

Morning News Script

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The Rajya Sabha yesterday took up discussion on the workings of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. Initiating the discussion, Randeep Singh Surjewala of Congress criticised the government for not being able to fulfill the promise of doubling farmers' income by 2022. He alleged that the income of farmers has rather come down in some states. Surjewala also said the allocation for agriculture in the budget has come down. He demanded a legal guarantee of MSP to farmers. Phangnon Konyak of the BJP said the Agriculture Ministry's efforts are essential for fostering a productive, sustainable, and equitable agricultural system. She said increasing the income of farmers has been one of the key priorities of the Narendra Modi government. V Vijayasai Reddy of YSRCP expressed concern that agricultural lands are being converted to non-agricultural use.



Deputy Commissioner and Chairman District Disaster Management Authority, DDMA Niuland, Sara S. Jamir, held an emergency meeting with the DDMA members at DC's office, Nuiland yesterday. She took stock of the unprecedented flooding in Aghunaqa and some part of Kuhuboto area of the district. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed all the concern department officers to immediately depute their staffs and submit assessment report of the damage items at the earliest.



Lieutenant General Vikas Lakhera yesterday took over as the 22nd Director General of the Assam Rifles known by the sobriquet of "Sentinels of the North-East". He has varied and rich professional experience of Assam Rifles and the North East, having served extensively in the region including being Inspector General in Assam Rifles in Nagaland. The General Officer has extensive experience of planning and executing counter insurgency and counter terrorist operations in J&K and North East Region. The General Officer is a highly decorated Officer with Ati Vishist Seva Medal, Sena Medal, Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card and two Army Commander Commendation Cards to his credit.



Tribal Artisan Empanelment Mela (TAeM) organised by TRIFED Ministry of Tribal Affairs in collaboration with District Administration Tseminyu, MARCOFED, NBHM, DUDA and IIE was held at Town hall, Tseminyu yesterday. Speaking at the program, SDO (C) Tseminyu, Kimciyile said, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs conducted the mela with the aim to provide livelihood opportunities to tribal Artisans by identifying and empanelling them for the products improvement. It also provides training and

marketing opportunities of the products and to promote their business through TRIFED.



The Chakhroma Public Organization and Christian Institute of Health Sciences and Research, Chumoukedima is jointly organizing a Blood Donation Camp on the 17th of this month at Rev Zhaviu Khro Memorial Hospital, near Saturday Bazaar, Chumoukedima from 9.00 am onwards. In this, the organizers have appealed to all Angami villagers, Churches and the various communities and tribal organizations in Chakhroma area to come forward in large numbers on the day.



The 20th Nagaland State Chess Championship concluded yesterday at the Nagaland Olympic Association Office complex in Kohima, with Melesayi Dawhuo emerging as the champion in the Open Category. The three-day-long event was organized by the Nagaland Chess Association (NCA). Kevilekho Zumvu and Toivi Yeptho bagged the second and third position in the open category. The Under-18 Category saw Intovi Awomi being champion. Shurhozhali Sebastian Solo came in as the second place, with Pulonito Hesso taking the third position. In the Under-14 Category, Jitito Nyekha emerged as the champion. Vesho Doulo won the first runner-up position and Neipedezo Metha secured the second runner-up spot, Special awards were also given, with Shenikali Hesso being adjudged as the Best Female Player, Sede Nagi as the Best 60 Years and above player, and Nouné Terhuja as the Best Under-7 Years Player. Chief Arbiter, International Arbiter Mughaho Awomi, announced that the top four players from the championship will represent Nagaland at the 61st National Chess Championship 2024, scheduled to take place from August 17-27 in Haryana. S Keoshu Yimkhiung, Advisor for Youth Resources and Sports, graced the valedictory function as the Special Guest.

