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The Committee for Environment and Climate Change of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, led by Chairperson and MLA Achumbemo Kikon, held a consultative meeting today with the Kohima Municipal Council (KMC), Kohima Chamber of Commerce (KCCI), and colony chairmen. MLA Kikon informed media person that during the meeting, two key resolutions were adopted which include a ban on the release of septic tank waste into rivers and drains in Kohima Town, and a directive for colonies to ensure access routes for sanitation vehicles.

Mr Kikon said, the committee also decided to reactivate the fecal sludge treatment plant at Meriema, which was constructed by the government with an investment of hundreds of crores but is yet to be made operational. He mentioned that the KMC will soon advertise for the re-operation of this facility. The committee also resolved to revive the waste segregation and recycling unit at Lerie Colony. Mr. Kikon urged citizens of Kohima to strictly follow waste management guidelines by segregating biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste, highlighting that 'waste should turn into wealth.'

On the issue of pollution in the Doyang Reservoir Dam, Mr. Kikon said a significant portion of plastic bottle waste found in the reservoir originates from Kohima Town. The

MLA expressed optimism that today's consultative meeting would lead to a positive shift in public mindset and behavior regarding waste disposal.

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Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, Justice Ashutosh Kumar, has urged lawyers in Nagaland to go beyond just arguing cases and take on the greater role of upholding justice and tradition. He was speaking at a reception programme held in his honour during his official visit to Nagaland organised High Court Bar Association Nagaland in Kohima today. Underscoring the weighty responsibilities, Justice Kumar said, advocacy is not limited to courtroom performance but extends to the larger cause of justice and community.

Addressing the gathering of legal practitioners, including senior and young advocates, the Chief Justice emphasized the importance of compassion, diligence, and fearlessness in legal practice. He urged senior advocates to mentor the younger generation, while encouraging junior lawyers to step up as torchbearers of justice.

He also reminded them that justice must be made accessible to all, and that their assistance in court is essential for fair and proper judgments. Calling for fearless advocacy, Justice Kumar urged lawyers not to be intimidated by the demeanor of judges.

President of the High Court Bar Association, Nagaland, C.T. Jamir, on behalf of the Association, submitted a representation to the Chief Justice, requesting the appointment of High Court Judges and the designation of Senior Advocates from the state.

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The Department of Social Welfare has announced it will undertake a performance assessment of Anganwadi Centres across the state following persistently low

enrolment and underperformance reported via the Poshan Tracker App. Underperforming centres will be rationalized and relocated to uncovered areas that meet eligibility criteria. The Department has urged community leaders and local authorities to cooperate with the assessment, and further support Aadhaar enrolment and updation to ensure Anganwadi services reach all beneficiaries.

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Academic activities in 133 government high schools across Nagaland were disrupted today as the Nagaland RMSA Teachers Association 2016 batch launched its phase-wise indefinite agitation over long-pending service benefits. The agitation began with a pen-down strike after the expiry of the teachers' ultimatum to the state government. Association President Imlitemjen said members are attending their respective school but are not carrying out any pen and paper works. The association said the protest was necessitated by the government's 'continued silence' despite high court verdicts in its favour. When contacted on the matter, Mission Director of Samagra Shiksha Nagaland, L Jamithung Lotha, said the state government had filed a review petition in the Supreme Court on August 14, and urged the teachers to have patience till the court ruling.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that a new chapter is being added to India's Make in India journey, marking an important day in the nation's goal of 'Make in India' and 'Make for the World'. Addressing a gathering after inaugurating the production of hybrid battery electrodes at the TDS Lithium-Ion Battery Plant in Gujarat, He said India has the strength of democracy, the advantage of demography, and a large pool of skilled workforce.

Earlier, the Prime Minister flagged off the Made in India battery electric vehicle 'E-Vitara' from Hansalpur in Gujarat.

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And, Nagaland Police has said that an interim chargesheet has already been filed before the Court against the accused in the murder of 31-year-old Kesuthlungle Newme in Pimla. While, a supplementary chargesheet will be submitted upon receiving the report from the Forensic Science Laboratory, which is being processed at an out-of-state facility. Providing an update on the investigation, the Commissioner of Police, Dimapur, said the Special Investigation Team has gathered sufficient evidence linking the accused to the crime. The accused, who allegedly committed the murder in a fit of rage while under the influence of alcohol, was arrested on April 10. The incident occurred on April 7, when police received a tip-off about a suspected murder. An inquest was conducted, and a case was subsequently registered at the Women Police Station. Meanwhile, the Peren District Legal Services Authority has initiated victim compensation proceedings for the minor child of the deceased. Meanwhile, Zeliangrong civil society organisations have issued a 15-day ultimatum to Dimapur Police over the unsolved murder.

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