## **Morning News Script**

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Nagaland government has relaxed the ban on single- use plastic or plastic bottles below one litre till 30th of November with conditions. It said, the relaxation was initiated in order address the problem faced by the industry and in the larger interest of the public. The state government directed all retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers of products u sing single use plastics or plastic bottles below one litre to dispose the existing stacks within the relaxation period. During the relaxation period, all the manufacturers and suppliers should take effective steps for collection and disposal of waste plastic bottles. The Federation of Nagaland Packaged Drinking Water Manufacturer Association are also asked to implement the buyback scheme as proposed during the period. The government also directed the Deputy Commissioners to disseminate information(s) to all the Urban Local Bodies and village authorities for strict compliance, ensuring collection and safe disposal of waste plastics in their respective jurisdictions. Further, as per the notification issued on 10th July 2024, all other items and conditions would remain the same.

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One person namely Suluneyi Swuro has been convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 20 years for sexual assault on a minor girl. The Principal District & Sessions Judge & Special Judge POCSO Act, Kohima, Mezivolu T. Therieh in her verdict yesterday has imposed 5000 rupees fine to the convict. The judgment also stated that in default of payment of the fine, the convict will undergo another simple imprisonment of one year. The convict was arrested for sexual assault on a minor girl below 12 years of age. The accused is also sentenced for commission of aggravated sexual assault with rigorous imprisonment for a period of five years and a fine of 1000 rupees. In default of the payment of fine simple imprisonment of six months. The case was investigated by UBSI, Dziesevino Yhoshu and the trial was conducted by Special Public Prosecutor L. Sashimongla Jamir. Further the judge directed the Kohima District Legal Authority to process for payment of compensation to the victim if not recommended earlier.

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With an effort to provide Marketing Support to Tribal Artisans, Purvator Adi Bazaar was inaugurated by Minister, Tourism and Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along at Super market Dimapur yesterday. 32 Stalls are being set up by Artisans of all States of North East Region. The bazaar offers an opportunity to see the unique craftsmanship and skills of various parts of North East India at one common platform. The products available include, Handlooms & Handicrafts, Jewelry Products, Metal Craft, Cane & Bamboo Products, Gift and Novelties among others. The bazaar will end on 16th of this month.

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As part of Wildlife Week celebration 2024, the Kohima Forest Division in collaboration with Nagaland Forest Management Project & KfW observed the Wildlife Week on the theme "Wildlife Conservation Through Coexistence" by conducting various programmes across schools in Kohima. Office of the Range Forest Officer, Kohima Range, Blythe's Tragopan Conservation and Breeding Centre and Puliebadze Wildlife Sanctuary organised a Nature Walk cum Exposure Visit at Blythe Tragopan Conservation and Breeding Centre, Kohima for students of RDNUMS School Kohima yesterday. Meanwhile, drawing competition, painting and quiz were also organised at Trinity School, Government Middle School T. Khel Kohima Village and Government High School, Forest Colony respectively on Monday. The winners were awarded with cash and certificates, including consolation prizes

Two filmmakers from Nagaland make its presence at the ongoing 29th Busan International Film Festival, Asia's largest cinematic event. Documentary Filmmaker, Yapangnaro Longkumer, and Kekhriezhazo Miachieo, award winning photojournalist and documentary filmmaker are representing Nagaland at the Festival. Along with two filmmakers each from North East states, they are part of the contingent from National Film Development Corporation, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

The 27th Inter-District & State Table Tennis Championship 2024 got underway yesterday at Kohima. Organised by the Nagaland Table Tennis Association in collaboration with the Ultimate Table Tennis, 12 districts are participating in the four day sporting extravaganza. Both Men's and Women's team are competing for the coveted trophy. Other categories also includes open Individual category and veterans of different age groups. Gracing the opening ceremony as the special Guest, Advisor for Youth & Sports Resources, S. Keoshu Yimchunger exhorted the athletes for their dedication, commitment and unyielding passion for Table tennis.

