

THE HEADLINES:

- **Governor Nand Kishore Yadav reviews Healthcare progress in Nagaland; calls for accessible, affordable, quality healthcare across state**
- **Nagaland holds state-level conference on transforming Veterinary Services; Advisor Kinimi calls for prioritizing farmers as key partners in livestock development**
- **Health officials stress community effort for better oral health in Nagaland on World Oral Health Day**
- **Nagaland launches mega oil palm drive to boost jobs and edible oil production**



Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav today chaired a review meeting with officials of the Department of Health & Family Welfare at Lok Bhavan in Kohima to assess the state’s healthcare progress and challenges. The meeting was led by Secretary Health & Family Welfare S. Tainiu. The department highlighted the state's significant improvements in key health indicators, noting a sharp decline in Infant Mortality Rate alongside considerable progress in Maternal Mortality Ratio and Total Fertility Rate reflecting enhanced maternal and child healthcare services. The department also briefed the Governor on the performance of the National TB Elimination Programme, citing improvements in case detection and treatment outcomes. However, challenges remain in areas such as timely disbursement of benefits under the Ni-Kshay Poshan Yojana and patient adoption, which require focused attention. Appreciating the department’s efforts, the Governor stressed the importance of strengthening implementation of health programmes, particularly in remote and rural areas. Governor Yadav also urged officials to continue working towards ensuring accessible, affordable, and quality healthcare for all citizens across the state.



The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Nagaland, today organised a State-level Officers’ Conference on “Transforming Veterinary Services in the State: Challenges and Opportunities” in Kohima. Addressing the officers, Advisor of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services and Chairman State Animal Welfare Advisory Board, Nagaland, Kazheto

Kinimi said that officers play a crucial role in translating policies into action and ensuring effective governance. Highlighting the importance of livestock in rural livelihoods, Mr Kinimi said that farmers should be treated as partners in development, and urged officers to adopt a people-centric approach.

Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Dr. Imomeren Tzudir underscored the remarkable pace of progress made by the department in the delivery of veterinary care, noting that the sector has undergone significant transformation over the years. He said, veterinary services today are evolving faster than ever before, and emphasized that they need to update and adapt themselves with the recent advances in the field of livestock farming and healthcare services. Dr. Tzudir further also underlined the importance of improving farmers' access to modern technologies and better livestock management practices to enhance productivity and ensure sustainability.



Nagaland today observed the World Oral Health Day 2026 under the theme 'A Happy Mouth is a Happy Life'. At a programme held in Kohima, Additional Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Renabomo Odyuo emphasized on the importance of community effort involving families, schools, and healthcare workers in achieving the goal of good oral health, which is essential for overall wellbeing and in improving quality of life. He also congratulated the Nagaland Dental team for achieving two National awards in the year 2025, for the 'Best Performer' Award in Small States on World Oral Health Day and 'Special Recognition' for World No Tobacco Day. Highlighting the rising prevalence of periodontal disease, dental caries and oral cancer in the State, Director (Health), Dr. Sendimeren Aonok, stressed the need for an integrated approach linking oral health with general health and recognized dental surgeons as key guardians of oral health, particularly in patient education and awareness on tobacco use and hygiene. Dr. Aonok further informed that the department is upgrading Dental Health Units across the state in phases, introducing modern equipment such as dental chairs, light cure machines, scalers, and digital RVG units.



Nagaland Agriculture Department, today launched "Mega Oil Palm Plantation Drive" under the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm 2025-26 at Doyapur Council Hall, Chumoukedima SDO (Civil) Dhansiripar, Vejoyo Swuro, highlighted that the initiative will generate employment and urged citizens to take advantage of the scheme. DAO, Chumoukedima, Moainla

Pongen, noted that India imports nearly 60 percent of its edible oil and said the drive aims to create a self-sustaining production ecosystem. She said the initiative will cover eight districts in Nagaland, focusing on foothill areas. Ms. Pongen said that MoUs with Godrej Agrovet Ltd. and Patanjali Foods will ensure market linkages. Godrej Agrovet will establish nurseries, custom hiring centers, and a one-stop solution center, including a nursery at Dhansiripar, to support farmers. She assured that the government will provide free saplings, fair prices, and field-level assistance to ensure the initiative's success.



Chief Electoral Officer of Nagaland, Bhagyashree Banayat, has said that the first randomisation of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) units for the upcoming by-election in the 28-Koridang Assembly Constituency was conducted yesterday. The process, carried out through the EVM Management System by the District Election Officer, was witnessed by representatives from recognized national and state political parties to ensure transparency. Following this, constituency-wise lists of allocated machines will be shared with all parties at the district headquarters, and machines will then be handed over to Returning Officers for election use. Ms. Banayat said, that the EVMs and VVPATs will be securely stored in assembly strong rooms under party supervision, and once candidates are finalized, the list of randomized machines will be made available to all candidates. The by-election in Koridang is set to take place on April 9.



Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav has extended warm greetings to all on the joyous occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr. In his message, the Governor said that this blessed festival marks the culmination of the holy month of Ramadan, a period devoted to prayer, reflection, and compassion. He said, it is a time to celebrate the spirit of generosity, unity, and goodwill that binds communities together. The Governor expressed hope that this auspicious occasion would inspire everyone to uphold the values of peace, harmony, and mutual respect. He further wished that Eid-ul-Fitr brings happiness, prosperity, and good health to every home, and strengthens the bonds of brotherhood and togetherness among all sections of society.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has also extended warm greetings on the occasion of Id-ul-Fitr. He expressed hope that this auspicious festival brings joy and happiness to all, inspires kindness, and renews the spirit of gratitude and compassion. Mr. Rio also wished that the festival would fosters unity, strengthens relationships, and ushers in peace and harmony.

