Doyang Power House. Therefore, public have been informed to stay away from the downstream of Doyang river and Foothill area by avoiding bathing, swimming, fishing, camping,

on riverside and any other activities during the period of opening of the radial gates.

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As part of nationwide campaign for Safai Apnao, Bimari Bhagao initiative under Swachh Bharat Mission- Urban 2.0, Longleng Town Council organised an awareness programme on cleanliness & sanitation practices at Government Middle School, Leinak, Longleng yesterday. Management of Information System Assistant Longleng Town Council, Isaac P, imparted information to the students and teaching faculty of the school on tackling cleanliness and disease-related challenges. Detailed explanations were given on dealing with stagnant water issues which can lead to diseases such as dengue, malaria and other related diseases. The session also covered essential practices such as adopting cleaner practices like ensuring regular cleaning of drains, maintaining clean toilets and ensuring safe drinking water. Further, students were encouraged to adopt 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) with innovation in Waste to Wealth products.

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Speaker of Nagaland Legislative Assembly and Chairperson, Business Advisory Committee Sharingain Longkumer has convened its meeting on 17th of this month in the Committee room, Assembly Secretariat. The meeting is being convened to finalise the Provisional Programme of the Fifth Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly scheduled to commence from 27th of this month.

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