

THE HEADLINES:

- Nagaland launches General Household Scheme to extend food security support
- Seva Setu Abhiyan held across Nagaland to promote rooftop solar scheme
- Road Upgradation Project launched to improve connectivity between Longleng and Mon
- State Youth Resources and Sports Department wins SKOCH Silver Award for Baby League



Nagaland's Department of Food and Civil Supplies has launched the General Household Scheme to extend subsidised food grains to eligible households not covered under the National Food Security Act. Addressing the launch programme at the Directorate in Dimapur today, Advisor, Food and Civil Supplies, K. T. Sukhalu, said the initiative aims to address gaps in food grain allocation and ensure that eligible households excluded from the existing Public Distribution System receive food security support. He said 1 lakh 21 thousand 238 beneficiaries have been identified in the first phase, with the number expected to increase. Under the scheme, eligible beneficiaries will receive five kilograms of rice per month at a subsidised rate through verified Fair Price Shops. Enrolment will be Aadhaar-based, and applicants must not hold active Antyodaya Anna Yojana, Priority Household or other Public Distribution System ration cards. Secretary, Food and Civil Supplies, Wonchio Odyuo, said the scheme is being implemented under the State Government's guidelines under the Tide Over allocation of the National Food Security Act, 2013, and is expected to improve last-mile delivery, transparency and monitoring of distribution. He informed that 26 thousand 982 General Household ration cards had been generated so far.



The three-day Seva Setu Abhiyan under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana is underway across Nagaland from today till October 16 to promote rooftop solar installations and facilitate access to government subsidies. In Kohima, the camp organised by the Department of Power is providing on-the-spot registration, application assistance and guidance on installation, subsidies and bank loans. Principal Secretary, Power, Dr. K. D. Vizo, urged citizens to adopt solar energy, highlighting its potential to reduce household electricity bills and the government's power purchase expenditure. In Dimapur, the awareness camp was inaugurated at the Deputy Commissioner's Office. Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Lhuvoyi, said while the scheme aims to cover 10,000 households in Nagaland, only about 500 households have been covered so far. In Chümoukedima, Minister for PHED and Cooperation, Jacob Zhimomi, launched the campaign and highlighted the potential of solar energy in bridging the power deficit in the state.

Awareness programmes were also held in Longleng, Mokokchung, and Wokha. The Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana aims to promote clean energy, reduce household electricity expenses and lower dependence on conventional grid power. Under the scheme, eligible consumers can receive subsidies of up to 85,800 rupees from the Centre and 50,000 rupees from the state, taking the total assistance to 1 lakh 35 thousand 800 rupees. The current subsidy scheme is valid till March 2027.



The upgradation of the inter-district connectivity road between Longleng and Mon, from Yongphang village via Yangching to the BRO road at Ukha Lampong, was launched today. The programme was attended by MLAs Naiba Konyak and A. Nyemnyei Konyak, along with Advisor for Airways and Railways, A. Pongshi Phom. Addressing the gathering, Mr Phom emphasised the traditional brotherhood between the Konyak and Phom communities and appealed people of both tribes to extend full cooperation to the project. He also informed that surveys would be conducted to determine the road alignment and identify better water sources for villages in the area. Mr Phom said the project would be implemented in phases and assured that the work would be completed in due course.



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Nagaland's Youth Resources and Sports Department has received the SKOCH Silver Award for its Grassroots Football Festival, also known as the Baby League. The Award recognises the initiative's efforts towards promoting grassroots sports development and encouraging sporting participation among children in the State. Launched in June 2024, the annual Baby League aims to promote football among children aged five to 12 years through organised, age-appropriate matches, with emphasis on participation, enjoyment and skill development. The programme has witnessed a significant rise in participation, from around 142 children in its earlier edition to approximately 420 in the third edition held this year.



The Khamniungan Students' Union (KSU) has issued a seven-day notice to the Public Works Department (Roads and Bridges), seeking a detailed clarification on the status of the Chendang Saddle-Pangsha road project, Phase Two, and the Noklak-Thonoknyu road via Sanglao. In a press release on Monday, the union expressed dissatisfaction with the department's response under the Right to Information Act, pointing to conflicting explanations on land compensation issues, work suspension during COVID-19 pandemic

and discontinuation of the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources scheme. According to the union, the department's reply dated September 28 attributed the closure of the projects to the withdrawal of the scheme by the DoNER Ministry, while the contractor reportedly cited unresolved land compensation issues for the stoppage of work in 2022. The union has sought documentary evidence on the issues, and a clear timeline for completing the remaining works. Describing the projects as vital for regional connectivity and socio-economic development, the KSU warned of lawful and democratic measures if the department's reply is incomplete or unsatisfactory.



And, As part of the Swachhta 6.0 initiative aimed at transforming public places, staff of Akashvani Kohima today conducted a cleanliness drive at Noun Badze, located at Jail Colony, Kohima. The initiative was led by Head of Programme, Akashvani Kohima, Ella Kayina, with the objective of improving public spaces and encouraging community participation in maintaining cleanliness and hygiene. The drive also highlighted the importance of collective responsibility in keeping public places clean and fostering a healthier and more sustainable environment.

