

Evening News Script

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- Advisor for Department of Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak asserts that senior citizens are custodians of traditions and living history
- Advisor for Land Resources, G Ikuto Zhimomi says coffee plantation in Nagaland increased to 10 thousand 200 hectares
- Advisor Yimkhiung Calls for Youth-Led Progress at Nagaland-Meghalaya Exchange Programme
- And Nagaland to experience cloudy heavy rainfall and cloudy moderate rain till 5th October

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Advisor for Department of Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak today emphasized the need to treat the elderly with dignity and respect during the International Day of Older Persons 2024 celebration at NBCC Convention Hall, Kohima. Mr. Konyak highlighted the role of senior citizens as the bearers of culture, custodians of traditions, and living history.

KONYAK BYTE: He urged society to create an environment where the elderly are not just cared for but celebrated for their wisdom and

contributions. Stating that ageing with dignity is not a slogan, but a call to action. The advisor stressed the importance of involving retired seniors in decision-making processes, acknowledging their valuable experience. He called on younger generations to engage with elders, describing them as the greatest treasure of the family, society, and the nation. Mr. Konyak also advocated for policies that promote inclusivity, better healthcare services, and intergenerational understanding.)

Mr. Konyak urged for collective efforts to ensure every older person in Nagaland ages with dignity, surrounded by love and respect. Distinguished Senior Citizens Awards were awarded to Yesonu Veyie, a social worker and Abeni TCK, a women leader of the state.

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Coffee plantation in Nagaland has increased from 145 hectares area in 2014 to 10 thousand 200 hectares today. This was stated by Advisor for Land Resources, G Ikuto Zhimomi today during the International Coffee Day organized by Directorate of Land Resources under the theme Collaboration for a better tomorrow in Kohima. He emphasized on promoting Nagaland coffee across the districts by offering world-class coffee in cafes and coffee bars at reasonable prices. Mr. Zhimomi also encouraged youths to take up coffee entrepreneurship seriously keeping in mind the scope of employment and economic prospect. The advisor encouraged the Department and Coffee Board of India to continue promoting coffee development in the State and support farmers. Commissioner & Secretary, Land Resources, Kevekha Kevin Zehol said coffee thrives well at 800 meters to 1,500 meter and Nagaland has just the perfect soil condition for that. Mr. Zehol said the State government as policymakers will try to integrate interest of coffee farmers and formulate policies accordingly. Coffee grower from Wokha, Yanthungo appealed the department to assist in providing machinery and market linkages for the coffee growers in Nagaland. 15

highest producers and largest growers from 16 districts were awarded with cash and certificates.

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Nagaland's Advisor for Youth Resources and Sports, S Keoshu Yimkhiung, today called youths to see themselves as future leaders and agents of change, capable of shaping the nation's progress. Speaking at the opening ceremony of Youth Exchange cum Exposure Programme between Nagaland and Meghalaya at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima, Mr. Yimkhiung described the initiative as a way to build bridges between the two vibrant Northeastern states.

(KEOSHU BYTE.. Yimkhiung emphasized that the programme allows participants to immerse themselves in each other's way of life, helping them understand different customs, dialects, and traditions while celebrating their shared identity as Indians. He urged the youth to see themselves as future leaders and agents of change, capable of shaping the nation's progress. The advisor expressed hope that the interactions and friendships formed during the programme would help break down stereotypes and build mutual respect between communities)

He further stressed that the exchange would help participants navigate modern challenges, such as environmental sustainability, economic development, and social inclusion. Mr. Yimkhiung said Northeast lags behind other parts of India in areas like education and infrastructure but encouraged youth to focus on activities such as sports, arts, and leadership training to uplift the region. Secretary for Youth Resources and Sports, Anthony Ngullie thanked Meghalaya government for selecting Nagaland as the host for the exchange programme.

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National Voluntary Blood Donors Day is celebrated across the country today to share the need and importance of the blood in the life of an individual. Under the theme Share life, Give Blood with the slogan, Mokokchung District Blood Donors Association in collaboration with 12 Assam Rifles observed a programme. Deputy Chairman, Mokokchung Municipal Council, Lanuakum asserted that blood stored in Blood Bank is only 120 days and ensuring availability can only be through blood donation. Mr. Lanuakum medical fraternity and social organization to sensitize community on the importance of blood donation through various platforms.

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International Day of older persons was observed in districts headquarters of the state. DC Mon, Ajit Kumar Verma in Mon called to recognise and appreciate the contributions made by the older persons. Senior Citizens' Association Nagaland Zunheboto District Unit organized the event in Zunheboto district. Extra Assistant Commissioner, Longleng, Imkongnukla Ao during the celebration in Longleng encouraged elders to play important role with their wisdom and experience. In Peren, Deputy Commissioner Peren, Hiazu Meru highlighted the importance of strengthening care and support systems for older persons. In Phek, District Welfare Officer, Abi-i Peseyie delivered introductory remark. During the celebration in Wokha, Director, Dental, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Meribeni Odyuo provided health tips for the elderly. In Tuensang, Deputy Commissioner, Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa urged senior citizens to impart knowledge and wisdom to the younger generation.

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As part of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 activities , Akashvani Kohima under “Safai Mitra Suraksha Shivar”, organised a dental health checkup for sanitation workers , MTS and others, working at Akashvani Kohima today. The Dental Check up consultation was

conducted in collaboration with Kohima Dental Centre, PR Hill Colony. Dental Surgeon Dr. Vizokhotuo Solo, proprietor of Kohima Dental Centre and his team examined the dental health of the staff, in which important advice was given for oral hygiene. The team also distributed free tooth paste, brush, medicine and mouth wash to the sanitation workers, MTS and other staff of Akashvani Kohima. Over 30 Safai Mitras participated in the dental health check-up enthusiastically.

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Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, in a weather update has informed that Nagaland will experience cloudy heavy rainfall and cloudy moderate rain in almost all the districts in the coming days till 5th October, 2024. It informed that these showers may be accompanied with thunderstorm and lightning at isolated places. During this period, cloudy heavy rainfall is expected in Kohima, Niuland, Noklak, and Peren. The remaining districts may receive Cloudy Moderate rain and Overcast Moderate rain. The NSDMA also siad that lowland and foothill districts including Dimapur, Nuiland, Chumukedima, Bhandari, Pangti, Tizit, and Tuli are vulnerable to inundated water logging and flash floods due to possibility of excessive precipitation in the hill sector.

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