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The State TB Forum Nagaland meeting was held in Kohima yesterday, where Commissioner and Secretary for Health & Family Welfare, Anoop Khinchi, called for intensified efforts to achieve a TB-free Nagaland in line with the Government of India's goal of eliminating tuberculosis. Mr Khinchi stressed greater public participation through Jan Bhagidari, involvement of elected representatives, corporates under CSR as Nikshay Mitras, collaboration with private hospitals, and the setting up of TB screening kiosks at expos and festivals to enhance case detection. He also urged the use of the TB Mukh Bharat App and Chatbot for awareness and sensitisation. State TB Officer Dr. Akum Jamir said under the programme, Nagaland covers 133 PHCs/UPHCs, 396 Sub-Health Centres, and 1,390 villages and wards, serving a population of 16.39 lakh. Of these, 6.19 lakh people are identified as high-risk. Dr. Jamir informed that 505 screening camps recorded over 30,926 footfalls and detected 853 TB cases. During the meeting, Mr Khinchi also administered a pledge to forum members to work towards ending TB.

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The second phase of the Census 2027 training programme for Supervisors and Enumerators in Meluri district concluded at the DB's Court, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Meluri on Wednesday. The three-day programme, which began on June 22, was attended by 48 supervisors and enumerators from Meluri Town and Phokhungri Block. Addressing the concluding session, Deputy Commissioner Phuleshe K. Yepthomi said that reliable census data is essential for effective planning and development and called for accurate updating of self-enumeration records to ensure correct population figures. Highlighting that enumeration in urban and town areas would be particularly challenging, Mr Yepthomi urged trainees to maintain accurate records and exercise utmost diligence during data collection.

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Deputy Commissioner Dr. Tinojongshi Chang has informed that the District Administration, Dimapur, has declared Thahekhhu Block-7 an infected zone after laboratory confirmation of African Swine Fever (ASF) in pigs. He informed that to prevent the spread of ASF, movement of pigs, piglets, pork, pork products, feed, equipment, and other potentially contaminated materials into or out of the affected area has been restricted in line with Government guidelines. The Chief Veterinary Officer has been directed to carry out surveillance, sample collection, disinfection, culling where necessary, and other containment measures, while the police and district authorities have been tasked with enforcing the restrictions.

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Nagaland is gearing up to conduct the National Immunization Day - Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization campaign on June 28 with district administrations and health departments intensifying preparations to ensure successful implementation across the state. At a District Task Force meeting in Kohima, Deputy Commissioner B. Henok Buchem directed all subdivisions and concerned departments to extend full support for the programme, which will be held from 7 am to 3 pm on Sunday. In Peren, Deputy Commissioner Hiazu Meru announced that immunization drives and awareness campaigns on polio, Measles-Rubella, HPV and diarrhoea will commence on the day. Administrative officers, village councils,

urban local bodies, ASHA workers, and line departments have been tasked with creating awareness and mobilising public participation. Meanwhile, the Mon District Task Force reviewed preparations for the Polio Round 2026. Chairing the meeting, ADC Mon Pakon Phom called for coordinated efforts to achieve the goal of a polio-free district.

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The Mokokchung District Bharat Scouts & Guides organised a one-day sports programme under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan Mojabi Futsal Turf Ground yesterday. It was held on the theme, “Quit Drugs, Choose Sports”. Students from five schools participated in the event, which featured a futsal competition for scouts and a penalty shootout for guides. Speaking on the occasion, IAS probationer Dr. Madhavi urged students to stay away from drugs and alcohol, saying substance abuse harms health and education. She encouraged them to take up positive pursuits such as sports and music and strive to become successful role models.

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