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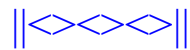
Scores of people participated in a major rally today organized by Diphupar Village Council (DVC) Dimapur, to protest against unchecked taxation, extortion, kidnapping, and threats to citizens and leaders. The rally began from Airport Junction through Green Park Junction and concluded at Agri Expo gate. DVC Chairman Ghuzui Shohe criticized the current situation, stating that Nagaland is now a land of taxation with around 25 to 26 factions imposing taxes indiscriminately. He noted recent incidents, including the kidnapping of a grocery shop owner and threats to the president of Diphupar Naga Youth Organization (DNYO), which have prompted the community to speak out. Shohe also reported the arrest and expulsion of Self-Styled captain Kahovi Chishi from the village, warning that any antisocial

activities would not be tolerated. DNYO President T. Molongba Ao criticized the formation of new factions that impose illegal taxes and threaten residents. Meanwhile, Chairperson Diphupar Naga Women Organization Khriezovenue urged Nagas to take anti-social behavior issues seriously, as such problems are not limited to Diphupar alone. Following the rally, participants submitted a six-point memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner of Chümoukedima. The memorandum demanded strict legal action under the National Security Act, opposed granting bail to offenders, and called for banning of firearms in public spaces within Diphupar. It also advocated for a "One Government, One Tax" policy to streamline tax collection and enforcement of Ceasefire Ground Rules, and reiterated the expulsion of Kahovi Chishi from the village.



A total of 108 top students in the HSLC examinations 2023 and 2024 received the Chief Minister's Meritorious Students Fellowship. These includes 57 HSLC toppers from 2023 Batch and 51 from 2024 batch. In a programme held at Kohima today, Advisor of School Education & SCERT Dr Kekhrielhoulie Yhome handed over the awards and certificates to the recipients. Addressing the students, Dr Yhome said, he is proud and impressed by the students for excelling in their academics, adding that scoring over 80 percent is not a joke. He said, the meritorious scholarship initiated by the Chief Minister in 2019 may not be a huge amount. He however said, this particular scholarship not only gives the students a recognition, but allows a pattern. He said the state has about 2.59 lakh students enrolled in the private schools, 1.47 lakh students in Government schools. Stating that they will become leaders, technocrats, professionals, he reminded the achievers not to forget that Nagaland also has highest dropouts in the country. Yhome said, the status of education in the state has come a long way, citing that this year marks the centennial celebration of the first ever Naga graduate who graduated in 1924. Yhome further said India as a global leader amongst the developing countries is rolling out New Education Policy, which Nagaland is also at par with global trends. Chairperson

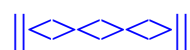
NBSE, Asano Sekhose said, since the institution of the fellowship from HSLC 2019 batch, 208 students have been benefited from this fellowship. The Chief Minister's Meritorious Students Fellowship provides a grant of 50 thousand rupees per achiever followed by an equal amount up to five installments.



'Dr Imkongliba Ao Martyrdom Day' was observed at Raj Bhavan, today. In his short exhortation while paying his homage, Nagaland Governor, La Ganesan stated that Dr. Imkongliba Ao was a visionary who, about 60 years ago, foresaw a peaceful and prosperous Nagaland. Had his opponents and critics heeded his vision then, we would be in a far better situation today, Ganesan said. The Governor emphasized that Nagas are talented and forward-thinking as any other communities in India, and thus, Nagaland should be as developed as any other state in the country. Ganesan said, unfortunately, we lag behind others for not paying heed to the guidance of pioneers and visionary leaders like Dr. Imkongliba Ao. The Governor further urged the gathering to live as model citizens of the country so that the legacy of great personalities like D. Imkongliba Ao would live on.



Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the launch of nationwide quiz, the RBI90Quiz for college students enrolled in Bachelor's degree courses only to commemorate 90 years of RBI's functioning. The quiz will be based on general knowledge and will feature multi-level competition, commencing with an online phase, followed by state and zonal level rounds and culminating in national final. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning teams, two from each team at the state level, zonal level and national level. Registrations are open and the competition will commence in September. For registration and details, one may visit the website at rbi90quiz.in



Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Nagaland President, Asu Keyho has outlined the party's vision for the state, emphasizing commitment to transparency, development, and public service. Speaking at a press conference, today in Dimapur Keyho highlighted the challenges Nagaland faces and critical need for transformative governance to uplift the state. He expressed concern that roads are in poor condition, healthcare facilities are inadequate and education system lags behind. Keyho said, these are daily realities that people face and AAP Nagaland is here to change that. Emphasizing the importance of improving healthcare, Keyho said AAP Nagaland will push for creation of postgraduate medical institute to ensure that people have access to quality healthcare. Acknowledging the lack of a strong opposition in the state's political landscape Keyho expressed AAP Nagaland's readiness to fill that role. He also revealed plans to expand AAP's presence at district level, despite the party's decision not to participate in recent Urban Local Body elections due to lack of public response. Keyho further gave a call to action, urging the citizens of Nagaland to unite behind AAP's vision for progress and accountability.



Commissioner & Secretary, Cooperation Department, Kohima, Zarenthung Ezung has emphasized the intrinsic connection between the rights and duties of government servants. Speaking at the 12th review meeting of the Department of Cooperation, held at Meriema, Ezung said, it is the right of a government servant to receive a salary, but it is equally our responsibility to fulfill our duties diligently. Ezung encouraged the officers to lead by example, highlighting the importance of effective coordination with staff, administration, and allied departments. He underscored three key focus areas for the department, which includes, computerization of Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies to enhance efficiency and transparency, robust recovery drive in collaboration with Nagaland State Cooperative Bank to improve financial health and accountability, and thorough audit of Cooperative Societies to ensure proper functioning and compliance.

During the review meeting, officers from various districts also presented their reports.

