

Morning News Script

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Nagaland Commissioner & Secretary for Health and Family Welfare, Anoop Khinchi on Monday held a meeting with the National Vector Borne Diseases Control Program (NVBDCP) to take stock of dengue preparedness in the state. Emphasizing that all precautionary measures must be taken by the public for the prevention of dengue, Khinchi noted that Nagaland currently has few dengue cases this year. However, for the prevention of any vector borne diseases, he urged the public to maintain clean surroundings by eliminating stagnant water to reduce mosquito breeding sites, wear long sleeves, and use Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets and repellents to prevent mosquito bites. Khinchi specifically pointed out stagnant water in cups used during rubber plantations in Wokha and Dimapur and directed officials to notify the districts to take precautionary measures. He also inquired about the status of the dengue helpline, hospital preparedness, and the distribution of Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets. State Program Officer and Joint Director of NVBDCP, Dr. Neisakho Kere reported that while there was a dengue outbreak last year with 4,943 positive cases, this year only 16 cases have been reported so far. He attributed the decrease to effective advocacy and awareness campaigns focused on source reduction. Dr. Kere informed that NVBDCP teams in the districts are actively conducting awareness programs and checking domestic breeding sites to remove mosquito larvae. He noted that serotypes 1 and 2 were detected during last year's outbreak.

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An initiative of the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2.0, was officially launched yesterday by Deputy Commissioner Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma at Holy Cross School, Mon. The programme was organised by the District Tobacco Control Cell, Mon. During the launching programme, Verma said the main aim of the campaign is to target the youth, as the Youth are the most vulnerable section. He said that tobacco, drugs and liquor consumption are defined as social evil and the chemicals containing narcotics are dangerous for human health. He challenged the students to be strong in their determination and stay away from social evils. Junior Dental Surgeon, District Hospital Mon Dr. Lihngam Konyak led in the Pledge of Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2.0.

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In the recently concluded Global Food Regulators Summit 2024, Nagaland has bagged Special Recognition for its overall performance on various parameters of Food Safety in State Food Safety Index 2023-24. The summit was held from 19th to 21st of this month in New Delhi. Among the North Eastern Hilly States Nagaland is the lone awardee. Food Safety Index is based on performance of State/ Union Territories on five significant parameters, namely, Human Resources and Institutional Data, Compliance, Food Testing — Infrastructure and Surveillance, Training & Capacity Building, Consumer Empowerment & FSSAI Initiatives.

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Speaker of Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer has been selected as Member of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region. The Executive Committee of CPA Indian Region comprises of 6/7 members selected from amongst the Speakers of all India headed by the Speaker of Lok Sabha. Longkumer was selected during the 10th

CPA India Region Conference held in the Parliament House, New Delhi from Monday and concluded yesterday. NLA Speaker Longkumer, Deputy Speaker S. Toiho Yeptho along with NLA Secretary-In-Charge, Khruohituonuo Rio had attended the conference.

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The race for the prestigious Dr. T. Ao Trophy 2024 has reached its final stages, with Niuland, Peren, Tuensang, and Mon advancing to the semifinals after a day of thrilling quarterfinal action at Loyem Memorial Astro Turf Ground, Tuensang. In the quarterfinal matches, Niuland defeated Zunheboto 3-1. Peren continued their impressive run, securing a 2-0 victory over Phek. Tuensang, who have been a fortress throughout the tournament, continued their flawless defensive form with a 1-0 victory over Noklak. Mon edged past Mokokchung in a nail-biting encounter by a solitary goal. The stage is now set for the semifinals, where Niuland will face Tuensang while Peren will take on Mon. The semi-finals will be played today.

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