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THE HEADLINES :

- Nagaland appoints six MLAs as Advisors to Chief Minister with departmental charges
- Nagaland plans new Directorate of Food Processing Industries to boost sector growth
- Khet Bachao Abhiyan begins across nation with aim to restrict use of chemical fertilisers
- Nagaland completes training of field trainers for Census 2027

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The Nagaland government has appointed and reassigned six Members of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly (MLAs) as Advisors to the Chief Minister, with specific departments responsibilities, effective immediately. According to a Cabinet Secretariat notification issued today, the move is aimed at utilising the legislators' experience and expertise for the benefit of the public. Among the appointees, Kuzholuzo Nienu has been named Advisor for Science and Technology; Puthai Longon – Taxes; Picto Shohe – New and Renewable Energy; Achumbemo Kikon – SCERT and Food Processing; while Nyusietho Nyuthe has been assigned NSDMA and Inland Waterways. First-time MLA Daochier I. Imchen has been appointed Advisor for Information & Public Relations and Soil & Water Conservation. The notification clarified that the Advisors will not be entitled to additional salary, remuneration, perks or benefits beyond those entitled to them as MLAs.



The Government of Nagaland has proposed establishing a Directorate of Food Processing Industries to strengthen food processing, value addition, quality assurance, and promoting investment in the state. The move follows a call by Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Chirag Paswan, for setting up an independent food processing industries ministry in the state level given the sector's potential to the economic growth of Nagaland. In a letter to Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, the Union Minister stressed that this would enable more focused policy support, infrastructure development, and improve coordination on central schemes. Consequently, a Detailed Project Report by the state government has proposed a Directorate of Food Processing Industries as an independent administrative and technical institution to serve as the nodal agency for implementing schemes such as PMFME, PMKSY, and One District One Product, while supporting food testing, cold chain development, exports, as well as entrepreneurship and startups. The project envisions creation of 214 posts, a state food testing laboratory, and food processing cells in all 17 districts. The proposal estimates an initial outlay of 125 crore rupees and a projected five-year expenditure of 301 crore rupees, with funding expected from both the State Government and the Centre. The move is expected to support 5,000 food processing units, generate 10,000 jobs, reduce post-harvest losses by 25 percent, and attract 500 crore in private investment within five years. The proposed directorate will function independently under the Department of Industries and Commerce aimed at transforming Nagaland into the leading food processing hub of North East India.



Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan today launched the nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan campaign at Ramsia village of Madhya Pradesh. The campaign will be operational for one month. It is aimed at protecting farmland and encourage scientific farming among farmers. Addressing the event, Mr. Chouhan said, Khet Bachao Abhiyan is meant for protecting soil and farmlands. He urged the farmers to restrict the use of chemical fertiliser.

Agriculture universities, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) and elected representatives will take part in this campaign.

Farmers will be given information on soil testing, natural farming, balanced use of fertilisers and water conservation techniques.



In Nagaland, the state launch of the nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan was held in Wokha today. Addressing the programme, Deputy Commissioner K. Mhathung Tsanglao urged farmers to adopt organic farming and work towards food self-sufficiency. He emphasised that soil is the foundation of agriculture and stressed the need to maintain its health through proper manuring and judicious use of fertilisers. As part of the campaign, organised by ICAR–KVK Wokha, soil amendments and agricultural inputs were distributed to farmers to support soil conservation and enhance crop productivity, besides a technical session on organic farming and green manuring.



As part of preparations for the Census of India 2027, Nagaland has successfully completed the training of Field Trainers for all 17 districts. A total of 130 Field Trainers underwent a three-day residential training programme, conducted in four batches between May 20 and 29. These trained Field Trainers will now impart training to Census Supervisors and Enumerators across the state in June, covering 157 sub-districts, municipalities and towns. More than 6,000 government officials will be engaged in conducting Census 2027 in Nagaland. The first phase of the Census for Nagaland involving online self enumeration and House-Listing Operations, is scheduled to begin on the 16th of this month. The state Directorate of Census Operations has appealed all citizens to actively participate and extend full cooperation in ensuring the successful conduct of the Census.



India has undergone a remarkable transformation, driven by the principles of “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas” under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the last 12 years. During this period, the Modi Government carried out many flagship initiatives for the welfare and empowerment of the poor, farmers, women and youth. Akashvani News brings you a special feature on the Government’s efforts over the last 12

years across key sectors. Today, we focus on the measures taken by the government towards the Welfare of Farmers.

(VC - The Narendra Modi government has taken several initiatives in the last 12 years for the welfare of farmers and enhancing their income. One of the most significant steps has been the launch of the PM-KISAN Scheme, one of the country's largest welfare initiatives. Under this PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, farmers receive 6000 rupees annually, directly into their bank accounts. Schemes like PM Matsya Sampada Yojana, National Livestock Mission, PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana and the Soil Health Card Scheme have also benefited farmers. The Fasal Bima Yojana has helped nearly 23 crore farmers with crop insurance claims. The PM Kisan Maandhan Yojana is providing a monthly assured pension of three thousand rupees to small and marginal farmers. Government has also fixed the Minimum Support Price at 1.5 times the cost of production. Due to the government's policy support, total foodgrain production increased from 265 million tonnes in 2013-14 to 358 million tonnes in 2024-25. India has become the world's largest rice producer, surpassing China with a record production of over 154 Million tonnes. Today, the Indian farmer stands not just as a cultivator but as a key driver of national growth.)

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And, In sports news... In a major boost for football fans, Indian viewers will be able to watch the FIFA World Cup 2026 on Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited platforms. Zee today struck an eight-year partnership with FIFA, securing media rights for 39 FIFA events, including the World Cups in 2026 and 2030, the FIFA Women's World Cup 2027, and other tournaments up to 2034. The World Cup 2026, which begins on June 11, will be broadcast live on Zee's sports channels and streamed on digital platform ZEE5.

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