

An Orientation and Training Program on the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) for the year 2025-2026 was conducted at the DC Conference Hall, Zunheboto yesterday. The program aimed at empowering the local departments and block staff to effectively contribute to the GPDP process. Deputy Commissioner of Zunheboto, Rahul Bhanudas Mali, emphasized the significance of the Gram Panchayat Development Plan in strengthening rural governance and ensuring sustainable development at the grassroots level. Project Director of Zunheboto, T. Phoishe Sema, said the 29 departments in Zunheboto would greatly benefit from these initiatives, which aim to improve service delivery and governance at the village level. Assistant Programme Coordinator, Nyiyalo Kath, and District Database Manager Alivi Achumi were the resource persons. Mr Kath discussed the core objectives of the People's Plan Campaign, which focuses on decentralizing decision-making power to

local communities. While, Ms Achumi elaborated on the process of preparing the GPDP and the role of Gram Panchayats in empowering rural communities.

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The Special Task Force (STF), comprising members from the district administration, DPRO's office, Kohima Municipal Council, Police, and Dobashis, conducted a field inspection in Kohima yesterday to enforce the ban on single-use plastics (SUP). During the inspection, several shops were violating the ban by stocking and distributing single-use plastic items. In response, the STF confiscated a substantial quantity of SUP products and imposed fines on the offending establishments.

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Assam team has emerged as the champions of the team event after defeating Mizoram team at the ongoing 4th NIAPA Northeast Open TT Tournament being held at Chümoukedima. Assam defeated Mizoram 3-2 to claim the championship title in the team event. The champion received a cash prize of 90,000 rupees along with citations, while the Mizoram team received 50,000 rupees. Deputy Commissioner of Chümoukedima, Polan John graced the occasion as the guest of honor for the final match and presented the awards to the winning team. Meanwhile, individual events will feature singles, doubles, and mixed competitions for both men and women, as they compete for the title on the final day.

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