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If somebody has hope, don't take that away from them, because maybe that's all they have — Rachel Dolezal

POLICY MAKING IN NE: Democracy, Development & History

KES-NECU interaction looks at diverse perspectives

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Statistics are intertwined with the reality they are supposed to capture; connectivity is the key to development and should be the order of the day for development, while it is crucial to look history from insider's perspective.

These, among others, were the key components of an interaction between Gordon Graham Prize for Naga Literature (GGPNL) Judges and Naga scholars held under the theme, "Policy Making in North East India" on November 27.

Jointly organised by North East Christian University (NECU) and Kohima Educational Society, which confers the annual GGPNL prize, the interaction brought together a political scientist, a pioneering Naga writer, and a data expert and commentator on the Naga issue.

In three sessions, Prof Abu NS Ahmed, Dr Vikas Kumar and Dr Easterine Kire interacted with the audience both online and offline, in hybrid and organic mode.

Kicking off the interaction, Prof Ahmed, currently the Director Research, Centre for Development and Peace Studies, Guwahati, citing the Deng Xiaoping's remark, "Connectivity is the key to development," emphasised on importance of connectivity, more particularly, the surface connectivity in the national economy

of a country and also in matter of regional development of a sub-continent.

To this end, the former Professor of Dibrugarh University and Visiting Professor, at IIT Guwahati, highlighted on the erstwhile 'Look East Policy' and currently 'Act East Policy' of the Government of India.

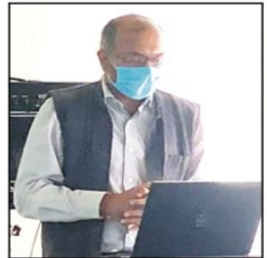
He noted that while there are three means of connectivity— air, sea and surface; plus, of course, information and communications technology (ICT), surface connectivity is the only option for the region as air connectivity has been tried but failed owing to its inherent infirmities while by sea (Bay of Bengal) is quite far.

Prof Ahmed highlighted the importance of the Asian Highway (AH) No 1 which connects India's North East with Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore, traversing in the region through four states Meghalaya, Assam, Nagaland and Manipur, before entering Myanmar at Moreh, covering a length of 762 kms.

The NE States geographically are in an advantageous position to enhance economic prosperity through AH connectivity, he said.

"Opening up the region to the outside world in terms of physical connectivity will entail opening up of the region as a potential market for micro enterprise commodities. Hence entrepreneurship culture is to be developed, the region will be reduced to a mere transit point of human and outside-origin commercial traffic, he, however, cautioned.

"To expedite these potentialities to bloom, there is a need for the formation of



Dr Vikas Kumar



Prof Abu NS Ahmed

consortium of NE states to harness benefits and neutralise the negative possibilities such as, trafficking of small arms, drugs and human beings," Prof Ahmed said.

Two frontline states, Nagaland and Manipur, have a major stake and AH will facilitate the export of their indigenous and value-added products, tourism, cultural festivals, he added.

Sharing on "Data, Development and Democracy: A Triple Deficit in Nagaland," Dr Vikas Kumar of Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, underlined how these deficits are reinforcing each other, and how there is no "alternative to building trust in statistical institutions engaging all stakeholders."

Most policy and academic discussions assume data are context-independent, but in reality statistics are 'an integral part of the economic and social world, which they seek to describe,' he added, citing Adam Toze.

From this perspective,

the poor quality of data is a product of the setting in which measurements are made. So, there is a need to understand statistics as if context mattered, he said.

Taking the context of contentious census data of Nagaland in 2001, he cited how "many equated [Census] with electoral rolls and saw the decadal Census exercise as an opportunity to increase the population in villages and towns to increase the vote bank."

"These problems were also compounded by the developmental model followed in the State in which allocation of funds to Village Development Boards is made on the basis of population and households in a village. This naturally led many to try and increase the fund flow into their villages by showing non-existing population and households in the Census records," he noted.

Also quoting the Director of Census Operation of the then Jammu and Kashmir State, he said "Everyone

says neighboring areas exaggerated their population but their area in under-enumerated."

GOta deficit is strongly related to development and democracy deficits in Nagaland and other parts East North East," he added noting that stand alone legalistic and technological solutions have limited efficacy.

"There is no alternative to building trust in statistical institutions engaging all stakeholders," he said, pointing out how census data in Nagaland was 'corrected' by involving civil societies and social organisations.

In her disposition on "Writing Historical Fiction (Under the broad theme of literature)," Dr Kire batted for looking at history from insider's perspective by the participants of the culture.

Earlier, NECU Vice-Chancellor Dr Darlando Khatop opened the interaction while it concluded with voting of thanks by Dr Ngully, 2nd chairperson of the Advisory Board, KES.

Nagas should start owning their history: Easterine Kire

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The Nagas should start writing history from insider's perspective and start owning their history, noted Naga writer Dr Easterine Kire asserted on November 27.

"We have to look at the history from our own perspective. We have lots of records, but by outsiders, not by us," Dr Kire noted, while sharing on "Writing Historical Fiction (Under the broad theme of literature)," at the interaction between Gordon Graham Prize for Naga Literature (GGPNL) Judges and Naga Scholars held under the theme, "Policy Making in North East India" at NECU.

These records, she argued, is "writing down" of history, often through colonial gaze.

To this end, the noted author observed that Nagas now have to two histories — one 'nagil' and one 'asli'.

"When it comes from participants of culture, it is real; and if comes from non-participants, it is not authentic," she asserted during the deliberation jointly organised by North East Christian University (NECU) and Kohima Educational Society.

She further regretted that despite of own writings, 'cultural theft' occurs as outside experts come and appropriate the narrative.

"Our children are being thought by the history of us by others, we should start our writing and owning our



Dr Easterine Kire

history," she added.

To buttress her point she cited the Battle of Khonoma, and why Nagas were resisting British rule.

Among others, it was against imposition of house Tax, demands for free labour, burning of sheds, and -interferences the way of life, she argued, though other records may imply otherwise.

From her own experiences, she shared on harvesting oral narratives, which are individual as well as community histories.

However, Dr Kire noted that while narrating the same, it is important to connect with the readers.

There may many interesting historical information. But trying it up to a human story, makes it stick, noting that her early novel "Mari" was one such venture of oral memory harvesting.

"Use human elements to connect it to human history," she advised, further

stressing on the importance of verification through multiple sources, and not just one narrative.

Taking the gathering through many timelines, she also noted how events or battles, can be "time-marker" for those without formal education, citing instances such as born before or after the 'year of war' or 'day on the run' and so on. These are verifiable in others with similar circumstances, she informed.

The Naga history and narratives have gone through many periods of silence. Go and explore and start harvesting narratives, she added. "The right time to write story is now. Don't wait for elders to get old."

At this point of history, we have started begun writing ourselves. Let us continue to write ourselves that is authentic. When it comes from the people of the participants of the culture, it is authentic, she reiterated.

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Do you agree that a government without opposition equals 'absolute power' and absolute power leads to 'absolute corruption'? Give reasons why?

Yes No Others

No taxation, donations or contributions during festive season: Zunheboto orgs

ZUNHEBOTO, NOVEMBER 27 (MEXN): Frontal organisations based in Zunheboto town have resolved to prohibit any form of taxation, donations or contributions within the town and its markets during the festive season. A decision to this effect was taken during a joint meeting between the Zunheboto Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ZCCI), Zunheboto Town GB Association (ZTGBA), Consumer Rights Organisation Zunheboto (CROZ), Zunheboto Range Students' Union, Zunheboto Area Public Organisation (ZAPO) and Zunheboto Sumi Totimi Hoho (ZSTH) on November 26, a joint press release informed on Saturday.

The leaders expressed displeasure over taxations and various incidents on the issue of taxations and donations, and urged for an air of peace and calm during the festive season, the release stated. Having unanimously declared the resolution, the presidents of the six organisations also sought the cooperation of the Zunheboto Deputy Commissioner.

As of now, the departments posted outside officers in all the districts but, we don't have proper officers there. We are proposing to set up permanent offices in the districts, the report quoted department officials as saying while the panel how tourism can be promoted without

Opposition-less situation will lead to 'absolute corruption,' says TNR

DIMPAPUR, NOVEMBER 27 (MEXN): The Naga Rising on Saturday raised concerns over the unanimous passing of various money bills during the winter session of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, which is without an opposition.

Important money bills which authorize the government to draw or spend crores of public money were moved in the Assembly for consideration by Chief Minister Nephthi Rio and passed unanimously on November 26, it said while adding that "All this was done without any proper debate and vote as is required in a parliamentary democracy."

The Assembly session, held for a few hours on November 25-26, is probably the shortest sitting ever for Nagaland, the TNR said in a press statement on Saturday. Stating that the convenience of having these called 'opposition-less government' in Nagaland cannot be missed, the TNR lamented that "Zero checks and balances explain the sorry state of affairs in Nagaland."

"Within Opposition in the Assembly, the present government in Nagaland has 'absolute power'. This situation will further lead to 'absolute corruption,'" it maintained.

The TNR which describes itself as an ideological body reflecting the aspirations of the future generation cautioned that "A new dangerous path of money power is unfolding in Nagaland... the virus of corruption has spread to all parts of our body-politic. Money power has effectively destroyed people's power and their voice to be heard."

It however expressed optimism that "the power of truth shall prevail the end," and said that it was time to "come together, rise and rebuild Nagaland." "Our people cannot be fooled any longer, it added.

Currently, there is a ban on creation of posts. The district tourist officer should effectively coordinate with the local community to sustain and conserve local heritage and take full responsibility for identifying and developing new tourist attractions, the committee said.

The committee headed by Zhaleo Rio is of the view that a department like tourism must have a decentralised set-up and infrastructure to meet the needs of tourists all across the state. It recommended that funds should be sourced and utilised more on building infrastructure.

As the post of tourist guides has been abolished, the committee in its report asked the department to address the problem by introducing state-certified guides in every district.

The Committee directed the department to reinstate the Action Taken Report based on its observations and recommendations within three months.

Over 1.12 lakh tourists came to Nagaland during the Hornbill Festival in 2016, while 2.82 lakh travellers, including 3,015 foreigners, visited the state during the event in 2019. The festival was celebrated virtually last year, amid the surge in COVID-19 cases in the country. This year's edition will begin on December 1.

Hornbill Festival showcases the culture, heritage, food and customs of Naga tribes and people from these tribes come together to celebrate their traditions with colourful dance performances.

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Nagaland: DTFs to ensure compliance to SOPs

KOHIAMA, NOVEMBER 27 (MEXN): District Task Forces on COVID-19 across Nagaland have been instructed to monitor public gatherings, passenger vehicles, and mask wearing in public places, to ensure that COVID-19 testing and vaccination mandates are not violated.

According to a DIPR report on the review meeting of the State Level War Room on COVID-19 on Saturday, the measures were taken to ensure adherence to the standard operating protocols (SOPs) issued by the state government, particularly in view of the impending festive season and the likelihood of increase in large public gatherings and road travel.

During the meeting which was chaired by the state Chief Secretary, the Health & Family Welfare department gave an overview of the State's COVID-19 situation and underlined the need

- Set up public gathering, road travel monitoring teams
- Rs 200 fine for violation of masking mandate

to take additional measures, the DIPR reported. As such, the DTFs have been issued instructions to form teams who will inspect public gatherings wherein attendance is beyond 50% capacity and up to 100%, and to check that all the participants are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, or have taken the first dose of vaccination at least 15 days prior to the event. In addition, the teams will also monitor adherence to COVID-19 appropriate behavior as laid down in the NSDMA's September 30 order and take immediate action against the organizers and participants under relevant laws, if any violations are found, the DIPR stated.

Similarly, the teams thought by the DTFs are to inspect the passenger vehicles, in particular, those entering the district at the check posts, to check that the passenger(s) are complying with the vaccination and testing conditions. All vaccination or first dose of vaccine at least 15 days prior to date of travel. In cases where the two conditions are not fulfilled, passenger(s) would have to carry a COVID-19 negative test report taken through either RT-PCR/TrueNat or CBNAAT, not earlier than 72 hours from the date of travel, as specified by the NSDMA on October 28.

"If any violation is noted, immediate actions against the passenger(s) are to be taken under the relevant laws, the DIPR stated. Similarly, the teams having requisite documentary evidence may be allowed entry," the DIPR reported.

Additionally, the DTF teams have also been given instructions to ensure that all person(s) in public places are wearing masks. Action is to be taken against those found not wearing mask and a penalty of Rs 200 is to be imposed every time the offence is committed as laid down in the order issued by NSDMA on September 8, 2021, it added.

All the DTFs have been further directed to submit daily reports to the NSDMA, Home Department on the action taken against those violating the vaccination/testing conditions, not wearing masks, violating COVID-19 appropriate behavior, the DIPR reported.

Veio Pou & Wangto Chingmak win 2021 Gordon Graham Prize for Naga Literature

KOHIAMA, NOVEMBER 27 (MEXN): The Kohima Educational Society (KES), the Naga Education Trust, and the Kohima Educational Trust, announced the winners of the Gordon Graham Prize for Naga Literature on Saturday. This is the third edition of the Literature Prize, one fiction and non-fiction category.

In the fiction category, 'Waiting for the Dust to Settle' by Veio Pou has been adjudged the winner while 'The Chang Nagas - In memory of our undefeated ancestors' by Wangto Chingmak won the non-fiction category. The winners will be awarded in an official ceremony on November 30.

A press release by the Chairperson Dr Ngully and Present Countess, Chasie said all the entries for the GGPNL 2021 were read by a team of international jurists from the UK and India, including well-known international publishers, representatives of KES and the KES. A shortlist of 10 entries were



then selected and declared in August. Subsequently, a three-member eminent panel of independent scholars and writers comprising Professor Abu NS Ahmed, Professor Vikas Kumar and Dr Easterine Kire made the final decision to adjudge the winners. "This decision is based on the criteria that honours the spirit of the Gordon Graham's mission



statement: To promote good writing and to raise the profiles of Naga writers. The award is aimed at recognizing and rewarding the knowledgeable keepers and idea-givers of Naga Society. It is intended to encourage reading and writing within the Naga community and, of course, more harmonious interactions within Naga society and with others," the release stated.

'BE VIGILANT' WHO tells Southeast Asia countries amid emergence of new variant

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27 (PTI): Amid the detection of a new coronavirus variant in cases elsewhere, the WHO Saturday asked countries in the south-east Asia region to scale up surveillance, strengthen public health and social measures, and enhance vaccination coverage. The global health body said festivities and celebrations must include all precautionary measures and crowds and large gatherings must be avoided.

"We should let our guards down," said Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO, South-East Asia Region. Countries must enhance surveillance and sequencing, and enhance the importation through international travel and take measures accordingly, she said in statement.

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Becoming the Light: Nagas' very own super-hero book released

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Allen Aley's debut book 'Becoming the Light' was formally released this evening, here at Hotel Saramatt by Likokba Sangtam, Documentary Filmmaker, Managing Director of Insight NPS Coaching Centre Dimapur and IDA, Treasurers and Accounts, Government of Nagaland. The fantasy fiction, dubbed as "Nagas' very own super-hero" was published by PenThrill Publication House.

Congratulating Aley on his debut book, Sangtam said that he has known the author since their college days at Patkai Christian College. From penning down things at college days to becoming an editor of the college's bulletin, he said that Aley was always expressive and loved to share his thoughts through his writings. That was 11 years back and "today, he expressed delight to be witnessing this very moment, where Aley is now releasing his debut novel. "He has now solidified himself as an author," he added.

Reflecting on society's role models, who for the most part comes from the film, entertainment and sports fraternities to name a few, "which is nonetheless good," Sangtam believed that "it is high time we also have a role model who comes from academic fields, who are intellectuals, writers and authors. It is with so much of delight, I stand here congratulating Allen."

With this book release, Sangtam hoped that the people, including him will draw an inspiration from it and that it will also prick the conscience of readers and actively participate in the meaningful transformation of the society.

Giving a review on the book, Children Par of Stimi Baptist Church Bamunpukhuri, Libo Evan Muri said that the first thing that captivated her was the exceptionally intriguing image on the cover. "And lo



The author Allen Aley at the book signing after his debut book 'Becoming the Light' release event held at Hotel Saramatt, Dimapur on November 27. (Morning Photo)

and behold! The first 10 seconds into the book and I was already charmed. The book had me from the very first chapter," she said. Stating that the experience is best when you don't know what to expect, Muri said that she will reveal little to no spoilers on the book. "Becoming the Light" as a book is more elaborate than your average hero versus villain narrative.

The fantasy fiction unfolds the story of a young man on his heroic quest within a universe where there is magic and supernatural powers surrounding. The book speaks to a relatively larger group of audience. While there are elements of action and adventure, which can be thrilling and exciting for younger readers, it is also at the same time "very bleak and mindboggling for the older readers as well," she said. In this sense, Muri said that the book could be a personal favorite for both the younger and older audience. "As you read on, one cannot help but notice the creative aspect of writing. There is a rich use of scenic words that stimulates the reader's sense of sight, touch and movement along with the characters."

The author's power of imaginative storytelling keeps you immersed in the skillfully designed world of magic that he has created, she added, further appreciating how the book offers both leisure reading for a good weekend, as well as bringing out the good aspects of family, love, belonging, human virtues like courage, integrity and also life affirming questions like "Who am I and what is my purpose in life?"

Celebrating the man of the hour, or rather "the author of the hour", Muri whose friendship goes back to 2012, acknowledged Aley for letting her be a part of the book launch and also hoped that the book follows a sequel.

Aley in his recent, acknowledged his family and friends on being a part of a "major milestone" in his life. The 30-year old author thanked God, his families, friends and everyone who helped him in different aspects in bringing his dreams to life. The whole 3-year journey on writing the book has made Aley closer to God and also taught him the art of patience and to trust "God's timing always."

A trivia, he spilled out was that "Becoming the Light" is part-one of the super-hero saga. "Please continue to support writers, because without them, there would be no storytellers and there would be no meaning to words," he added in his concluding remark. The author currently works as a Coordinator for LaunchPad at YouthNet and Joint Director at Dimapur 24/7.

Role of NPS cadre crucial to Nagaland Police: Patton

'Uphold the law without, partiality and nepotism'

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The Nagaland Police Service Association (NPSA) commemorated its 50th anniversary on November 27. Speaking at the programme held at the Nagaland Police Complex, Chümoukedima, Deputy Chief Minister, Y Patton said that the Nagaland Police Service with its crucial role in the field level "may be termed as the backbone of the Police Department in the State."

According to the Deputy CM, the deliberations and discussions at the NPSA conference over the years have been of immense value to the Nagaland Police in formulating policies pertaining to Police administration of justice in the state. "I hope that the Association will continue to maintain this tradition and legacy... for the betterment of the Police force."



Deputy CM, Y Patton and DGP T John Lonkumer and NPS officers after unveiling a monolith commemorating the 50th founding anniversary of the Nagaland Police Service Association on November 26 at the Nagaland Police Complex, Chümoukedima.

Further, as the most visible representative of the government, he said that the police are expected to be accessible, interactive and disciplined, he said. He also added a word of caution stating that the government cannot tolerate any kind of irresponsible behavior, indiscipline and laxity in the execution of duties. "As responsible public

servants, the Police Officers, therefore, must uphold and enforce the law of the land without favour, partiality and nepotism," he said.

"And a constantly changing technological scenario, he said that it calls for upgrading skills and expertise built around knowledge of technology, economics and sociology. While stating that the require-

ments to keep pace with the fast advancement of technology has never been more, he said, "Our emphasis should continue to be on modern, effective and sensitive security architecture that inspires a sense of safety among all sections of society."

As for the government, he claimed that it is doing its best to bring about improvements whether in the service matters, promotions and other infrastructural and organizational requirements of the state police.

The Director General of Police, T John Lonkumer recalled his association with the NPS cadre beginning with the deployment of NAP (IR) units for counter-insurgency operations in Chhittagongh some 15-16 years ago. "But I am proud to tell you that the NPS officers were better in the art of war than most," he said.

For the younger generation of NPS officers, he said, "You have a challenge to live up to the legacy of your senior NPS officers—present, retired or departed." While stating that the NPS cadre has throughout striven hard to remain together, he thought added that it alone should not be the end.

He further called upon the members to introspect as to the necessity of having an association 50 years ago. "You should introspect as to whether you are enhancing the legacy further or there have been some detritions. If not, then you should set a time frame for achieving the same."

NPSA President, Teiso-vise Metha, said that the association has been able to reach where it is today because of the contributions provided by all members throughout the 5 decades. "Contemplate if you have been able to repay to the NPS for what it has given to you," he added.

Japfü Christian College celebrates Silver Jubilee

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"A college maintains its integrity as a Christian College, when it maintains an integration of Christian thinking with universal thinking, the wholeness of the person and that of an integrity that lands credibility to a college where it calls itself a Christian College," Dr Kethoser Aniu Kevichisa stated this speaking as the guest speaker during the Silver Jubilee celebration of the Japfü Christian College on November 27.

Stating that a typical Christian college, smoking and drinking is prohibited, prayer meeting and chapel are conducted and vibrant evangelical Union, choral groups or host of Christian activities which also helps in growing faith. He however added that a lot of typical Christian colleges conspicuously misses Christian thinking.

"There is little or no integration of biblical clue and Christian thinking in the subjects that are taught in the curriculum. Subjects are



Japfü Christian college choir during the flag hoisting at the 25th anniversary celebration of Japfü Christian College held on November 27. (DIPR Photo)

taught well but completely independently, autonomously and securely with no relation whatsoever to the Christian faith. As such Christian mind is abandoned or no barring about this disciplines," he said.

Dr Kethoser Aniu in this line said, Christian thinking is not just thinking by a Christian but thinking christianly by a Christian about anything and everything in a consistently Christian way. Supplementing that the best place to do Christian thinking and to teach Christian thinking is not the Church but the Christian College, he said, "We must try to look at all our

subjects, syllabi and to teach and learn from a distinctly Christian perspective so that our understandings of subjects are deeply biblical and Christian perspective."

'Jubilee a defining moment'
Dr Visakhonü Hibso, Principal, Japfü Christian College in her speech said described the jubilee as a defining moment of the Japfü Christian College and reminisced the history as being a shared dream for all years to come adding that every responsible elder have always played a mentoring and parental role to JCC, adding that academics in JCC are

interwoven with Christian principles and ethics, with our motto 'Faith & Work'.

Many reliable men and women of God from JBCC, UESI Ministry, and Churches and beyond have pointed so many staff and students to the way of Salvation, the principal said that the college has about a 1000 students' strength and 42 staff and faculty members. Apart from that JCC with a B+ NAAC is eligible to receive RUSA Funding from UGC if GoN allows. However, Hibso said the JCC is desperately trying to search and pull relevant men and women into the podiums to be role

models of students.

The principal added that thus far, 2409 students have graduated from Japfü Christian College till mid 2021. Many more have completed their PU Arts/Senior Secondary Courses successfully and gone to pursue varied careers.

Pioneer Principal, Hüsazu Epao also reminisced that the college is now in its Olympic age, dynamic, striving and vibrant. He urged to carry the torch with Christian faith and lead the college forward and the need to grow intellectually and through wisdom and a place where lifelong virtues will be developed such as humility, courage, charity etc to lead, to think and write and learn critically.

Other speeches were delivered by Kigwema Village Council Chairman Bale Kere, Dr Akho Yokha, Chairman BOM and Khalkho Khammtungan, President Alumi, JCC. Dr Soraisam Bhojen gave the vote of thanks and blessing prayer was commended by Rev Vilhounet-o Tact.



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NE has huge potential of border tourism, wildlife tourism: Bhatt

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International Tourism Mart commences in Nagaland

A three day long 9th International Tourism Mart (ITM) for North East Region under the aegis of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India with Nagaland government as host commenced here today.

Addressing the inaugural session here at State Banquet Hall, Ajay Bhatt, minister of state for tourism and defence, Government of India said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed from the Red Fort that everyone should visit North East, it has immense tourism potential.

"The simple nature and hospitality of the people here is incomparable, which I am experiencing myself," he said.

Stating that tourism and culture complement each other, Bhatt said "If our culture is rich, then tourism is the best way to know and understand this richness."

Bhatt added that in this Tourism Mart we are emphasizing on domestic tourism.

About 75 sellers from the Northeast and about 50 buyers from the country are participating in the Mart.

Many parts of this region are still untouched from the point of view of tourists. There is a huge potential of



Ajay Bhatt, Nelpihu Rio and others at the inaugural session of ITM in Kohima on November 27. (Morning Photo)

border tourism and wildlife tourism," he added.

Bhatt further said that this year 50 students from different parts of the country have got an opportunity to know and understand Northeast India through the programme.

He also asked the ambassadors of different countries to motivate the tourists of their country to visit this region of India.

"The Government of India is doing many things for the development of tourism in the Northeast. To prepare the infrastructure, the Government of India has sanc-

tioned funds in the northeastern states under the 'Swadesh Darshan and Prashad' schemes. Under the 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme, 16 projects have been approved in the North-East these have been completed or are nearing completion," he said.

He appealed to State Governments to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava with great enthusiasm.

NE region will emerge as one of favourite tourism and business destination in India: Rio

Also addressing the gathering, Nagaland's chief minister Nelpihu Rio expressed the hope that the International Tourism Mart in Kohima will give a boost to the tourism and business sector not only in Nagaland but the entire Northeast.

"We are hopeful that this event should bring together the tourism business fraternity and entrepreneurs from the Northeast states; and that it will give a boost to the sector in Nagaland as well as the entire North East," Rio said.

Rio said that ITM 2021 is the right initiative of the Ministry of Tourism, Gov-

ernment of India for promoting tourism in the Northeastern region, adding "It rightly showcases the great opportunity the cultural wealth and scenic beauty provides for the tourism sector."

Rio hoped that Northeast region will emerge as one of the favourite tourism and business destination in India.

Going by a media account, he said that tourist inflow into the northeast region increased from 71.62 lakh during 2014-2015 to more than one crore visitors in 2018-2019.

He hoped that the dis-

tinguished delegates at the ITM would deliberate and find new ideas to harness the full tourism potential in the Northeast.

"I am confident that with the united and concerted efforts of the eight North East states and all the stakeholders who are part of this Mart, the tourism industry will get the necessary boost," he said.

"Let us remind ourselves that tourism is not just visiting and seeing new places. Tourism is about experiencing new culture, understanding the diversity of life, and looking at the world with new eyes. The people of the Northeast region are more than willing to walk with the fast-advancing world towards progress — they are now also welcoming the world into the rich spaces of their cultures, and their hearts," Rio added.

ITM - biggest travel networking event in NE region

Arvind Singh, secretary Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, said, "International Tourism Mart is biggest travel and tour networking event in the North Eastern Region of the country."

The rich natural beauty, serenity and exotic flora and fauna of the North Eastern India are invaluable resources for the development

of tourism especially ecotourism.

He said that the facilities for tourists to stay, for food, shopping, entertainment are improving tremendously.

Singh added that Travel & Tourism is one of the world's largest economic sectors, creating exports and prosperity around the world.

Indian Tourism sector has emerged as one of the key drivers of growth for Indian economy.

The event was attended by the High Commissioner, Brunei Darussalam, High Commissioner, Malaysia, Ambassador Extra Ordinary, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Ambassador, The Socialist Republic of Vietnam, amongst other attending dignitaries and diplomats.

Other high-ranking officials from participating Ministries/Government bodies are also going to be part of the event.

The three-day event will be attended by over 300 delegates including government officials, industry stakeholders and local participants. In line with the Prime Minister's vision of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', the delegation also includes students from across the country, who as part of a study tour, will be interacting with local stu-

dents and immersing themselves in the region's rich heritage and culture.

In addition to these, the event also includes presentations by state governments on their tourism potential and a vibrant exhibition by State Tourism Departments from the North Eastern region to showcase the tourism products of the respective participating states. Various engaging discussions on several aspects of tourism and unique tourism products in the North East Region and their potential are also a part of the event.

MoU sign for operations of SSIM in Dimapur

An MoU was signed during the inaugural session between the Department of Tourism, Government of Nagaland and Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) for operations of State Institute of Hotel Management in Dimapur.

Earlier welcome address was delivered by H H Kehvoti Yephthomi, advisor Tourism, art & Culture, Nagaland while vote thanks was proposed by Rupinder Brar, Additional Director General, Ministry of Tourism, GoI.

Meanwhile, day two session on November 28 at the Naga Heritage Kisan will start from 9:AM onwards.

Detection of new COVID cases continues to drop in Nagaland

IDSP says no reason to drop one's guard

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As the World Health Organisation (WHO) classified a new SARS-Cov-2 strain as a 'variant of concern', detection of new cases dipped for the fourth week straight in Nagaland. The state logged 36 new cases for the week (November 20-26) but more than three-fourth of the 7-day total was reported from Dimapur—the most populous district in the state.

Dimapur accounted for 43 and 4 each in Kohima, Mokokchung and Kiphire, while the other districts did not report a single new case. It came at a sample positivity rate of 1.8 percent.

There were 38 recoveries: Dimapur-25, Kohima-6, Kiphire-3, Mokokchung-2, Wokha and Zunheboto-1 each.

Only 1 death was reported from the week, which, as per the state Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), occurred in Dimapur. As per the IDSP's weekly COVID roundup released on November 27, the median age of COVID-19 deaths is 33 years with the youngest being a 2-day old infant and the oldest being a 106-year old.

Gender-wise, more males have succumbed to the virus. The official death toll, as on November 27, was 680, out of which 475 were males.

"17 new COVID-19 hospital admissions were recorded from COVID-19 hospitals (same as past week) signifying continued transmission of COVID-19 in the community," the IDSP added.

Vaccination
There was a slight improvement in vaccination. The state's vaccination tally was tipped at 24,143 doses, rising from the previous week's tally of 17,818 doses. It was likely an effect of the door-to-door (Har har dastak) campaign. Since October, the state's vaccination graph had plotted downward course.

The sum of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered rose to 12.76 lakh but the IDSP noted, "Coverage remains much lower than the national coverage which could have a significant impact in the coming weeks."

Variant of Concern
The IDSP further informed that with the WHO classifying a new Variant of Concern (VOC), named OMICRON, the Union Health Ministry has instructed all states to conduct rigorous screening and testing at Points of Entry."

The new variant has so far been reported from South Africa, Botswana and Hongkong and the WHO has cautioned all countries for increased surveillance and sequencing.

Note to citizens

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The New Variant of Concern (Omicron) can spread to any country or state if adequate measures are not taken.

COVID-19 deaths and hospitalizations are mostly happening in unvaccinated people and low coverage pockets across the world, and it is now 'The Pandemic of the Unvaccinated'. In Nagaland, COVID-19 deaths are being observed mostly among the unvaccinated. 87% of COVID-19 deaths in the second wave did not receive even a single dose and less than 2% of deaths are fully vaccinated.

Though daily reported cases have declined in the state, we still see an average of 27 new COVID-19 hospital admissions and 4 deaths every week in the past month which indicates that COVID-19 transmission is continuing in the community.

India has vaccinated more than 80% of all eligible beneficiaries by the first dose but Nagaland remains one of the least vaccinated states in the country which could have a significant negative impact on the severity of the subsequent waves.

Courtesy: IDSP, Nagaland Health & Family Welfare Department

NSF suggests to postpone exam

KOHIAMA, NOVEMBER 27 (ME&N): On the issue of the 'Old Semester undergraduate examination', the Naga Students Federation (NSF) in a letter addressed to the Vice-Chancellor, Nagaland University has placed "suggestions" that the proposed examination as notified by Nagaland University for 'Undergraduate students' in the first semester be postponed to February 2022 or till such time as may be deemed necessary for completion of courses and the examination be conducted via offline mode so that fair and transparent assessment of students is ensured. In the letter, expressed regret for the "unfortunate turn of events leading the students community to the street demanding for an alternate mode of examination is unprecedented." The suggestions were made in light of the postponed exam and considering the limited number of classes conducted and bounded time duration for coverage of courses, it stated.

Nagaland law students reiterate plea for online exams

DIMAPUR, NOVEMBER 27 (ME&N): The student unions of the three law colleges under Nagaland University reiterated its open letter to allow law students to sit for online examination in an open letter to the university's Vice-Chancellor on Saturday.

Citing an earlier representation on the same matter which was submitted on November 23, the union presidents of City Law College Dimapur, Mokokchung Law College, Kohima Law College reiterated that it was "irrational" to expect the law students to go for offline examination when offline classes were conducted for with hardly one month, and "without taking any remedial measure to see the teaching and learning process of student's at large [sic]."

It said that it was "illogical to sacrifice the students while chasing the objective of the University as expecting the students to go for three semester examinations within hardly seven months is self-defeating." Such a system will not be able to produce any students with quality education despite strict offline examination, it said, adding that the law courses as a professional course student deserving professional academic standards.

The unions also reasoned that "offline examination is not the only process of imparting quality education," and as such, requested the VC to see "whether enough time has been invested towards imparting quality education to the students."

"Putting forth their grievances, it further requested the VC to decide on a solution for the student's welfare while considering imparting education to the students as the priority. Stating it is upon the University to make a decision on the best option for the students, it reiterated that the "the three College Students Union stand in unity against imposition of examination with hardly one month offline class after odd semester exam."

PCAN stand by NU's decision on offline exams

DIMAPUR, NOVEMBER 27 (ME&N): The Private Colleges Association Nagaland (PCAN) on Saturday endorsed the Nagaland University's schedule to conduct the semester examinations through the offline mode, stating that it is in the interest of all the stakeholders.

Dismissed by the recent unexpected protests by some "misguided students", the PCAN through its President Zevuhu Keyho issued a press release, stating that "The launch of agitation at this point is unwarranted and we do not agree with their attempt to pressure the University through public demonstrations to conduct the examinations through online mode."

Stating that online classes and examinations which were adopted as extraordinary measures during an extraordinary situation when the pandemic brought disruption to the academic schedule, cannot become the norm, the PCAN emphasised that "The demand for online examination on the argument of 'what began online must end online', is a false equivalence, and is not reflective of matured reasoning." This, it said, would

"compromise quality, devalue merit and sacrifices the very essence of quality education at the altar of convenience."

Postponing the examinations will result in delay of the declaration of the VI Semester results, which will be disadvantageous to students who wish to apply for admission into PG and allied courses in quality educational institutions, the PCAN also underscored.

Further, the PCAN stated that it has steadfastly stood for quality education since its inception, as the quality and pace of the State's development and progress of its society, depends a large extent to the pool of quality human resources. "Quality education is a key component for the desired progress. PCAN therefore, is deeply concerned and vigilant about the issue of quality education," it stated while adding that it "fully endorses offline examinations and in the time frame of the present routine notified by NU."

"This we believe is in the interest of all the stakeholders, amongst whom the students are the main section," it added.

NFR organizes Kisan Rail Road Show



MALIGAON, NOVEMBER 27 (ME&N): The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) organised Kisan Rail Road Show on November 26 at Udalguri of Assam. The programme was graced by the BTR (Bodoland Territorial Region) Chief Pramod Boro along with the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Ashok Dey, Assistant Operations Manager (Goods) Techi Kumar of Rangjia division and farmers from Udalguri area.

During the event, the BDU (Business Development Unit) team of Rangjia division directly interacted with farmers and various aspects of Kisan Rail were explained to the attending members of the farming community. As a part of the BDU initiatives by NFR, meeting with various stake holders are being held regularly to help farmers for ease of transportation of their produce to large market and to boost the local economy.

The NFR, Chief Public Relations Officer Gauhati Kisan in a press release stated that NF Railway has set up Business Development Units at all the divisions i.e. Katihar, Alipurduar, Rangjia, Lumding and Tinsukia and also at Zonal Head Quarters level to increase the freight transportation volume.

NAGA LITERATURE PRIZE CALENDAR

The Gordon Graham Prize for Naga Literature (GGPNL) 2021 season will kick off in the last week of November. The Season's calendar is as follows:

- NOVEMBER 29 (KOHIMA)**
Book Exhibition and Sale of Naga Authors (Hotel Japfu)
- NOVEMBER 29 (KOHIMA)**
Talk on Numbers in Nagaland: A History in Three Episodes by Dr Vikas Kumar
- NOVEMBER 29**
Interaction at Japfu Christian College (For JCC only)
- NOVEMBER 29 (KOHIMA)**
Book Readings by Naga Authors
- NOVEMBER 30 (KOHIMA)**
Book Exhibition & sales of Naga Authors
- Interaction between authors, writers and media
- Literature Award Function
- GGPNL winners will be published by Fair Observer**

"Naga society has proved to be among the most resilient among the world. It has seen centuries of change compressed in a few decades. The expanding British and the modern day states of Myanmar and India are home to the Naga peoples, a loosely defined yet cohesive group of ethnic groups. As many groups in Africa, the Nagas are beginning to record their own history and fashion their own narratives."

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NOTIFICATION

In view of the forthcoming UG examinations scheduled from 3rd December, 2021 and other related issues, the Vice Chancellor, Nagaland University, desires to have an emergency meeting with all the Principals of colleges affiliated to NU. Hence it is hereby informed that all Principals should attend the said meeting as per the schedule below:

Venue : Examination Conference Hall, Nagaland University,
HQ Lumami. Date : 29th November, 2021 (Monday).
Time : 11.30 am.

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(DR. MAONGSANGBA)
Controller of Examinations

Ngada cum Mini-Hornbill Festival celebrated in Kohima



Remnga Public Organization Kohima organized its annual general session cum Ngada celebration 2021 (Mini-Hornbill Festival) at Naga Solidarity Park, Kohima on November 27.

KOHIMA, NOVEMBER 27 (MEXN): The Remnga Public Organization Kohima (RPOK) organized its annual general session cum Ngada celebration 2021 (Mini-Hornbill Festival) at Naga Solidarity Park, Kohima on November 27.

A press release received here stated that RPOK President, Khinyi Wok in his address encouraged the gathering to foster good relationship with neighbours and friends being residents of the state capital. Reflecting on the achievements of the organization over the past few years with reminiscence, he called upon the gathering to strive towards continuing promoting and protecting the identity and welfare of the community in line with the organization's motto, "Identity and welfare".

He encouraged the youths to look beyond their collar gate towards entrepreneurship and self-employment. He further encouraged the youths to take explore towards the field of mass media and law which are integral for promoting the interests of their community.

During the function, a certification of recognition was also presented to writer, Joseph S Thong in recognition of his prolific and immense contributions in the field of Naga and Remnga Vernacular literature.

Ngada greeting was delivered by Kenilo Apon, IAS Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Nagaland while K Gwanilo Hmb shared on the meaning, significance and Ngada practices to the gathering. Testimonial Cultural Troupe Kohima made cultural presentation. Kenny Semp presented the Secretary report and Treasures report was delivered by Senchuya Kath.

During the gathering, a new team of officers bearers for the tenure (2021-24) under the Presidency of K Gwanilo Hmb was dedicated by Ahyulo Kemp, Associate Pastor, RBCK.

The programme chaired by RPOK Vice-president, Yhunchilo Khing while invocation was pronounced by Lechito Tep, Associate Pastor, Remnga Baptist Church Kohima, welcome address by RPOK, Vice-President, Kegwanyo Tep. Word of gratitude was delivered by Eron Hmb while benediction was delivered by Senenle Apon, Associate Pastor, RBCK followed by the grand Ngada feast.

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Wokha: SVEEP campaign highlights students as agents of change

WOKHA, NOVEMBER 27 (MEXN): As part of the Systematic Voters, Education & Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activities for 2021 a signature campaign was conducted on the theme 'My Vote Not for Sale, I take Pledge for Clean Election', at the Wokha Deputy Commissioner Office Complex on November 27.

Around 120 students from nine schools and two colleges participated in the campaign which was organised by the Election Department Wokha.

SDO (C) Wokha, Selemia S Sangtam while briefing the student's said, this campaign was organised with a view to create awareness among the student's about Clean Election. She said that the Election Commission of India (ECI) is of the view that first-time voters who are eligible to get enrolled in the Electoral roll should be sensitized before getting enrolled so that they are aware of the entire election process.

Selemia also said that election is a process where the people elect their representatives to form a Government, thereby making elections one of the most important pillars in a democratic country. The success and failure of election in a democratic country depends on responsible citizens who should try to maintain a clean electoral roll, she added.



Students taking part during the signature campaign at Wokha on November 27.

Discouraging the practise of doing multiple entries, the SDO (C) requested the students and others who have already attained the eligible age and are yet to get themselves enrolled, to get enrolled only one polling station according to the ECI's 'One Man One Vote' mandate. She also discouraged voters from practising proxy voting.

"Your vote is your voice, rights and power and if you sell your vote you are selling your voice, rights and your power and by doing so you are selling your vote to a meaningless future," she added while appealing all voters to exercise their franchise in fairness.

Assistant Election Officer, Wokha, Aketo Shohie encouraged the students to be agents of change and lead by example by choosing the right leaders without indulging in any malpractices. Urging the students to show good examples to the society, the officer also informed school administrators and college Principals to constitute Electoral Literacy Clubs at the earliest.

Kohima Lotha Elo Ekhung inducts new office bearers



Outgoing office bearers of KLEE (2019-2022) with the Chumchanbeni Kikon, Director, SCERT during the 30th annual general meeting of KLEE held at Kohima on November 27.

KOHIMA, NOVEMBER 27 (MEXN): The 30th annual general meeting of Kohima Lotha Elo Ekhung (KLEE) cum induction of new office bearers of KLEE for the term 2022-2024 was held at AMK Ki, Kohima on November 27 with Director, SCERT, Chumchanbeni Kikon as the special guest.

In her address, Kikon expressed her happiness and thanked the Almighty over the success and achievement of Lotha women in various fields during the last 30 years, since the beginning of KLEE in 1991. She exhorted the gathering about the importance of mastering skills in one's life, as this will take one forward in life. She reminded all to retro-spect on the importance of self-management, self awareness, social awareness, and relationship management as these are important tools to survive in a society.

Kikon said that while working in a group, it is important to praise and acknowledge one another, so as to forgive one another, to keep the team spirit going. She called on the Lotha women to maintain relationship among themselves, to help one another in good and difficult times, and most importantly, to maintain quality relationship with God.

The outgoing President, KLEE, Nzanbeni Kithan said that in recent years, Lothas are fortunate to have leaders who work for the general welfare and well-being of the community, and at present, Lothas are blessed to have three (3) women Heads of Departments working under the State Government. She thanked all for their co-operation and looked forward to working together in the days to come. The new President, KLEE, Renponi Ezung sought the prayers and blessings for the new team as they carry out their activities.

The programme was chaired by Rose Kikon, Joint Secretary, KLEE; invocation was offered by Renbeni Kikon, Elo Esopvui, AG Church, Kohima; special folk song was presented by the Yachurmaro Cultural Club; benediction was delivered by Thungchanbeni Kikon, Vice-President, KLEE; and benediction was offered by Adeno Ezung, Eramoe, Lotha Catholic Khumshum Kohima. Arhoni Kikon, Convenor welcomed the newly inducted office bearers of KLEE, who were blessed through prayers by Nyanchumi Kithan, Ex-Elo Esopvui, KLBC. The programme was also attended by President, Kohima Lotha Holho, Pankathung Tsangho and his team, and a host of women from different walks of life.

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Longleng UIP health workers receive refresher training

LONGLENG, NOVEMBER 27 (MEXN): The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Longleng conducted one-day district level Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) refresher training for cold chain handlers, DEO and VCCM training at CMO conference hall on November 27.

A press release from the CMO office stated that CMO Dr Obangjunga delivered the opening remarks and introduction to the participants which included cold chain handlers (CCH), DEO and Vaccine Logistics & Cold Chain Managers (VCCM) and staffs from CMO office.

Resource person Rajesh

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Awareness Programme on Beekeeping was conducted by Nagaland Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM) in collaboration with Central Institute of Horticulture (CIH) Medziphema, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare at Tuzatsu village under Uhek district. In all 50 beekeepers attended the programme with Er Khuyoyi Vese, Deputy Team Leader as Resource Person.

Nagaland Directorate Ministerial Service Association 3rd biennial conference held

KOHIMA, NOVEMBER 27 (MEXN): Nagaland Directorate Ministerial Service Association (NDMSA) held its 3rd biennial conference cum general meeting at Capital Convention Centre, Kohima on November 27.

According to a DIPR report, NDMSA President, David Jemu, in his presidential address, reminded everyone to be more diligent, dutiful and sincere towards entrusted responsibilities, wherever one is placed as public servant. He said that ministerial officials are the backbone and the pillars of departments, offices cannot be run without ministerial services. Henceforth, he urged the members to give importance in work culture. Ministerial officials are the backbone and the pillars of departments, offices cannot be run without ministerial services. Henceforth, he urged the members to give importance in work culture.

He reminded all the members to be responsible towards the association and carried forward, as every single member is the

sole responsible for sustenance of association even in the days to come. He said that the members of the Association should be Government to kindly listen and consider the request and requirements without further delay as pleaded repeatedly from the pay structures and promotional zone.

NDMSA General Secretary Kehelpeu Sephe, in his brief report highlighted that the Association came into existence on 30th July 1975, whereby the cadre members of the Association comprise of the Directorates LDAs, UDAs, Asst. Superintendents, Superintendents and Registrar's totaling about 1480 members from 62 Directorate Offices in Nagaland. As of now there are 479 posts of UDAs and 681 posts of LDAs.

He mentioned that during the 1st meeting of the present executive which was held on 20th February, 2020, it was decided to pursue the previous long pending issues of Administrative Officer

(AO) post and reduction of qualifying years of promotion as priority, which were questioned from cabinet cell and for which the association met the concerned officials several times and is expected that there will be a positive outcome within a short period of time.

He further stated that the Association had met meeting on 10th March, 2021 and deliberated on the issue related to the registrar post occupation by non-ministerial staff outside the parent department on 06/06/2021, without over ruling in any case, as such practice will deprive promotional zone drastically. In this context, from latest correspondence was made on 1st November, 2021.

NDMSA, Advisor, Botovi Sema, in his brief report pointed that the Association will be celebrating the Golden Jubilee soon but the achievement is no

way near. Therefore, he requested all the members to be responsible in their respective departments for the betterment of the coming generation. He further, requested the members not to depend on office bearers only but to take equal responsibility and jointly work to achieve the demand we have put forward to the Government.

A new team of office bearers for the tenure 2021-2023 was inducted with I Lanusanen Jamir, Superintendent, PHQ, as the president and Seng Cho, UDA, Labour Commission, as the Vice-President.

The programme was chaired by Vice-President, NDMSA, Vilavotuo Vincent Sote. Supovng Meeren, in his brief report presented a brief report representing Dimapur Unit, NDMSA. While Treasurer Report was presented by Treasurer, NDMSA, Abel Tsopoe and vote of thanks was delivered by Kehelpeu Sephe, General Secretary, NDMSA.

CM to dedicate 4-lane RCC arch bridge over Sanuoru River

KOHIMA, NOVEMBER 27 (MEXN): Nagaland Chief Minister Nephthiu Rio will be dedicating 4 lane RCC arch bridge over Sanuoru River at Secretariat Road, Kohima on November 29 at 9:00 am.

Traffic Advisory
In view of the dedicatory programme, Superintendent of Police Kohima in a traffic advisory, informed the general public that the road stretch from High School Junction to Sanuoru Bridge will be closed for vehicular traffic on November 29 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM in view of the dedicatory programme of 4 lane Arch Bridge over Sanuoru bridge. Commuters have been requested to take Timpatti junction - DRS

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- Billy Graham road or High School junction - High Court junction, Merima - NBCC convention hall for conveying towards New Secretariat. The Kohima Police has requested the public for "kind cooperation in this regard."

BJP Kohima district executive meeting held



Dignitaries and members of BJP Kohima district during the executive meeting on November 24.

KOHIMA, NOVEMBER 27 (MEXN): The BJP Kohima district conducted its district executive meeting-cum-annual picnic at the Nagaland State Bharat Scouts & Guides Training Centre, Nerhema in Kohima district on November 24 last.

Speaking on the occasion, BJP Nagaland state council member & former MLA Er Levi Rengma thanked Nagaland state BJP president Temjen Imma Along for inducting the state secretary Lanukum as in-charge of Kohima district.

He stressed on the ideologies of BJP, saying that BJP stands only on the philosophy of 'Nation first'.

BJP Kohima district president Khritelle Usou and Nagaland state BJP secretary and Kohima district in-charge Lanukum also spoke at the programme. The programme was chaired Kedoru Lhoungu, secretary, BJP Kohima District.

BJP Kohima district general secretary, Pelengto Peseyie presented the district activities report while vote of thanks was proposed by BJP Kohima district secretary, Hanchule Jemu, according to a release issued by Nini Cheng, Co-Chief Spokesperson, BJP Nagaland.



CJI: Legislature does not conduct studies or assess impact of law, leading to big issues

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27 (PTI): Chief Justice of India (CJI) N Ramana on Saturday said the legislature does not conduct studies or assess the impact of the laws that it passes, which sometimes leads to "big issues" and result in over-burdening of cases on the judiciary.

He also highlighted that simply re-branding the existing courts as commercial courts, without creating a special infrastructure, will not have any impact on the pendency.

Addressing judges and lawyers, CJI Ramana said, "We must remember that while the legislature has the authority that we may encounter, our mission to render justice cannot stop. We have to march on in pursuing our duty to strengthen the judiciary and protect the rights of the citizenry."

The CJI, who was speaking at the valedictory ceremony of Constitution Day celebrations in the presence of President Ram Nath Kovind and Union Law Minister Kiren Rijju, said the issue of pendency of cases in the judiciary is multi-faceted in nature and hoped that the government would take into consideration the suggestions received during this two-day programme and resolve the prevailing issues.

"Another issue is that the legislature does not conduct studies or assess the impact of the laws that it passes. This sometimes leads to big issues. The introduction of Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act is an example of this. Now, the



President Ram Nath Kovind (C) with Chief Justice of India Justice N.V. Ramana (L) and Union Minister for Law and Justice Kiren Rijju (R) during the valedictory ceremony of the 'Constitution Day' celebrations, organised by the Supreme Court, in New Delhi, Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021. (PTI Photo)

already-burdened magistrates are further burdened by thousands of these cases. Similarly, re-branding the existing courts as commercial courts, without creating a special infrastructure, will not have any impact on the pendency," he said.

Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act deals with dishonour of cheques for insufficiency of funds in bank accounts.

The CJI lauded the announcement of the Union law minister that the government has allocated Rs 9,000 crore, a substantial amount, for the development of judicial infrastructure.

"However, as I have highlighted yesterday, funds are not the problem. The problem is with some of the states not coming forward to

match the grants. As a result, the central funds largely remain unutilised," he said. "That is the reason why I am proposing a special purpose vehicle of judicial infrastructure authority. I beseech the minister to take this proposal to a logical conclusion. I also urge the minister to expedite the process of filling judicial vacancies," the CJI said.

He added that the purpose of the two-day meet was to highlight the dedication to constitutional principles and on Friday, he had mentioned how even the well-informed sections of the society are unaware of the importance of the Constitution.

"Although we are tirelessly working to uphold the Constitution, there is still a need to spread more understanding about the Constitution. If people are unaware about their rights and entitlements, they cannot claim benefit from the same. People also need to know the scope and limitations of the rules ascribed to the different organs of the State. We need to clear the prevailing misconceptions," he said.

The CJI said many people in the country believe that it is the courts that make the laws and there is another set of misunderstandings relating to the belief that the courts are responsible for liberal acquittals and adjournments.

"However, the truth is that the public prosecutors, advocates and parties -- all have to cooperate with the

judicial process. Non-cooperation, procedural lapses and faulty investigation cannot be blamed on courts. These are the issues with the judiciary that need to be addressed," he said, adding that this is one of the reasons he is so glad that all the chief justices and senior judges in the country were able to participate in the event.

Referring to Attorney General KK Venugopal's suggestions given on Friday, where he proposed restructuring of the judicial system and altering the hierarchy of the courts, the CJI said this is something that merits consideration by the government.

"Since Independence, I do not think there has been a serious study to consider what exactly should be the

Cannot be in situation where it is difficult to implement laws: Rijju

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27 (PTI): One cannot be in a situation where it becomes difficult to implement laws passed by the legislature and verdicts delivered by the judiciary, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijju said here on Saturday.

At times, in a bid to seek their rights, people forget about the rights of others as well as their own duties, he said, addressing the concluding session of the two-day Constitution Day programme organised by the Supreme Court.

There is a need to find a balance between fundamental rights and fundamental duties, the minister added.

He noted that bills passed by Parliament and state legislatures, and verdicts delivered by the Supreme Court are the laws of the land.

"Aisi naubat hum kaise dekh sakte hain ki Supreme Court ya high court, assembly ki Supreme Court parit kar de phir bil laga karne mein agar musibat hota hai, toh hum sab ko sochna hoga (We cannot be in a situation where it becomes difficult to implement laws despite being passed by

the Supreme Court, or high courts or Assembly and Parliament. We will have to ponder over it)," Rijju said.

Legislature, judiciary, executive, all sections of the society have to think as the country is run as per the Constitution," he added.

President Ram Nath Kovind, Chief Justice of India N V Ramana and judges of the Supreme Court and high courts were present on the occasion.

The minister's remark came ahead of the Winter Session of Parliament which begins on Monday, where the government has listed a bill to repeal the three farm laws.

The repeal of the three legislations has been one of the key demands of around 40 farmer unions protesting against the reforms for nearly a year now.

On November 19, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the withdrawal of the three laws, saying the government could not convince the protesting farmers about their benefits. He had also urged them to end the protest and return home.

Govt to introduce bill in Lok Sabha to repeal contentious 3 farm laws

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27 (PTI): To repeal the three contentious farm laws, the government on Monday will introduce in Lok Sabha a new bill, which states that though "only a small group of farmers are protesting" against these legislations, the need of the hour is to take along everyone for inclusive growth.

The bill has been listed for introduction and passage in Lok Sabha on the first day of the Winter Session of Parliament on Monday.

The bill was passed by the Union Cabinet after Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an announcement that all three farm laws will be repealed in the Winter Session.

The bill will be introduced by the Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar in the house.

The ruling BJP and main opposition party Congress have issued whips to their MPs to be present on the day.

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar will move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020, the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020 and to amend the Essential Commodities

Act, 1955. Also to introduce the bill, Lok Sabha's list of business for November 29, states.

Despite the prime minister's surprise announcement to repeal the bills, farmers' unions have announced that they will continue with their protest until their other demands are not met. However, they have called off their proposed tractor March to Parliament on Monday.

"To enable the farmers to sell their produce at higher prices and benefit from technological improvements, farmers have been provided access to agriculture markets which will help them increase their income. With this objective three farm laws... were enacted, as a part of the government's endeavour to improve the condition of farmers including small and marginal farmers," the bill to repeal three farm laws states.

It also says that even though "only a group of farmers are protesting against these laws, the government has tried hard to sensitise the farmers on the importance of the farm laws and explain the merits through several meetings and other forums".

Without taking away the existing mechanisms available to farmers, new avenues were provided for trade of their produce, the proposed legislation states.

US & 6 other nations urge tight ban on arms sales to Myanmar

BANGKOK, NOVEMBER 27 (AP): The United States and six other nations issued a joint statement Friday calling on the international community to suspend all assistance to Myanmar's military, and expressing grave concern over reports of human rights abuses by its security forces.

The statement comes as fears of an escalation of violence grow in the Southeast Asian nation, whose army is attempting to crush an increasingly active armed opposition movement seeking to end military rule.

"We are concerned about allegations of weapons stockpiling and attacks by the military, including shelling and airstrikes, use of heavy weapons, and the deployment of thousands of troops accompanying what security forces assert are counter-terrorism operations, which are disproportionately impacting civilians," the statement said.

It said the rights violations include "credible reports of sexual violence and torture," and highlighted the country's northwest, where tens of thousands of people have been reported to have been displaced by government attacks.

The countries issuing the



A small group of protesters hold a banner which reads in Burmese "Do not support the bloody education, revolt until the end" while calling for a boycott of the education system under the military government that ousted Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi during a flash mob rally in Tarmwe township in Yangon, Myanmar, Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021. (AP Photo)

statement -- the U.S., Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea and the United Kingdom -- already have embargoed arms sales to Myanmar, whose army seized power from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi in February. They also have instituted targeted diplomatic and economic sanctions meant to

pressure the ruling generals behind the takeover.

Such measures, though hurting Myanmar's economy, have done little to help restore democracy and peace. China and Russia are allies of the military-installed government, and as members of the U.N. Security Council, have effectively blocked concerted international action to

isolate the generals. Beijing and Moscow are also the top suppliers of arms to Myanmar.

Friday's statement, released by the U.S. State Department, applauded a consensus declared earlier this month by the U.N. Security Council, which called for "the immediate cessation of violence, protection of civilians, and full, safe and

unhindered humanitarian access." The consensus, issued as a press statement, has no binding power and falls short of the influence a formal resolution would carry.

Friday's seven-nation statement called on the international community "to suspend all operational support to the military, and to cease the transfer of arms, materiel, dual-use equipment, and technical assistance to the military and its representatives."

Myanmar's crisis escalated quickly after February's military takeover, which sparked widespread non-violent pro-democracy demonstrations. Security forces used violence to put down the protests, killing almost 1,300 civilians, according to a tally kept by a political prisoner research organization.

The repression led the military opponents to take up arms. U.N. experts have said the country now risks sliding into civil war.

Faced with increasing opposition in both the cities and the countryside, there is fear the military may launch an all-out offensive, especially as the annual rainy season comes to an end, allowing it to move easily maneuver.

EXPLAINER: What is this new COVID variant in South Africa?

Maria Cheng
Associated Press

WHAT IS THIS NEW COVID-19 VARIANT?

South African scientists identified a new version of the coronavirus this week that they say is behind a recent spike in COVID-19 infections in Gauteng, the country's most populous province. It's unclear where the new variant first emerged, but scientists in South Africa first alerted the World Health Organization and it has now been seen in travelers to Belgium, Botswana, Hong Kong and elsewhere.

Health Minister Joe Phaahla said the variant was linked to an "exponential rise" of cases in the last few days, although experts are still trying to determine if the new variant is actually responsible.

From just over 200 new confirmed cases per day in recent weeks, South Africa saw the number of new daily cases rocket to 2,465 on Thursday. Struggling to explain the sudden rise in cases, scientists studied virus samples from the outbreak and discovered the



People with masks walk at a shopping mall in Johannesburg, South Africa, Friday Nov. 26, 2021. Advisers to the World Health Organization are holding a special session Friday to flesh out information about a worrying new variant of the coronavirus that has emerged in South Africa, though its impact on COVID-19 vaccines may not be known for weeks. (AP Photo)

recombination with this variant," accompanied to other variants.

"The number of cases of this variant appears to be increasing in almost all provinces in South Africa," the WHO said.

number of mutations -- about 30 -- in the coronavirus' spike protein, which could affect how easily it spreads to people.

Sharon Peacock, who has led genetic sequencing of COVID-19 in Britain at the University of Cambridge, said the data so far suggest the new variant has mutations "con-

sistent with enhanced transmissibility," but said that "the significance of many of the mutations is still not known."

Lawrence Young, a virologist at the University of Warwick, described omicron as "the most heavily mutated version of the virus we have seen," including potentially worrying changes never before seen in all the same virus.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S. top infectious diseases doctor, said American officials had arranged a call with their South African counterparts on Friday to find out more details and said there was no indication the variant had yet arrived in the U.S.

infected and if vaccines are still effective against it.

Peter Openshaw, a professor of experimental medicine at Imperial College London said it was "extremely unlikely" that current vaccines wouldn't work, noting they are effective against numerous other variants.

"We don't know if some of the genetic changes in omicron appear worrying, it's still unclear if they will pose a public health threat. Some previous variants, like the beta variant, initially alarmed scientists but didn't end up spreading very far."

"We don't know if this new variant could get a toe-hold in regions where delta is," said Peacock of the University of Cambridge. "The jury is out on how well this variant will do where there are other variants circulating."

To date, delta is by far the most predominant form of COVID-19, accounting for more than 99% of sequences submitted to the world's biggest public database.

ARE THE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS BEING ENFORCED BY SOME COUNTRIES JUSTIFIED?

Maybe. As of Nov. Friday, travelers arriving in the U.K. from South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho, Eswatini and Zimbabwe will have to self-isolate for 10 days. European Union nations also moved quickly on

Friday to ban air travel from southern Africa, and the U.S. also said it would ban travel from South Africa and seven other African nations by non-US citizens beginning Monday.

Given the recent rapid rise in COVID-19 in South Africa, restricting travel from the region is "prudent" and would buy authorities more time, said Neil Ferguson, an infectious diseases expert at Imperial College London.

Jeffrey Barrett, director of COVID-19 Genetics at the University of Cambridge, thought that the early detection of the new variant could mean restrictions taken now would have a bigger impact than when the delta variant first emerged.

With delta, it took many, many weeks into the next wave before it became clear what was going on and delta had already seeded itself in many places in the world and it was too late to do anything about it," he said. "We may be at an earlier point with this new variant so there may still be time to do something about it."

HOW DID THIS NEW VARIANT ARISE?

The coronavirus mu-

tates as it spreads and many new variants, including those with worrying genetic changes, often just die out. Scientists monitor COVID-19 sequences for mutations that could make the disease more transmissible or deadly, but they cannot determine that simply by looking at the virus.

Peacock said the variant "may have evolved in someone who was infected but could then not clear the virus, giving the virus the chance to genetically evolve," in a scenario similar to how experts think the alpha variant, which was first identified in England -- also emerged, by mutating in an immune-compromised person.

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Dimapur: East Police Colony gets official recognition

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East Police Colony (EPC) on Saturday organized a 'Recognition Program' here at Salt Christian College to mark the official recognition of the colony by the State government.

President, Naga Council Dimapur, Etsungmomo Kikon, who graced the program as special guest in his address congratulated East Police Colony for becoming the 99th government-recognized colonies in Dimapur.

The NCD president said with the recognition, the colony would have better access to development and government welfare schemes.

Kikon also said the new status of the colony would entail greater responsibility for the colony council in particular on how to run the affairs of the colony including peaceful and harmonious co-existence, cleanliness and civic sense.



President NCD, Etsungmomo Kikon, along with members of East Police Colony Council and others at the recognition program of the Colony, Saturday. (Morning Photo)

He noted that almost all colonies and localities in the commercial hub lack civic sense and in the process hampering development as well as creating discord amongst residents and neighbours.

The NCD president also stress on the need for all colonies to co-operate with the Dimapur Municipal Council so that the city becomes a cleaner and healthier place to live in. Stressing on the need

for the every colony council to be effective, inclusive and transparent, Kikon also said the colony councils and residents should always remain alert to the threat posed by anti-social elements and drugs.

He further urged the citizens in general to follow Covid-19 appropriate behavior as Dimapur still accounts for the highest Covid-19 positive cases in the state.

Chairman of East Police Colony, L. Toshil Ao, in his address dwelled on the sacrifices and efforts of pioneers of the colony, past and present members of the colony council to pursue recognition of the colony.

Earlier, GB of EPC, Khezho in his welcome address said the recognition of the colony was a long-felt desire of the approximate 3,000 residents of the colony.

Highlights of the programme included presentation of folk song by EPC women wing, special number by Ketsunio Theyo, thanksgiving prayer by Rev. Rakhu Livi, pastor Police Baptist Church. Advisor, EPC Council, Vikheka Assumi, proposed vote of thanks.

CM calls on officers to take ownership, know policies and governance of issues



CM Neiphiu Rio speaking at Kohima DPDB Day Out cum Pre-Christmas held at Dzuii Resort, Ruisoma on November 27. (DIPR Photo)

KOHIMA, NOVEMBER 27 (MEXN): Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio said the officers posted in the state capital have to contribute not only for their departments but to contribute towards all round development of the capital town. He said this while addressing the Kohima District Planning and Development Board (DPDB) day out cum Pre-Christmas held at Dzuii Resort, Ruisoma on November 27.

According to a DIPR report, the CM emphasized on Registration of Indigenous Inhabitant of Nagaland (RIIN). He stated that "each responsible elected officer should know and take the ownership to identify the indigenous person during the certification process to avoid mistakes as it is a sensitive issue." He also spoke on SARFAESI, where he said, "As responsible privilege Government servants, one should know all the policies and governance of the issues."

Stating that the activities of Kohima Smart City had geared up, Rio emphasized on sanitation by adding that cleanliness of the whole district of Kohima including the villages and the capital city should be kept

cleaned. He said a competition on cleanliness drive amongst the colonies and wards be conducted and be awarded and recorded in order to encourage them and also to have a good feeling of living in the district. "As a stakeholders, all of us should take the ownership and let us work together to improve our Smart City and should not be ashamed of our town but should be proud to live in Kohima," he stated.

"As we are approaching the festive month and in a celebration mood for the Hornbill festival and Christmas season setting in," Rio requested the gathering to approach the churches, individual homes, business centers/shops to light up the city with Christmas stars and lights giving positive message to welcome the tourists and dwellers to celebrate the birth of 'our Lord Jesus Christ.

Informing that the Cultural Hall near NSF Martyrs Park will be inaugurated on December 1, Rio asked all the officers to attend the programme. He said that the cultural hall is a national and international standard hall which will be a center of activities. Rio also informed that

in other to promote "our" singing, a choir singing competition with a total prize money of Rs 5 lakh will be held on December 8 and 9, where churches have been invited to participate with December 7 as the last date of entry.

Advisor for Veterinary & Animal Husbandry and Women Resources Development, RKhing also spoke on the occasion. Advisor for Technical Education and Election, Medo Yhokha chaired the programme while CMO Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo said the invocation prayer.

The DPDB agenda for the day were discussed and approved by the board while vote of thanks was proposed by ADC Kohima N Bhavani Sri, IAS followed by Christmas gift exchange among the members. Legislature & Administration team led by the CM, Rio won the exhibition volleyball match played between the Legislature & Administration team the DPDB team. Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Dr. Nelkiesalle Nicky Kire; Advisor Youth Resources & Sports, Zote Nethcha and MLA, Keizhakho Nakhro also attended the programme.

Choir competition at Hornbill Festival on Dec 8 & 9

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KOHIMA, NOVEMBER 27 (MEXN): Celebrating the choral heritage of the Nagas, an open choir competition will be organised as part of the Hornbill Festival.

The choral celebration is open to all and it will be held on December 8 and 9 at the newly constructed Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima. With state-of-the-art facilities and JBL equipped sound-system, this will be a musical event worth experiencing. Entry is free, stated a press release received here. This event is organised and managed by Brillante Management.

"Embracing the spirit of celebration, this competition is open to any choir and invites all choirs and singing groups to register and take part. The repertoire can be of any genre and any language. With a total of Rs 5 lakh in cash prizes to be won, this is an opportunity that must be seized," it stated.

For any information, contact: +919863541175.

'Winter Fest' for pets and families in Dimapur

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Two-day 'Winter Fest' for pets and families organized by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner of Dimapur, Rajesh Soundararajan, IAS at Dimapur Government College ground on November 27.

Addressing the inaugural function, the DC Dimapur said that SPCA Dimapur is one of the most active in the entire state and is "one step ahead and very proactive." He observed that on the awareness and the way we treat the pets and the conducive atmosphere we create for the pets is concerned, the state is still in an initial state.

"But I am definitely sure that the animal lovers and passionate people and the state as a whole, the love of pets or any other animals, we will move forward towards betterment," the DC said while adding that "if one really respects God and anyone who have accepted God can even subject any form of cruelty."

The DC Dimapur later formally announced the 'Winter Fest' for pets and families open.

Earlier, the invocation was said by Anne, pastor,



'Winter Fest' for pets and families organized by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) at Dimapur Government College ground on November 27.

The warehouse Church; welcome address by Marian Rao, executive secretary, SPCA Dimapur; vote of thanks by N Joseph Lemtur, vice president, SPCA Dimapur;

Music for the Soul by Kekhrle Ringa; Hands of Heaven by Maria Cherednikova were the highlights of the inaugural programme. The event which is open

for free from 1:00 pm till 8:00 pm features Pet café, Pet Grooming, Dog Fashion Show, Micro chipping and kidney testing of pets, live music etc.

Six students awarded OSTD Academic Excellence Award



Ongpangkong Watsui Telungiem Dimapur presenting a special song during the seminar held at IMC hall, Dimapur on November 27.

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As part of the golden jubilee celebration scheduled to be held in February 2022, the Ongpangkong Senso Telungiem Dimapur (OSTD) organised a seminar at IMC hall on November 27.

During the programme, six students were awarded the OSTD Academic Excellence Award. The award recipients included Alemlina Longkumer (Ungma) 15th HSLC-2020; Imlikokla Longkumer (Mokokchung)

Top 15th HSLC 2020; Temjenliela Imchen, (Mangmetong) Top 13th HSLC 2020; Alikala Jamit, (Ungma) Top 9th HSSLC 2020 (Commerce); Imlisungla Ponggen, (Longmisa) Top 1st HSSLC 2021 (Arts); and Yimtiyong Longkumer, (Ungma) Top 7th 2021 (Arts).

For the seminar, the resource persons Included Director, Symbios Creations Pvt Ltd, L. Mongkum Jamir; Former member, NPSC & UPSIC, Dr. P. Kilemsungla spoke and former Principal, Dimapur Government College, Akok Walling.

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Khrietsonyü is Tsütuonuomia Wrestling Heat champion



Winners of Tsütuonuomia Wrestling Heat cum Open Under-16 with others on November 27. (Morung Photo)

Our Correspondent Kohima | November 27

Khrietsonyü Whuorie and Kevisazolie Solo today emerged champion title of Tsütuonuomia Wrestling Heat and Open Under-16 event respectively. The Wrestling Heat was organised by Tsütuonuomia Youth Organisation at T'K'hel Indoor Stadium, Kohima Village. Khrietsonyü Whuorie defeated Vzikietuo Suohu in the final bout to emerge the champion title. Khrieba-zo Solo and Kevisatuo Solo stood third and fourth position respectively. The champion received Rs 30,000 while 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners awarded with Rs 20,000, Rs 15,000 and Rs 10,000 respectively. In open Under-16 category, Kevisazolie Solo won against Neiphrekhotuo Belho in the final bout to bag the champion title. Seyzezeko Solo, Rüdihoulie Belho and Medovituo Whuorie bagged third, fourth and fifth position and received Rs 10,000, Rs 7000, Rs 5000, Rs 3000 and Rs 2000 respectively. Group A emerged as the group champion and received Rs 5000.

Axar takes five to bowl out New Zealand for 296, India 14 for 1



Indian bowler Axar Patel celebrates the dismissal of New Zealand batsman Tom Blundell during third day of the first Test cricket match between India and New Zealand, at Green Park stadium in Kanpur on November 27. (PTI Photo)

KANPUR, NOVEMBER 27 (PTI): Axar Patel continued his golden run in favourable home conditions, grabbing another five-wicket haul to put India in the driver's seat after New Zealand were bowled out for 296 despite an opening stand of 151 on the third day of the first Test here on Saturday. The left-arm spinner had a couple of dream sessions when he finally found the ideal pace and turn off the surface to completely derail New Zealand's steady first innings. His final figures read 34-6-62-5 as India got a crucial 49-run first innings lead, which increased to 63 at stumps. Ravichandran Ashwin was also on the money as he bowled 42.3 overs to finish on 3 for 82, inching closer to becoming the third highest Indian wicket-taker in Test cricket. Gujarat man Axar has been terrific since he donned the India whites at the start of the year and now has as many as 32 wickets in just three and half Tests. The five-for was his fifth having already got four in the three Tests against England. However, he will cherish this one a bit more considering that the track was not as diabolical as the ones in the England series (second Test in Chennai and the Pink Test in Ahmedabad). At stumps, the hosts were 14 for 1 after losing Shubman Gill (1) for the second time to Kyle Jamieson, who again found a gaping hole between his bat and pad. With the deliveries keeping wickedly low, New Zealand's chances of fighting it out in the fourth innings will be very low.

It was in the post-lunch session that Axar finally sent down a classical left-arm spinner's delivery. There was a delivery that had a bit of air and pitched on length drawing Taylor forward and then turned enough to take an outside edge which went to substitute keeper K S Bharat. Bharat came in after regular stumper Wriddhiman Saha complained of a stiff neck. Nicholls also tried sweeping a much fuller delivery which turned back in and he was found leg before. Having understood that on a slower track like this one, the pace off the pitch needed to increase, Axar gave it a tweak at decent clip which saw Latham beaten all ends up. Bharat fumbled before he could effect the stumping. Prior to that, Latham hardly had any lapse of concentration as he played 47 overs of the New Zealand innings. Later on, Axar got Tom Blundell (13 off 94 balls), who looked to merely survive and finally got a 'shooter' that cleaned his defence. Southee became his fifth victim trying to play inside an arm ball which turned enough to hit the off stump.

Tuensang District Football Association Cup commences



DEF Tsg in grey jersey vs Excel Naga in blue jersey in the 1st match of the TDFA Cup at the parade ground, Tuensang on November 27. (Morung Photo)

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The inaugural programme of the Tuensang District Football Association (TDFA) cup was held at Parade Ground, Tuensang on November 27 with the theme "Rebuild". S Keoshu, Member of Legislative Assembly, Nagaland graced the occasion as the special guest and stated, "Today, we are not in par with other fellow Nagas to compete in education but let us make use of sports as a platform to reach greater heights. I am glad that you have organized this tournament with great expectations." "We must nurture young talents as well, by giving platform at present and one of the best things to learn from being a professional sports person is that it keeps our body healthy and being a sports person, we become well-disciplined automatically and also we become respectful towards others." Altogether, 21 teams are participating in the tournament. The winner of the tournament will walk away with a cash prize of Rs 70,000 along with trophy, medals and certificates while runners-up will receive a cash prize of Rs 40,000 along medals and certificates. A cash prize of Rs. 5000 will also be awarded to the winners of Golden Ball, Golden Boot and Golden Glove. The TDFA officials will also select players for Tuensang district football team from this tournament to participate in the final end of the first half to keep the scoreboard from moving. In the second half, both the teams resumed the momentum from the first half as both custodians were kept busy defending. It was set to end in a draw as the final whistle was nearing and with a match in hand for the two teams in their group, the focus was towards their next matches. However, a similar foul from the first half happened resulting in a penalty decision in favor of the men in khaki. Roto (12) converted the penalty in the 56th minute successfully this time. Excel Naga players did not let this turn in events break their spirit and hurled attacks against their opponent but a brilliant display of goalkeeping

Shane Warne not amused with Smith's return to leadership role

SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 27 (IANS): Australian spin wizard Shane Warne is not amused with the fact that former captain Steve Smith can return to the leadership role, David Warner would remain suspended from captaining or vice-captaining his country again during his cricketing career. Smith, who has served a one-year ban for his involvement in ball-tampering in 2018, was appointed vice-captain of the Australian Test side ahead of the Ashes series, beginning at the Gabba in Brisbane on December 8. "Warne is not happy with the dichotomy in punishment for the same crime. He made his displeasure known by slamming the fact while Smith could return to a leadership position Warner would remain suspended from taking up the leadership role of the Australian team. "We all love Steve Smith and are proud that he's the best Test batsmen in the world again," Warne wrote in his column for the Herald Sun on Saturday. "But he should not be the Australian vice-captain. "Everyone makes mistakes, we know that and we've all moved on from sandpaper-gate. But that happened under Steve Smith's captaincy; he allowed that to happen on his watch. I think the punish-



inauguration of the Tuensang District Football Association Cup. The inauguration was held at the parade ground sports meet 2021. The inauguration was presided by President United Tribes of elderly leaders Union as special guest at Indoor badminton stadium Tuensang on 26th November 2021. All together 49 departments participated in Table Tennis, Carrom and Badminton events. Overall winner of the inter-departmental sports meet was Manjiv Singh under Steve Singh. The winner of Men's single badminton was Dr Ioshua Keppen DH and in women single category was Akolka of district jail. For badminton men's double the winners were Dolen & Imti of DEF and for mixed double Y Tomukam & S Ailia Sao Chang Government College. The winner of Table Tennis Men's single was wati Akum DEF and Women's Single Songmo Lam CMG bagged winner and the runner of mixed double Rozakva Sangtam & Chly Sangtam of District Administration won the first position. In carrom competition Akumlong of NST was the champion while Dr Temjen sunep and Thangginlen selmen of district hospital won the men's double match.

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