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1. President Droupadi Murmu highlights key role of cleanliness in achieving Viksit Bharat 2047
2. Indore bags cleanest city tag for 8th year in row; Jalukie accorded 'Promising Swachh Shehar' of Nagaland
3. State Departments urged to adopt '1600' number series for official calls
4. And, State-Level Workshop on PAI 2.0 and Thematic Gram Panchayat Development Plan underway



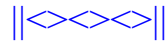
Indore has once again retained its title as India's cleanest city for the eighth consecutive year. Surat secured the second position, while Navi Mumbai ranked third in the central government's annual cleanliness survey. The ninth edition of Swachh Survekshan 2024-25 Awards were conferred by President Droupadi Murmu at a ceremony in New Delhi today. Speaking on the occasion, the President highlighted that cleanliness is one of the most important aspect of Viksit Bharat 2047 vision and urged countrymen to move forward in making the country clean, healthy and developed.

In the category of cities with a population between 3 and 10 lakh, Noida emerged as the cleanest city, while Ahmedabad received first position in the category of cities with a population of over 10 lakh. In the state-level award, Jalukie in Peren district was accorded 'Promising Swachh Shehar' of Nagaland. During the event, a total of 78 awards were presented across various categories.

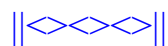


The State Department of Information Technology and Communications has asked all state government departments to adopt the newly designated '1600' number series for all service and transactional calls to citizens. The move follows a

directive from the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India earlier this year to curb unsolicited and fraudulent communications. The Centre's Department of Telecommunications has assigned the '1600' series to government entities for calls related to services such as passports, tax reminders, and key certificates, to enable citizens to easily recognize and trust genuine calls. The move aims to ensure a secure and citizen-friendly telecom ecosystem, and enhance credibility, outreach and effectiveness of government programs.

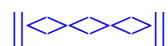


A two-day State-Level Workshop on Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 and Thematic Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) began today in Kohima. Commissioner & Secretary, RD & SIRD, Thavaseelan K, highlighted the importance of implementing Thematic GPDP and rolling out PAI 2.0 to promote inclusive village development aligned with local Sustainable Development Goals. He also urged upon the use of the eGram Swaraj Portal for greater transparency and financial efficiency. The workshop is being organised in collaboration with Ministry of Panchayati Raj and National Informatics Centre, New Delhi, and is being attended by officials from State and District Programme Management Units, SIRD and Rural Development department.



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah today emphasized on the pivotal role of cooperatives in the country's development. Addressing the Sahkarita Evam Rozgar Utsav in Rajasthan, he said cooperatives have contributed a lot to the country's development in the last 100 years. He highlighted that cooperatives have an active role in 98 percent of rural areas.

During the occasion, Mr Shah flagged off 100 new police vehicles, distributed certificates and cheques to the beneficiaries of various schemes, and inaugurated multiple infrastructure projects of cooperation. The Minister also inaugurated 24 warehouses built under the world's largest grain storage scheme and 64 millet outlets for the promotion of Shri Anna.



MLA Achumbemo Kikon has proposed Integrated Farming System among departments of Veterinary, Horticulture, and Agriculture. Chairing the monthly SDPDB meeting of Bhandari in Wokha yesterday, the MLA said, this will enhance sustainability, improve resource utilization and increase profitability, boosting the local economy and employment for farmers all year long. Mr Kikon also informed that a Medical team led by MLA Dr. Tseilhoutuo Rhütso will be arriving at CHC Bhandari on 28th of this month, as part of the Chief Minister's Mobile Operation Theatre. He urged the Bhandari medical department to assist

in availing the state-of-the art facilities which will be provided free of cost. The house also discussed on the ongoing farming activities at the Nagaland State Seed Farm Merapani, and the Nagaland Foothill Road Construction.



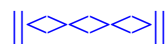
Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said the logistics cost of the country will come down to nine percent by the end of this year. Addressing an event of a private news channel in New Delhi today, Mr Gadkari said the reduction in logistics cost will increase India's exports 1.5 times. He noted that increased exports will create more employment opportunities and lead to an Atmanirbhar Bharat. The Minister also highlighted that the government is on a mission to make India free from air, noise, water, and fossil fuel pollution.



The Combined Technical Association of Nagaland (CTAN) and the Nagaland NET Qualified Forum (NNQF) have called for transparency in the recruitment and reallocation of posts under the Higher Technical Education Department. Addressing a press conference today, Core Committee Member NNQF Dr. Videkhono Yhokha, raised concerns that the department's recent notice to requisition 34 Assistant Professor Posts did not have any subject-wise distribution details. Convenor CTAN Meshenlo Kath, also stressed for directing the remaining posts through Nagaland Public Service Commission at the earliest. Mr Kath further raised concerns over the recruitment process of Forest Guards and questioned why certain departments are not under the purview of the Nagaland Staff Selection Board.



Nagaland Public Service Commission (NPSC) declared the written results of the NCS, NPS, and allied services (main) examination 2024. The results of the Stenographer Examination 2024 have also been declared. NPSC informed that candidates may access the results on the Commission's website npsc.nagaland.gov.in.



Phek today launched the Project RAKSHAK-2 aimed at enhancing public safety and traffic management. The project includes CCTV monitoring, installation of 60 road dividers at key junctions, and regular traffic awareness seminars. The initiative is a joint effort of Phek Police, District Administration, Transport Department, Chamber of Commerce, and NGOs, civil society organisations.

