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- Advisor Kazheto Kinimi urges collective responsibility in building a compassionate society.
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Nagaland PHED and Cooperation Minister Jacob Zhimomi today urged for collective efforts to develop the State. He emphasized that development must come from within—through strengthening local villages, towns, economies, and entrepreneurs. Speaking at the first Nagaland Cooperative Conclave in Kohima, he highlighted the importance of cooperatives in nation-building, noting the creation of the Ministry of Cooperation in 2021. Mr Zhimomi linked current initiatives to Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Atmanirbhar Bharat movement, promoting “vocal for local.”

Mr Zhimomi pointed to India’s economic rise, from the ninth-largest economy before 2014 to the fourth-largest today, and said the nation aims to become the third-largest soon. Aligning with national goals, Nagaland has adopted “Viksit Nagaland” and “Viksit Village” frameworks, with cooperatives expected to play a key role. The Minister encouraged cooperatives to expand into new sectors like tourism and stressed youth participation, transparency, accountability, and digitisation for good governance. The event also saw the distribution of Micro ATMs to PACS, the signing of an MoU between NCEL and MARCOFED Ltd., and the presentation of various awards.

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The Naga Common Platform (NCP) attended by thousands of people today resolved to support the landmark political agreements signed between the Government of India, NSCN (IM) and Working Committee of NNPGs. The NCP for solution to Naga political issue was organized by Nagaland Gaon Buras Federation in collaboration with various civil society organizations at Agri Expo Chumoukedima. The attendees unanimously resolved to urge the Government of India to deliver a political solution based on the two agreements for lasting peace in the Naga areas. It also urged the Naga negotiators and the Centre to listen to the cry of the stakeholders and collectively bring the talks to its logical conclusion with a comprehensive agreement.



The State Animal Welfare Advisory Board Nagaland (SAWAB-N) held its 7th board meeting today at the Civil Secretariat. It was chaired by Advisor for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Science and SAWAB-N Chairman, Kazheto Kinimi. Reviewing ongoing initiatives, Kinimi urged collective responsibility in building a compassionate society and emphasized SAWAB-N's mandate under the Supreme Court directive and the PCA Act, 1960. He noted that the newly created districts—Niuland, Chumoukedima, Tseminyu, Noklak, Shamator and Meluri are yet to register their District Societies for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, SPCAs.

V/C SAWBN 28 SECS: The Board highlighted national efforts such as the annual Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare Awareness Month and upcoming activities under the National Livestock Mission, including a State-Level Dog Show during the Hornbill Festival to promote responsible pet ownership. The Board unanimously resolved to request a fresh directive from the Commissioner to all districts to stop illegal open slaughter. Members further discussed tourism-linked awareness, wildlife-related issues, staffing needs at the Dimapur Zoological Park, and SPCA shelter requirements.

During discussions, Joint Director Dr. Ilang raised concern over continued unhygienic roadside animal slaughter in Dimapur and Kohima despite an existing ban.



Nagaland Directorate Ministerial Service Association (NDMSA) celebrated its Golden Jubilee at Kohima today, under the theme 'Serve and Progress'. Speaking on the occasion, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Supongmeren Jamir, lauded directorate employees as the backbone of the state government, stressing their crucial role in upholding rules and procedures. Highlighting the importance of good governance, he urged the employees to maintain integrity rules and resist political pressures.

Mr Jamir also acknowledged the contributions of directorate employees in shaping policy implementation across departments. He encouraged the employees to continue working with dedication and compassion to support the needs of the people. Marking the occasion, the MP released the Jubilee souvenir and also virtually unveiled the Golden Jubilee Monolith. In her Presidential address, T. Bendangsenla, the first woman president of NDMSA, highlighted the significance of the association and its 50-year legacy of service.



President Droupadi Murmu has urged everyone to work together to ensure water availability and security, highlighting that climate change is affecting the

water cycle in today’s time. Conferring the 6th National Water Awards 2024 and the first Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari Awards in New Delhi, the President said, the efficient use of water is essential for the country, as its water resources are limited considering the population.

Awards were presented to 46 winners in ten categories, including Best District, Best Village Panchayat, Best Urban Local Body, Best Institution, Best School, and Best Individual. Maharashtra secured the first position in the Best State category of the 6th National Water Awards for 2024, while Gujarat and Haryana were placed second and third, respectively.

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The Brass Band of St. Xavier Higher Secondary School, Jalukie, comprising 45 NCC cadets of the 1 Nagaland Battalion NCC, Kohima Group, performed a stirring rendition of Vande Mataram in Kohima today to mark the National song’s 150th anniversary. Kohima Group Commander Brig S.P. Mainkar graced the event, which also saw participation from 22 cadets of Assam Rifles Public School and 25 cadets of Chandmari Higher Secondary School, adding to the patriotic atmosphere.

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On to sports, Nagaland state is set to host Dr Talimeren Ao Junior Girls National Football Championship 2025-26 Tier-2 at Chumoukedima, Nagaland from November 22 till December 11. This was announced today during a presser held at the Directorate of Youth Resources and Sports (DYRS) Kohima, by Anthony Ngully, Commissioner and Secretary Youth Resources and Sports, Kethosituo Sekhose, Director YRS, K Neibou Sekhose, Presiden Nagaland Football Association (NFA) and other officials.

A total of 13 teams have confirmed to take part in the championship for the first time in history being named after the legendary footballer and first Indian Football team Captain to 1948 Olympic- Dr Talimeren Ao.

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