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Chumoukedima Deputy Commissioner holds crucial meeting on restoration works of NH-29; issues fresh travel advisory.

Nagaland Chief Secretary, Dr Alam holds virtual briefing with all line departments on Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan.

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Union government has said that 49 per cent of the Ayushman Cards are issued to women and out of 7.79 Crore hospital admissions, around 3.61 Crores are utilized by women. Health Ministry said, in terms of Ayushman Cards creation Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra are top performing states and in terms of utilization, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala are the top performers. Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri – Jan Arogya Yojana

AB PM-JAY aims to provide health cover of five lakh rupees per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to approximately 55 crore beneficiaries corresponding to 12.37 Crore families constituting the bottom 40 per cent of India's population. States and UTs implementing AB PM-JAY have further expanded the beneficiary base at their own cost. AB PM-JAY has also expanded its beneficiary base and provides cover to ASHA workers, Anganwadi Workers and Helpers, Transgenders and Building and Construction Workers beneficiaries. The government has recently given approval to extend the benefits to senior citizens of the age of 70 years and above irrespective of their economic status. This is expected to benefit nearly six crore senior citizens of the age of 70 years or more. As on 1st September, a total of 29 thousand 648 hospitals including 12 thousand 696 private hospitals have been empanelled under the scheme.

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Chumoukedima Deputy Commissioner, Polan John today held a review meeting with the officials in regard to the removal of overhanging rocks, restoration of 2 lane works and travel advisory along the National Highway-29 at his office. ADC Medziphema; EAC, Seithekema; Police, Traffic; PWD NH; leaders of Chumoukedima and New Chumoukedima village; CPO; CYO; General Manager-Dimapur PMU; NHIDCL and Contractors attended the review meeting. They discussed on how to solve specific problems and take steps and actions on restoration.

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In a partial modification of earlier travel advisories, the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chumoukedima, Nagaland, has issued a new advisory regarding the National Highway 29 at the Tsiedukhru range (Pagla Pahar) stretch between Chathe Bridge (Patkai Junction) and New Chumoukedima Village. The DC said that the highway has now been opened to all traffic, with movements regulated under a one-way traffic system managed by the Chumoukedima Traffic Police. He also informed the Chumoukedima Town (Old Check Gate) to New Chumoukedima route via Old Chumoukedima Village road will remain

closed to all forms of traffic from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM. He said this advisory will take effect from 6:00 AM tomorrow and will remain in place until further notice.

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Nagaland Chief Secretary, Dr J. Alam held a virtual briefing with all the line departments on Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PMJUGA) at the conference hall, Nagaland Civil Secretariat, Kohima today. Chairing the meeting virtually from Delhi, the Chief Secretary said that PMJUGA is a very important project specially for Nagaland as the total population is tribal concentrated and also urged all line departments to take advantage of the scheme and projects, their proposals and requirements properly. Alam also urged all line departments to use social media platforms effectively and spread the information regarding the Abhiyan. Alam also instructed the Directorate of Information & Public Relations to widely disseminate the information amongst the intended beneficiary population in particular and the public in general to enable maximum awareness generation about the Abhiyan. Secretary, Tribal Affairs, Angelina Tajen said the scheme will cover 608 villages covering all the 16 Districts in Nagaland to improve the socio-economic condition of tribal communities.

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The Mokokchung Municipal Council (MMC) has directed to all concern dog owners within its jurisdiction to comply with the existing “Dog Registration and Proper Control of dogs’ rules & Regulation 2017” for effective management of dog. MMC has advised the pet owners to ensure that their pets are not a source of nuisance to others and also advised to make every effort to keep their dogs quiet particularly during night hours. Pet owners have been asked to ensure that their pets are healthy, and clean. It also asked them to ensure proper health care and regular vaccinations. The MMC said that law provides penalties for negligent of pet owners, which the aggrieved parties can avail of. It also stated that the law of the land protects the rights of non-humans while killing of another person’s dog or any other pet

deliberately is a cognizable offence under Section 428 and Section 429 of the IPC. Meanwhile, ADC & Chief Executive Officer MMC, Chumlamo Humtsoe has informed that the yearly Dog Registration cum vaccination drive for the year 2024-25 under Mokokchung Town will be conducted on 27th and 28th of this month.

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The North East Students' Organisation, NESO has expressed outrage over the Supreme Court's decision to close criminal proceedings against the military personnel involved in the Oting massacre, where 14 civilians were killed by 21 Para (Special Forces) in Mon district of Nagaland on December 4, 2021. Despite a thorough investigation by the Special Investigation Team (SIT), which implicated 30 soldiers, the Union Government has not granted prosecution sanctions. NESO called the ruling a denial of justice and warned that this decision deepens the region's sense of alienation. They renewed their demand for the prosecution of the accused and the repeal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act, which they say perpetuates violence and impunity in the North East.

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Deputy Commissioner, Noklak has informed that unauthorized gathering of large crowds of spectators, photographing and videography in the helipad during the landing and takeoff of helicopter is strictly prohibited. He said it is done with regard to the helicopter service personnel safety concern as the reckless behaviour poses a substantial risk to both the helicopter and the spectators. The service personnel have been cautioned to adopt and enhance safety and security measures for helipad operations in order to ensure the safety and security of all individuals and aircraft operating in the area. He also prohibited unauthorized access to the helipad area saying that spectators are not allowed within a 300-meters radius of the helipad during landing and take-off. He said only authorized personnel with valid identification shall be permitted within the helipad perimeter.

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The union government is offloading onions in the wholesale market to reduce the prices of the bulbs. Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, Secretary Department of Consumer Affairs, Nidhi Khare said, there is sufficient quantity of onion in the buffer stock and the sowing of Onion in the Kharif season has been good. She said, government is keeping a close eye on the prices of onions. She said, the government is selling onions in the retail market at the subsidised rate of 35 rupees per kilogram.

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Nagaland Cricket Association, NCA organised held its second achievers night in Chumoukedima recently. Kvulo Lorin, Chairman NIDC & Director, Testo College, speaking as Special Guest stated said that the present cricket team in the state is not only making marks nationally but also dominating in so many categories while giving opportunities to women's cricket. Comparing to any other sports in Nagaland Lorin said, cricketers should lead the way and if they can succeed they will paved the path for every other sports association to look for sports as professional career. Individuals and teams awards for the tenure 2023-2024 were presented to players of under-15, under-16, under-19 and under-23 in both men and women categories.

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The two-day 10th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Conference began in New Delhi today. Lok Sabha Speaker and Chairperson of the CPA India Region Om Birla chairing the meeting stressed on the need to further strengthening the Legislative bodies of the country to meet the expectations and aspirations of the people in the view of the changing scenario, when the technologies and medium of communications have become part of people's life. He expressed hope that we all together will give a new vision to legislative bodies of the county so that those deprived of the benefits of development could be brought into the mainstream of development. Forty-six Presiding Officers, four Chairmen, 25 Speakers, three Deputy Chairmen, and 14 Deputy Speakers of Legislatures from States and Union Territories, along with their Principal Secretaries, Secretaries,

and accompanying officers are attending the conference. The theme of the conference is “The Role of Legislative Bodies in the Attainment of Sustainable and Inclusive Development.

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