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1. Governor La Ganesan calls for addressing root causes of drug abuse
2. Winter Session of Parliament commences; Both Houses adjourned early
3. Year-long celebrations of 75 years of Constitution adoption to begin on November 26
4. And, Founder of Sünika Enterprise, Ighato Yeptho selected for NEC-Ignite Startup Grant 2



Governor of Nagaland La Ganesan has called on the need to address the root causes of Drug abuse that are leading the youth to a destructive path. Addressing the inauguration of the Brahma Kumaris' Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan Awareness Campaign at Raj Bhavan in Kohima today, he said, by understanding the underlying causes of addiction, society can offer more effective support and provide healthier alternatives to the youth. The Governor said Drug abuse is not just a personal affliction, but a societal challenge. He highlighted that it erodes the fabric of communities, affecting families, children, and the economy at large.

Stating that Nagaland has a rich cultural heritage and a resilient population, he said, Naga youth have immense potential to contribute

to the growth and development of the state and the nation. However, to realize this potential, the Governor said we must equip them with the tools to resist the temptations of substance abuse. Congratulating the Brahma Kumaris for their dedication and consistent work to build character and inspire positive change, Mr Ganesan urged all stakeholders- Government agencies, civil society, and the public to collaborate in making Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan campaign a success.

The Governor further called all to work hand-in-hand to create a future where every individual in Nagaland can live a life free from the shadows of addiction. On the occasion, Governor Ganesan flagged off the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan Awareness rally.



The Winter Session of Parliament got underway today. However, both Houses faced early adjournments as the opposition created uproar demanding discussions on various issues, including on alleged bribery charges against a business group and Manipur violence. There will be no sitting tomorrow to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution. Both the House will meet again on Wednesday. Ahead of the Session, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had hoped for a productive Winter session filled with constructive debates and discussions. Mr. Modi said a message should emanate from India's Parliament that the country's voters, their commitment to democracy, their dedication to the Constitution, and their faith in parliamentary procedures are meaningful.



Lone Nagaland MP in the Rajya Sabha, S. Phangnon Konyak has been named among the panel of Vice-Chairpersons for the 266th session of the Upper House. The announcement was made by Vice-President and Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Jagdeep Dhankhar who re-constituted the panel with eight members, including Ms. Konyak.



The government has announced year-long celebrations beginning tomorrow to commemorate the 75th year of the adoption of the Constitution of India. The celebrations across the country will continue till the 26th of November, 2025. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said a grand event will be organised at the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan where President Droupadi Murmu will address both Houses of Parliament. He said that it is not a celebration of only Parliament but of the whole country. Mr Rijiju appealed to the people to participate in the various activities organised as part of the celebrations being conducted under the campaign tagline Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimaan.



Naga entrepreneur Ighato Yeptho, founder of Sünika Enterprise has been selected for the IIT Guwahati's NEC-Ignite Startup Grant 2. 29-year-old Mr Yeptho is the only entrepreneur from Nagaland to be selected in the final pitching round. Sünika Enterprise is renowned for its green, herbal, and distinctive tea blends. Akashvani News Kohima spoke to Mr. Yeptho ...

(“I am deeply honored and grateful to be selected for incubation at Bionest. This milestone represents not only a validation of my efforts but also an exciting step forward for my business. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Youthnet for introducing me to this remarkable opportunity and encouraging me to apply for the Bionest. Their unwavering support has been pivotal in this achievement, and I am eager to embark on this transformative journey.”)

The NEC-Ignite Startup Grant is a program that provides financial support and resources to early-stage startups. It is powered by the North East Council with IITG TIDF BioNEST as implementing partner. The grant provides up to 10 lakh rupees in funding to startups registered in the eight NE states. The funding support will act as a "bridging fund," enabling startups to move from ideation to proof of concept helping them overcome the valley of death, a phase where many startups

struggle to secure the necessary funding to move forward. In addition, the NEC-Ignite startups will receive mentorship and support in pursuing additional funding opportunities from the Government of India and private equity at latter part of their entrepreneurial growth journey at BioNEST.



Nagaland joined the rest of the world today in observing the International Day for elimination of violence against women. At the commemoration in Kohima, Advisor to Chief Minister, Abu Metha stressed on collectively effort to tackle the challenges of social evils against women. He said there are many unseen violence on women at home and in the neighbourhood which go unreported due to societal stigma. While women are often referred as the backbone of Naga society, the hard truth is that every day women get abused, he lamented, and emphasized on sensitizing and motivating the traditional intuitions to ensure women are independent. The day also saw the launch of the '16 days of activism against gender-based violence'. In Chumoukedima, Secretary, Social Welfare, Martha R Ritse called for addressing the root causes to eliminate violence against women. These include tackling discriminatory social norms and structural general inequalities and stereotypes, she said. Ms. Ritse called for inclusive efforts from decision makers, local authorities and communities to ensure that women are protected and provided support services. Addressing a similar program in Kiphire, EAC Kiphire, Takatemjen Pongen encouraged all women to come forward and file cases in the event of any untoward incident. The day was also observed in Niuland and other parts of the state.



The 68th National School Games (U-19 Girls Sepak Takraw) today commenced at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima. Addressing the event, Advisor to the Chief Minister Abu Metha highlighted Nagaland's unique identity, rich cultural heritage, and contributions to India's development. Mr. Metha, who is also Vice President of the Athletics

Federation of India, and Secretary General of the Nagaland Olympic Association emphasized the significance of sports in uniting people, and encouraged the athletes to pursue excellence and embrace the values of teamwork and discipline.

A total of 17 teams are participating in the Games. The finale will take place on November 27.

