

In response to the recent surge in child abuse cases across Nagaland, the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has issued an advisory urging strict vigilance and legal action to ensure the protection of child rights. The advisory emphasizes that any form of child abuse regardless of the perpetrator, including parents or guardians is a serious offence and must be reported to the concerned authorities. Citizens are reminded that safeguarding children is a collective responsibility, and no case should be resolved through compromise, as this undermines justice and emboldens offenders. The Commission warned that offences under the POCSO Act, 2012, are non-bailable and cannot be settled privately. It also cautioned against taking the law into one's own hands and advised media and social media platforms to maintain ethical standards by protecting the identities of child victims. The Commission urged all to report any instance of child abuse immediately to the Child Helpline 1098, Special Juvenile Police Unit, District Child Protection Unit, Child Welfare Committee or the nearest police station. Reaffirming its commitment, the Commission stated it will continue to monitor all cases closely to ensure swift justice.



Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha, S. Phangnon Konyak, emphasised that as a tribal society, it is essential to uphold and safeguard one's identity particularly language, which serves as a fundamental means of communication. Ms. Konyak made this statement while releasing the book "A Descriptive Grammar of Konyak Language" yesterday in Mon. She said that the Nagas have passed down their heritage through oral history, and now the younger generation and new scholars are helping turn that into written records. Ms. Konyak also encouraged the youth to develop an interest in reading and writing in the Konyak language and to take up research to connect their ancestral past with written history. She hoped the book would help preserve the mother tongue and bring the Konyak Naga community closer together. The book, authored by Prof. Pangersenla Walling and Research Scholar Ms. Nikay Besa, is a joint effort by the Department of Linguistics, Nagaland University, and the Konyak Literature Board, with support from the Konyak Union, Mon HQ.



Advisor for Municipal Affairs & Urban Development, Zhaleo Rio said, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, PMAY (Urban) has played a crucial role in realising the dream of Housing for all. He said the mission has not only provided dignified housing to thousands of beneficiaries but has also contributed to urban development, employment generation and socio-economic upliftment of Nagaland. Mr Rio said this after releasing a Coffee Table Book "Transforming Lives; A Glance of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Mission in Nagaland" yesterday at Kohima. The Advisor said, that the book will serve as a source of inspiration and record of the state's collective efforts in building a more inclusive and Sustainable urban future.



Bhagyashree Bhimraoji Banayat took over the charge of Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland yesterday. Ms Banayat, an IAS officer of the 2012 batch of Nagaland cadre, succeeded Vyasan R, IAS who is at present the Home Commissioner of Nagaland.



The Chakhesang Students' Union (CSU) will commence the third phase of its agitation today protesting the alleged non-compliance by the NHIDCL and the EPC contractor, concerning the execution of the NH-29 Kohima to Jessami road (Package-II) project. As part of this phase, black flags will be displayed across the region as a symbolic protest against what the Union describes as continued negligence and inaction on the part of NHIDCL and the contractor. The second phase of the agitation, which involved restricting vehicular movement of NHIDCL, the EPC contractor M/s Ratna Infrastructure Projects Pvt. Ltd., and all government-registered vehicles, concluded yesterday. Reiterating its unwavering stance, the CSU asserted that the agitation will continue until its demands are fulfilled.

