

Morning News Script

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Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister, Y. Patton, along with senior officials, visited two villages under Tuli area of Mokokchung district yesterday to address the ongoing border disputes with neighboring Assam. Mr Patton was accompanied by Advisor for Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, A Pangjung Jamir, Home Secretary, DGP Rupin Sharma and his subordinates, and the district administration. The team inspected key areas of concern, including the Assam Police Commando Battalion camp at Septsuyong Lu in Kangtsung Village and Wameken Yimsen village. During an interaction held with the villagers and representatives of Ao Senden, Mr Patton highlighted that the state cabinet had held a meeting on October 9 to deliberate on the matter, emphasizing the government's serious approach to resolving the dispute. He informed the villagers that letters had been sent to the Prime Minister, Home Minister, and the Chief Minister of Assam to address the issue and that the state cabinet would be meeting with them soon. Mr Patton also urged the villagers not to sell their land to non-indigenous people, stressing the importance of preserving local land ownership in the region.

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The Finance Commission will be visiting Nagaland from 2nd to 4th of November. Informing this during the meeting of all the Administrative Head of Departments (AHoDs) and Head of Departments (HoDs) yesterday, Chief Secretary Dr J Alam said Finance Commission recommendations are crucial for the state of Nagaland. He therefore requested all departments to extend their maximum support in all possible ways. The Chief Secretary also urged all the AHoDs and HoDs to be in station during their visit. On Hornbill festival 2024, he exuded hope that with all the assistance from the allied departments, all on-going reconstruction and renovation work at Kisama will be completed on time. Dr Alam informed that there will be a two state wide mass social work on 21st October and 3rd week of November before the commencement of festival.

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Advisor CAWD and Taxes, Küdecho Khamo, has criticised the erring work conditions of the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation

Limited (NHIDCL) at NH-29 of Kohima-Jessami Road particularly the Kikruma-Chakhabama stretch which is in deplorable condition. Speaking at the District Planning and Development Board meeting at Phek yesterday, he said, the entire work progress of the road construction is very slow, and sub-standard. While on the other hand, maintenance contractors have totally failed to perform yet no action has been taken, he added. Mr Khamo expressed concern for the financial loss incurred everyday due to the bad roads. During the meeting, Superintendent of Police, Phek, Dr. Pritpal Kaur Batra, was felicitated for being awarded the US-based International Association of Chiefs of Police award.

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In an effort towards enabling the shift from rote learning to higher order thinking skills in education, the NECTAR project is working with NBSE to strengthen evaluation practices under the Exam Reforms component. The Educational Initiatives has been onboarded by the project to implement this programme. In line with this, a two-day workshop on 'Strengthening Evaluation Practices' began yesterday at the Directorate of School Education and NBSE office, Kohima respectively. 147 examiners and head examiners of Classes 10 and 12 for four subjects from both government and private schools are being trained to reduce inter-rater variability and improve overall evaluation practices in the state.

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Along with the rest of the world, Global Hand washing day was observed yesterday at Government Higher Secondary School, Jotsoma. IEC Consultant, Kohima division Ms Vibou Seyie said, hand washing with soap is one of the best ways to stay healthy. She said that this simple, cost effective measure reduces diarrheal and respiratory diseases by 40 percent and 30 percent respectively, as research suggests. Ms Seyie also emphasised on the protection and conservation of water. On the occasion, Sanitation and Hygiene Consultant, Mr Virhelie Kruneilie demonstrated the seven steps of hand washing. Soaps, pens and refreshments were also distributed to all the participants, as a symbolic gesture. The programme was organized by PHED, Kohima Urban Division and sponsored by WSSO, PHED, Nagaland, Kohima.

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