

THE HEADLINES:

- Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio emphasizes need to strengthen ‘One Crop One Village’ initiative.
- Consultation meeting held on proposed lifting of Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition Act 1989, in Dimapur.
- Justice Surya Kant takes oath as 53rd Chief Justice of India.
- Aboi Town Public stages protest rally regarding survey of proposed National Highway-702.



Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio today emphasized the need to strengthen the ‘One Crop One Village’ initiative. He expressed satisfaction with the progress of cluster farming in the state, stating that commercial viability improves when villages grow selected crops collectively. Mr. Rio was speaking at the Kohima District Planning and Development Board meeting-cum-Advent Christmas held at Phezou Resort, Tuophema Village in Kohima. He urged the people to work with the resources the land provides, emphasizing that Nagaland’s soil is fertile and ideal for organic production. Mr. Rio also stressed the importance of fostering stronger relationships with farmers, urging officers and departments to understand the farmers, their interests and their land so that government initiatives can be implemented more effectively. On the occasion, Chief Minister launched a Coffee Table Book of the 24th Dr. T. Ao Inter-District Football Trophy. The publication captures the journey of the tournament and honours the contributions of players, coaches and officials who have shaped its history.



The Naga Council Dimapur and the civil society organizations based in Dimapur, today held a joint consultation with the presidents of all tribal hohos to deliberate on the proposed lifting of the Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition Act (NLTP) 1989, in the district. Addressing the media persons following the meeting, Convenor of the Consultative Committee, Zasivikho Zakiesato, stated that the NLTP issue is a matter that concerns every section of society and asserted that 36 years of prohibition have caused more harm than good.

Mr. Zakiesato further announced that another meeting with the tribal hohos will be held in January next year, adding that their roadmap is centered on continued dialogue. He said, a thorough consultative process is essential to ensure that Dimapur's collective voice on lifting the NLTP Act is accurately and fully represented.



Justice Surya Kant today took oath as the 53rd Chief Justice of India. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office of Justice Surya Kant at Rashtrapati Bhavan this morning. Justice Surya Kant has succeeded Justice BR Gavai, who demitted office yesterday. Vice President CP Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Union Ministers were present during the oath-taking ceremony.

Born in 1962 in Hisar, Haryana, Justice Surya Kant started practicing Law at the District Court, Hisar in 1984. He is specialized in Constitutional, Service and Civil matters. He represented a number of Universities, Boards, Corporations, Banks and also the High Court. Justice Surya Kant earned the distinction of being appointed the youngest Advocate General of Haryana in the year 2000.



Aboi Town Public, under the umbrella of the Konyak Union Aboi Unit, today staged a protest rally at Aboi Town following the expiry of a seven-day notice served to the State government regarding the survey of the proposed National Highway-702 (Mon–Aboi–Longleng) alignment. The organizations alleged that the survey team constituted by the Deputy Chief Minister, who also holds the portfolio of National Highways & Planning, had verified only Option-1 while disregarding Option-2 and Option-3, which had been previously discussed and endorsed in multiple meetings. During the protest, a representation was submitted to the Chief Minister of Nagaland through the district administration, expressing deep concern over what they termed, a unilateral and selective survey. The representation stated that the survey team verified only Option-1, despite public demand for a comprehensive re-verification of all three alignments.

The organizations urged the Chief Minister to ensure that all three alignment options of National Highway-702 are surveyed fairly and transparently in accordance with earlier resolutions.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that the new labour reforms by the government reflect the commitment to a future-ready economy, simplifying compliance, empowering women workers and strengthening the country's position in the global value chain. Sharing an article by Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Mr. Modi asserted that the world acknowledges India's rise as a trusted global partner.



The National Commission for Women-NCW has rolled out a new 24×7 short helpline number- 1 4 4 9 0 to ensure quicker and more accessible support for women in distress across the country. In a statement, the commission said that the toll-free number serves as an easy-to-recall short code connected to the commission's existing helpline, enabling women to seek assistance without any delay. The new helpline number strengthens NCW's ongoing efforts to provide immediate help to women facing violence, harassment, or any form of distress.



Nagaland State Department of Social Welfare, in collaboration with Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission will be organizing International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women tomorrow, in Kohima. The Department will also launch 16-days of Activism for ending Gender-based Violence (GBV) from tomorrow to 10th December. Here is a report:

The 16-day program will highlight initiatives of the Government to combat GBV and raise awareness about the rights and entitlements of women and girls. It will include workshops and seminars to raise awareness on 'The Domestic Violence Act 2005', 'The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act 2013', 'POCSO (Prevention of Children from Sexual Offence) Act 2012', 'Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023' and special rights available to women and girls under 'Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023' with regard to Victim Compensation. A social media campaign, using hashtags and informative content will also be launched to raise awareness about women's rights, laws, One Stop Centers, Helpline numbers and Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.



The fifth day of the 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Panaji, Goa has continued to draw cinephiles and art lovers alike in large crowds today. The jam packed schedule ranges from an illuminating masterclass by acclaimed director Rajkumar Hirani to elusive film screenings and many more. A report from our correspondent:

"In his Masterclass on Writing and Editing, Rajkumar Hirani highlighted that writing is when you imagine a film while editing is when you experience a film. He underlined the unsung role of an editor and said that a movie gets its true meaning at the editing table. Mr. Hirani also discussed about the underlying themes present in some of his movies that are regarded as cult classics. Amongst film screenings, critically acclaimed movies including the Japanese film - Two Seasons, Two Strangers, World Premiere of Albanian film - Hana, and Govind Nilahni's 1984 classic - Party were screened today. Creators of non-mainstream films such as Lala and Poppy and The Pursuit of Spring shared insights into their projects, highlighting how their storytelling aims not only to entertain but also to leave a lasting impact on audiences. With Nikhil and Saira, Adarsh for Akashvani News, Panaji."

