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:: THE HEADLINES ::

- Union Cabinet approves 'One Nation, One Election' Proposal.
- Nagaland joins the rest of the world in observing World Bamboo Day.
- Nagaland Government initiates action to address challenges faced by CMHIS beneficiaries and empanelled hospitals in Delhi.
- Court of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities recommends Youth Resources & Sports Department to make infrastructures and facilities inclusive for PwDs.



The Union Cabinet today accepted the recommendations of the High Level Committee constituted for exploring the idea of One Nation, One Election, paving the way for simultaneous elections across the country. Briefing media in New Delhi today after the Union Cabinet meeting, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said a high-level committee constituted under the chairmanship of former President Ram Nath Kovind held extensive deliberations with stakeholders, including political parties and experts. Stating that it will be implemented in two phases, he said that in the first phase, Lok Sabha and Assembly elections will be held simultaneously, while local bodies' elections like panchayats and municipalities will be conducted within 100 days of general elections.



Joining along with the rest of the world, Nagaland today observed the 'World Bamboo Day' on the theme 'Next Generation Bamboo: Solution, Innovation and Design' organised by Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency, NBDA at Nagaland Bamboo Resource Centre, Chumoukedima. NBDA, Chairman Nuzota Swuro said many artisans from remote villages are producing the best bamboo crafts with indigenous technology. He noted that their products have the scope to compete in the global market if proper skilling development training is provided. This will in a big way uplift the economic condition of entrepreneurs from rural areas, he added. Stating that Chumoukedima, Dimapur and Peren districts has been marked as bamboo economic zone, Swuro said the NBDA will concentrate in these zone with bamboo plantation and also plan to setup industrial units in the near future. He also said the agency plans to setup small common facility centre with cluster units in far and remote which will be cost effective to transport the products. NBDA plans to promote the bamboo industry on a large scale through various schemes and programmes for which the active participation of the entrepreneurs is a must to see the success of any such even. The agency is presently establishing a state of the art cane and bamboo technology park in the Nagaland Bamboo Resource Centre. During the programme, the Bamboo Entrepreneur Award 2024 was presented to Aosanen for his dedication in the field of bamboo craft and outstanding product innovations.

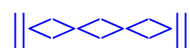


Officials from the Nagaland Government held discussions with representatives of 19 empanelled hospitals in Delhi and insurance companies to address challenges faced in availing Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme, CMHIS. The discussions spanning three days was held recently between Resident Commissioner of Nagaland House, New Delhi, Wennyei Konyak; Joint Director and State Nodal Officer, Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Hentok Phom; Deputy Director and Senior Public Relations Officer, Kuolie Mere; Paramount Health Services and Insurance TPA Private Limited, Future Generali Insurance

Company and representatives from the 19 empanelled hospitals in Delhi NCR. Technical challenges faced by both the beneficiaries and the hospitals were discussed during the meeting. Meanwhile, Dr. Hentok Phom along with the teams from the insurance companies visited various hospital to better understand and also come up with solution to bridge the gaps faced by both the patients and the hospitals.



Court of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, SCPD, has recommended the Department of Youth Resources & Sports to carry out renovations and retrofitting at its directorate Office Building, all stadiums and sports facilities and make it fully inclusive and barrier free environments. The recommendation was made after a joint inspection survey conducted at Directorate building, and the Multi- Disciplinary Sports Stadium in Chümoukedima on 5th and 17th of this month. The inspection was also made following a Suo Motu Inquiry served by the Court of SCPD. Among several recommendations, the Court ordered the department to provide accessibility provisions in all sports facilities such as ramps, signage, Reserved parking spaces for persons with disabilities. It also directed that all future constructions of Stadiums and Offices must comply with the latest accessibility facilities as per Guidelines. In addition the Court strongly recommended that a dedicated Cell or Committee be constituted to look after Para-sport and Promotion of Sports among PwDs. Further, the department has been instructed to comply with the recommendations within three months and submit an Action Taken Report to the SCPD Court.

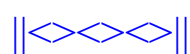


As part of the month long Poshan Maah campaign, Social Welfare Department is organizing various events across the districts. Poshan Maah is aimed at improving ground-level nutrition outcomes and encouraging behavioral changes. In Dimapur, District Programme Officer and Child Development Project Officer, CDPO (Urban) today

organized a cooking competition and local food show. The event was aimed at promoting innovative recipes using department-supplied food items, such as Kheer and Khichris, for complementary feeding at Anganwadi centers across the state. In Longleng, Extra Assistant Commissioner, EAC, C Tsalimse Sangtam graced the cooking competition cum anaemia camp held at Yachem village. Altogether, around 60 beneficiaries attended the camp. In Tseminyu, EAC Molosangla Ozukum graced the block-level cooking competition organized by the CDPO. In her speech, the EAC impressed upon all, including males, to imbibe the culture of organic cooking. In the competition, Tseminyu Town secured the first position.



As part of the nationwide campaign "Swachhata Hi Seva", the Kohima Municipal Council today held a launching programme at the Old MLA Hostel Junction, Kohima. Chairperson of KMC, Neikhozo Suokhrie, expressed his appreciation for the active participation of Kohima's citizens in the drive. During the event, KMC Chief Executive Officer, T Lanusenala Longkumer, administered the Swachhata pledge to Councillors and participants from various wards of Kohima. She said, the campaign will feature various activities, including school visits and college collaborations, to propagate cleanliness. KMC has identified 24 Cleanliness Target Units for clean-up operations. The National Service Scheme units of Kohima Science College and Don Bosco College have been enlisted for the drive to clean identified areas. Longkumer added that KMC will address other areas needing special attention, with all activities to wrap up by September 30. Meanwhile Swachh Bharat Diwas will be held on October 2 to honor hardworking sanitation workers and recognize volunteers and partners who supported the campaign. Later the participants took up a cleanliness drive in Kohima Town.



PHED Kohima Rural and Urban Division in collaboration with Phesama and Kigwema villages undertook a mass clearing at the Naga

Heritage Village Kisama today. Kisama venue is one among the Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs), generally neglected garbage spots and dark spots in the state to be made garbage free. Principal Secretary, PHED, Nagaland E. Mhonbemo Patton said more of such CTUs in all districts of the state are to be made garbage free. The Swachhata pledge was administered by State Hygiene and Sanitation Consultant, Lhosikhono Zinyü. As part of the campaign, various activities like Clearing of Cleanliness Target Units mass cleanliness drives in ponds, springs, water sources, traditional village gates, morungs, garbage vulnerable sites, cultural festivals, mob flash, Swachhata talks in schools, Waste to Art competition and display, pledge taking and felicitations are being rolled out in all the districts.

