

THE HEADLINES:::

- 1. Fifth session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly will resumed tomorrow.**
- 2. State Political Affairs Committee discusses on Naga Political dialogue and ENPO issue.**
- 3. Deputy Chief Minister T R Zeliang says State Government is neither complacent nor idle to plight of citizens.**
- 4. Deputy Commissioner of Kohima declares Thizama Village under Chiephobozou Block of Kohima district as Infected Zone following detection of African Swine Fever.**



The fifth session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly will resumed tomorrow. The final day of the two-day sitting will witness discussion on the Naga Political Issue and review on Communitization in the power sector. Other business agendas will include consideration and adoption of Government Bills and Resolutions, laying of Annual Administrative Reports, Rules and Regulations and presentations of Assembly Committee Reports.



The state Political Affairs Committee, PAC today held a meeting at the state Banquet Hall in Kohima. The meeting discussed on Naga Political dialogue and ENPO issue. The meeting was attended by all the 60 legislators including Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, MPs S Pangnon Konyak and S Spongmeren Jamir, besides political consultative committee members of different parties. Addressing the media persons after the meeting, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, K G Kenye said, the new PAC meeting for the first time held a healthy discussion and expressed common concern and try to resolve the Naga political issue at the earliest. He said priority has been given to the negotiating parties and countless time the state PAC engaged in the similar dialogue and discussion with almost every group till date and appealing them to come together as one single entity. Kenye however regretted that the groups were unable to come together and see eye to eye of their differences but continue to maintain separate identity among themselves. Kenye therefore, said the PAC came to a consensus that a road map is prepared and felt the need to approach the civil organisations and apex tribal bodies and invite their opinions as to how to go about to solve this elusive issue that has confronted us for several decades. The Minister also informed that they will be having meetings with the civil societies and tribal hohos very soon. Kenye said the meeting also deliberated on the status of the proposed Frontier Nagaland Territory and a way forward action plan on the issue.



Deputy Chief Minister and Minister In-charge of National Highway, T R Zeliang said, the State Government has always prioritized the convenience and safety of public and is neither complacent nor idle to plight of the people. Addressing some misgivings about the sincerity of State Government and in particular National Highway Department of the State, vis-à-vis the landslide near Dzudza, Zeliang in a press statement said, since the occurrence of the massive landslide, the State Government is in constant touch with the implementing agency the NHIDCL. He said, the State machineries, from Administration to National Highway department have lent all possible support to assist in expediting the work to open the highway for traffic. Zeliang also informed that a team from District Administration, Geology & Mining Department and NPWD visited the site on 20th of this month. The department of Geology and Mining had suggested that water has to be drained from the top using a muck pump and diverted to the river to minimize and stop the water from further carrying the mud down to the highway. They also observed that the stone quarry above the area could be triggering the landslide. Zeliang added that NHIDCL has been asked to take note of the observation and promptly work to solve the problem. He also informed, the State Government through the Works & Housing Department has written to the Executive Director (P) RO-Kohima with a deadline of 72 hours to clear and open the critical highway for regular traffic.



Deputy Commissioner of Kohima has declared one kilometer radius of Thizama Village under Chiephobozou Block of Kohima district as Infected Zone following detection of African Swine Fever. In addition, a 10 kilometer radius from the infected premises, covering a nine kilometer radius outside the Infected Zone, has been designated as a Surveillance Zone. In this regard, a ban has been imposed on slaughter of pigs, import and export of pigs and piglets and transportation of pigs and pork until further orders. The DC has asked the public to adhere strictly to these restrictions to aid in the containment of the disease.



The government's flagship financial inclusion scheme Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana today completed 10 years. More than 53 crore beneficiaries have been banked under the scheme so far. In a social media post, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, Jan Dhan Yojana has been paramount in boosting financial inclusion and giving dignity to crores of people, especially women, youth, and marginalized communities. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, the scheme integrates the poor into the economic mainstream and plays a crucial role in development of marginalized communities. She said, Jan Dhan-Mobile-Adhaar trinity enabled swift, seamless and transparent transfer of benefits of welfare schemes to eligible beneficiaries and promoted digital payments.



Nagaland will experience cloudy heavy rainfall in almost all the districts till tomorrow. The NSDMA informed that these showers may be accompanied with thunderstorm and lightning at isolated places. During this period, heavy rainfall is expected in the districts of Chumoukedima, Kohima, Longleng, Mokokchung, Mon, Niuland, Peren and Wokha. The other districts may experience Cloudy Moderate rain. The NSDMA also alerted that the lowland and foothill regions, including Dimapur, Nuiland, Chumukedima, Bhandari, Pangti, Tizit, and Tuli are vulnerable to inundated water logging and flash floods due to the potential of high precipitation in the hill sector. It also informed that some district Headquarter including Kohima and other blocks maybe cut off due to landslide. Therefore, the NSDMA urged the public to take necessary precautionary measures to avoid any eventualities during this period.



Selection test for admission in class VI for academic session 2025-2026 in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya will be held in Longleng and Tamlu on 12th March 2025. The last date of submission of application will be 16th of next month. This was informed by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Longleng. The District Deputy Commissioner has asked concerned ward President and Council Chairman to inform the citizen about the selection test for maximum registration.



In commemoration of National Sports Day 2024, the Nagaland State Department of Youth Resources and Sports (YRS), organized the Athletics Meet 2024 at Indira Gandhi Stadium in Kohima, today. Addressing the inaugural session, Director of YRS, Kethosituo Sekhose informed that this year the department has organized a two-day event for National Sports Day. The first day is dedicated to the School's Athletic Day, and on August 29, sports awards will be handed out to sportspersons. He also informed that Office of the Chief Electoral Officer is co-hosting the event and will present the best athlete awards for the students in all categories, with a cash prize of 4000 rupees each. In this regard, Sekhose expressed appreciation to the Chief Electoral Officer of Nagaland for collaborating with the YRS department, adding that the election department is keen on ensuring that young people, who will become eligible voters in the future, understand their rights as young citizens. Over 300 students from 12 private schools, participated in the event.

