

## Evening News Script

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- Nagaland Minister Paiwang Konyak says District Hospitals should acquire bigger land for future expansion.
- Nagaland gears up for grand 25th Hornbill Festival with major upgrades and new features.
- Ao Senden condemns ongoing repairing of potholes from V.K. Town to Doyang stretch of National Highway 61 with mud.
- National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme conducts meetings with district teams from Phek, Zunheboto, and Mokokchung.



Indicating a vision for expanding healthcare infrastructure, Minister Health & Family Welfare P. Paiwang Konyak who is currently on a state-wide tour viewed that District Hospitals should acquire bigger land for future expansion. The minister who reached Longleng district Hospital today had a meeting with the district administration civil societies, district hospital authority and the department officials at PPCA Mission Centre. Following the inspection of the ongoing Longleng DH construction, the minister opined that district hospitals

should have larger land as it ensures space for future expansion and urged the Phom civil societies to acquire bigger land for Longleng District Hospital assuring of his commitment to develop the hospital. Dwelling on the shortage of specialist's doctors which was the core issue in almost all the District Hospitals in Nagaland, the minister informed that the department is working out modalities on two-cadre-system (Specialised and non-specialised doctors) and said recruitment drive will take place once government approves the modalities. Konyak also said that upgradation and creation of health centres will be taken up on need-base while also the existing centres will be surveyed and if found redundant, the department will notify for down-grading.



The 25th edition of the iconic Hornbill Festival will take place at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama, from December 1-10, marking a milestone since its inception in the year 2000. Stating that the festival has gained international recognition, attracting both domestic and global visitor, Chief Secretary Dr. J Alam speaking to journalists highlighted the extensive preparations, including the expansion of the main arena to triple its capacity and the reconstruction of the Bamboo Pavilion. Other upgrades include improved amenities, new constructions and renovations to offer visitors a fresh experience.

Dr. Alam assured that special transport arrangements are being made for people with disabilities, and new traffic plans, including a shuttle service from Kigwema Ground to Kisama, will alleviate congestion.

Dr. Alam emphasized the significance of the festival in preserving Nagaland's cultural heritage, promoting tourism, and generating employment opportunities. He called for continued efforts to maintain the Hornbill brand's positive image. Meanwhile, a mass social work event on tomorrow will engage government officials and the public to improve facilities ahead of the festival.



The Ao Senden has vehemently condemned the ongoing repairing of potholes from V.K. Town to Doyang stretch of the National Highway 61 with mud. In a letter to Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister in-charge of National Highway, Ao Senden president Marsanen and general secretary Imtipokyim said this is the dirtiest trick and the most insulting action that the Department of PWD National Highway can play and heap upon the Ao Senden for serving an ultimatum to do repair works. They said if the repair works are not carried out in right earnest and as technically feasible in the remaining period of the 30 days ultimatum, Ao Senden would carry out its own course of action as deemed fit and proper. In this, the Ao Senden requested the Deputy CM to look into the matter and do the necessary repair works for the welfare of the people.



The National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme (NVBDGP) recently conducted meetings with district teams from Phek, Zunheboto, and Mokokchung at their respective district headquarters. It reviewed the performance of ground-level workers and also identified areas for improvement. Joint Director and State Programme Officer, NVBDGP, Dr. Neisakho Kere, emphasized the importance of malaria elimination in Nagaland. He noted that the National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme has directed all states to eliminate malaria by 2027, as part of India's goal to achieve nationwide elimination by 2030. He shared that in 2009, Nagaland reported 8,984 positive malaria cases with 35 fatalities. However, due to sustained efforts, the number of cases has drastically reduced every year, with only four positive cases reported last year. He mentioned that seven districts have reported no malaria cases this year, but cases have been detected in Phek, Mokokchung, Peren, and Zunheboto. He urged field health workers to remain diligent in detecting and treating vector-borne diseases in both urban and rural areas.



The two-day Wangala mini hornbill tribal festival programme commenced today at Samaguri village, Dimapur. The festival is organized by Nagaland Garo Tribal Council in collaboration with department of tourism. Special guest of the event L Singsit, retired Director General of Prison, Home Guards and Civil Defence and former president Kuki Inpi Nagaland said that festivals are deeply ingrained in the culture of every tribe, with most of them revolving around agriculture. Singsit called for mutual respect and encouragement among communities to foster a spirit of unity and cooperation. Highlights of the event include Wangala gist by GB Eralibill Village Rahul D Sangma, Wangala dance by Eralibill Village and Samaguri Village while cultural display were presented by Kuki Cultural Troupe, Phaipijang, Dimasa Cultural Troupe, Bamunpukhri, Mech Kachari Cultural Troupe, Kushiabill and Karbi Cultural Troupe.



The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has informed that the Union Cabinet has approved the auction of 730 FM Radio channels in 234 cities. This initiative will bring a new and enhanced listening experience to radio audiences in cities previously covered by private FM radio stations. Since its inception in 2001, private FM radio has expanded to 113 cities with 388 channels, significantly contributing to the media landscape. The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has released the notice inviting applications from prospective bidders for the e-bidders for the auction of 730 channels across 234 cities, including three channels each at Dimapur, Kohima and Mokokchung.



All employees under Department of School Education, including newly recruited employees post October 2023, who have not undergone the authentication process have been directed to report to the Directorate of School Education, Kohima along with all relevant documents from 25th to 28th of this month during office hours. Further, all the Under Graduate and Graduate Hindi Teachers who previously submitted their documents via email and were verified are also directed to report at the

Directorate to capture their master selfie. It has also directed employees who missed the verification drive due to sanctioned medical or earned leaves to report for authentication.

