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Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton has reiterated that abduction and violence are unacceptable and will not be tolerated, asserting that authorities will act strictly in accordance with established procedures as the situation develops. Mr Patton made the statement after taking note of the safe release of Kiyeto Zhimomi, Head GB of Vikhuo Village and a businessman, who was abducted earlier. The Deputy Chief Minister expressed relief over Mr Zhimomi's release and said he is now under care, while also acknowledging the trauma he has endured during the ordeal. Assuring the government's commitment to ensuring accountability through lawful means, Mr Patton said those responsible for such acts would be dealt with as per the law. He also lauded the Nagaland Police for their swift and prompt action that led to the safe release of Mr Zhimomi. Mr Patton said the timely intervention reflects the police force's commitment to upholding public safety and responding decisively to acts of violence and intimidation.



The Nagaland government has appointed Census Officers for the Census of India 2027 across all jurisdictions in the state. According to a notification issued by the Home Department, Deputy Commissioners have been designated as Principal Census Officers for their respective districts. All Additional Deputy Commissioners (Headquarters) have been appointed as District Census Officers, while Additional Deputy Commissioners with independent charge will function as Sub-Divisional Census Officers for their respective sub-divisions. Further, all Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil) and Extra Assistant Commissioners (EACs) have been designated as Charge Officers for their respective circles or charges. In urban areas, Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) or Additional Deputy Commissioners have been appointed as City Census Officers, while ADCs, SDOs (Civil) and EACs will function as Town Census Officers within their respective jurisdictions. The Home Department informed that necessary orders in this regard will be issued by the respective Principal Census Officers. ***More report-***

Under sub-section (4) of the Census Act, 1948, the appointed officers are empowered to appoint additional census officers within their respective jurisdictions. As per Section 11 of the Census Act, 1948, any census officer or any person lawfully refused to perform census duties or obstruct census work is

punishable with a fine of up to 1,000 rupees. Upon conviction, the person may also be imprisoned for up to three years.



The Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, sponsored by the Ministry of Textiles, began at the Town Hall in Mokokchung yesterday. The bazaar was inaugurated by Additional Deputy Commissioner Mokokchung, Atsunba Walling. Speaking at the event, Mr. Walling encouraged the public to visit the bazaar to support local and national artisans and to experience the rich cultural heritage reflected in the handmade products. The exhibition-cum-sale will continue daily until January 26, from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The event aims to provide a platform for artisans from various parts of the country to showcase their craftsmanship. A wide range of authentic handicrafts and handloom products are on display, offering residents of Mokokchung an opportunity to view and purchase traditional arts directly from the creators.



A two-day Mock Disaster Management Exercise will be conducted in Chümoukedima starting from January 29. Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority, Chümoukedima, Polan John, stated that the exercise is aimed at strengthening disaster preparedness and ensuring effective coordination among all stakeholder departments and agencies. The mock exercise will be organised in coordination with the 12th Battalion of the National Disaster Response Force Kohima. The exercise will assess preparedness levels, response mechanisms and inter-departmental coordination during disaster situations. A Tabletop Exercise is scheduled to be held on January 29 at the DC's Conference Hall, Chümoukedima, followed by a full-scale mock exercise on January 30 at the Chümoukedima Village Ground.



And, the 79th National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy is all set for kick-off in Assam today. A total of 12 teams will compete in the tournament, which have been divided into two groups of six teams each. Group A consists of holders West Bengal, hosts Assam, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Tamil Nadu, while Group B has Railways, Services, last season's runners-up Kerala, Punjab, Meghalaya and Odisha. All the matches will be streamed live on FIFA+ platform. The top four teams will advance to the knock-out quarter-final rounds which will be held on 2nd and 3rd of next month. The two semi-finals are billed for 5th of February, with the grand final set for 8th of February.

