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GST field officials under the Assistant Commissioner of State Taxes, Kohima Ward-B, conducted inspection, search and seizure operations across commercial establishments in Kohima on June 23 and 24. According to official sources, the inspection was conducted to strengthen tax compliance and ensure transparency in business transactions. The inspections, carried out under Section 67 of the NGST Act, 2017, focused on verifying the issuance of tax invoices, examination of sales and purchase records, scrutiny of GST returns, and physical stock verification. Officials also seized sales-related documents, including cash memos and bills, for further assessment. Traders were advised to maintain proper records, issue genuine tax invoices, and file GST returns accurately and on time. The department stated that similar inspections will continue in other parts of Kohima in the coming weeks.

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The Nagaland GIS & Remote Sensing Centre, Kohima, conducted a one-day technical workshop for officials of the Directorate of Census Operations. Senior Project Director Mhathung Kithan said the Centre has over 350 georeferenced and digitized map layers covering all villages and urban local bodies in the state, highlighting the role of GIS and UAV technologies in improving Census accuracy through detailed household mapping. Officials were briefed on the Centre's database, major projects, and achievements, and visited the Drone Centre of Excellence for demonstrations on drone assembly, 3D printing, and training facilities. The Directorate of Census Operations showcased the technology being used for India's first digital Census and sought technical support from the Centre. Both departments agreed to explore future collaboration, while discussions also covered urban and rural mapping and the use of artificial intelligence in spatial analysis.

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The Kiphire District Narcotics Coordination Committee has resolved to strengthen inter-departmental coordination, intelligence sharing, and surveillance to curb drug trafficking and substance abuse in the district. At its meeting held on Tuesday under the chairmanship of ADC Kiphire Longdiba L. Sangtam, the committee reviewed NDPS cases, seizures, prosecutions, and enforcement actions taken by police, excise, and other agencies. It also discussed measures to intensify action against illicit cultivation, trafficking, and local peddling, strengthen check-gate monitoring, expand awareness programmes, and improve counselling, rehabilitation, and treatment support services. The meeting further emphasized community participation.

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Nagaland Lok Sabha MP S. Supongmeren Jamir has urged DISHA members in Phek district to intensify public awareness efforts so that more people can benefit from government welfare schemes, while encouraging entrepreneurship and livelihood generation amid limited government job opportunities. Speaking at the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting in Phek yesterday, Mr Jamir expressed concern over the absence of new beneficiaries under the old-age pension scheme since 2017 and assured that he would take up the matter with the concerned ministry. He also called for timely victim compensation, greater awareness of One Stop Centre services, and improved telecom connectivity in the district. Nagaland Advisor for CAWD Kudecho Khamo stressed the need for accurate data on elderly persons, widows and PwDs to strengthen welfare interventions. The meeting also reviewed progress under various schemes, while Deputy Commissioner Rhousietho Nyuthe noted that increased awareness had led to higher reporting of POCSO cases in the district. A tree plantation drive followed the meeting.

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The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services under Bhandari Sub-Division of Wokha district conducted an awareness campaign on the Livestock Insurance Scheme under the National Livestock Mission (NLM) 2025-26 at Merapani village and Bhandari Town recently. Deputy Director of the Department, Dr. Gwazenlo Tep highlighted the benefits of livestock insurance in protecting farmers against unexpected losses and promoting better livestock management practices. He also explained the procedure for availing insurance

coverage, required documents, and GPS-based livestock photography. Farmers were informed that the scheme provides compensation for insured livestock and were distributed free basic veterinary aids.

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