

THE HEADLINES:-

- 1. Minister K G Kenye reiterates that government will conduct enumeration of four minority tribes of Nagaland.**
- 2. Deputy Labour Commissioner T Chubayanger calls for collective commitment in protecting rights and dignity of children and adolescents.**
- 3. Nagaland Governor gives away Governors Gold and Silver medals to 24 personnel of Assam Rifles.**
- 4. Central Government approves supply of fortified rice to reduce anaemia and micro-nutrient deficiency.**

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Minister for Power & Parliamentary Affairs, K G Kenye who is also the state spokesperson today reiterated that the state government will conduct enumeration in line with RIIN for the four minority tribes of Nagaland namely, Kukis, Garos, Mikirs and the Kacharis. Addressing media persons after a state cabinet meeting held in Kohima today, Mr. Kenye said that the government has been very generous in not pushing back the cut-off date of 1st December 1963 and accommodating everybody. Reacting to the discontentment expressed by the four minority tribes upto the extend of filing litigation, Mr. Kenye said that they need to understand that it is an opportunity that has been given them to be part and parcel of the state. He viewed that their contention is that all the Kukis, Mikirs, Kacharis and Garos whoever come to the state should be conferred indigenous status of the state. The Minister asserted this status will be offered to only those who have been living in the state prior to 1st December 1963, and the names of whose parents/ grandparents or forefathers had appeared in the electoral roll on the first state general election 1964. Mr. Kenye said that in order to identify who falls in that category, enumeration will have to place. The state spokesperson appealed the four minority tribes not to resist or think of other options and threaten the state, otherwise government may be compelled to review the very decision taken for them.

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A one-day State level Sensitization Workshop on Provisions of Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act 1986 with its Amended act 2016 and Amended Rules 2017 and The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act was held in Kohima today. Delivering the key note address, Deputy Labour Commissioner Kohima T. Chubayanger called for re-affirming the collective commitment of all in protecting the rights and dignity of the children and adolescents, particularly in the context of the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act. Mr Chubayanger said, it should be the collective mission to ensure that these laws are not just written words but are actively enforced and integrated into the fabric of the society.

Asserting that the Act has made considerable strides in prohibiting child labor and regulating adolescent work, he said one must also recognize that challenges remain. Chubayanger further emphasized on addressing the root causes of child labor, including poverty, inadequate educational facilities, lack of opportunities and a lack of awareness about children's rights.

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The Investiture Ceremony of the Assam Rifles was held today at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kohima. During the ceremony 10 individuals were awarded with Governors Gold Medal and 14 were awarded with Governors Silver Medal. 7th Assam Rifles Battalion and 45th Assam Rifles Battalion were given the Governors Unit Appreciation for their exemplary works. Speaking on the occasion the Nagaland Governor La Ganesan said that the investiture ceremony is a celebration of the unwavering dedication, courage, and commitment of brave men and women of Assam Rifles. Mr. Ganesan said that as the Governor of Nagaland, he has always

been inspired by the exemplary service rendered by the Assam Rifles. The Governor said that the role of the Assam Rifles extends beyond safeguarding the borders and they are vital pillars of the community, acting as peacekeepers and facilitators of development in remote areas. Their presence has ensured not only security but also stability, which is crucial for progress in the region, he added. Congratulating the awardees, Mr. Ganesan said that their exemplary actions inspire not only their fellow soldiers but also the entire nation. The Governor also acknowledged the Battalions that have excelled in their duties.

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The Central Government today approved the supply of fortified rice to reduce anaemia and micro-nutrient deficiency. Addressing a press briefing on Cabinet decisions in New Delhi today, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, this is a step towards inclusive development ensuring nutrition security. He said the total financial implication of the scheme will be over 17 thousand crore rupees. Mr Vaishnaw said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasized the development of infrastructure in the border areas. He said the government has approved the construction of two thousand 280 kilometres of roads which will be built in border areas of Rajasthan and Punjab.

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Nagaland Governor La Ganesan and Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio have extended greetings to the people on the occasion of Durga Puja and Dussehra. Wishing everyone a joyous and prosperous Dussehra, Governor La Ganesan expressed hope that this festival will bring strength, happiness, and success as it symbolizes the victory of good over evil. He hoped that the spirit of Dussehra will inspire and help in overcoming challenges. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio in his message wished the people a warm and joyous Durga Puja and Dussehra. He expressed hope that the celebration of good over evil will fill our hearts with hope, courage and positivity. The Chief Minister called for celebrating the spirit of victory and new beginnings.

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Nagaland Power department has informed that it will be carrying out vegetation clearance and maintenance programme of 33KV and 132KV transmission lines under Kohima transmission division from October 14 to November 4. Executive Engineer, Transmission Division, Kohima Engineer Namheu Khate Zelaing said there will be total shutdown of power from 8 Am to 3 PM daily to facilitate smooth execution of the activity which is unavoidable. The areas to be affected include Southern Angami, Chedema, Rusoma, Medical college and parts of Kohima village, Lalmati, Zubza, Chakhabama and Chozuba, Northern Angami, Pughoboto and Phek district. All consumers in the affected areas have been requested to extend cooperation and bear the inconvenience during the shutdown period.

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Tuensang Police have successfully solved a complex blind murder case involving the death of a police personnel, ABC Soyimkumba Ao. Tuensang Police said the case, which had no initial clues, was cracked after nearly three months of rigorous investigation. The case began with the filling of a missing person reported by the wife of Soyimkumba Ao on July 13, 2024 and the subsequent recovery of dead body six days later. Through diligent work and meticulous investigation of Tuensang Police, five suspects were identified and they admitted to have abducted and assaulted Soyimkumba Ao due to financial dispute, which tragically led to his death. Investigation revealed that the accused attempted to stage the murder as a suicide case by means of leaving the dead body hanging.

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