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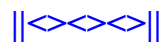
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THE MAINPOINTS:

- Nagaland to hold Mudra Promotion Camp tomorrow; aims to give awareness on various services, programmes and benefits available.
- Centre directs all state food safety commissioners to take strict action against those involved in food adulteration.
- Wokha district records 90 per cent deficiency in food production according to Agri survey report, says Agri Extension KVK.
- Northeast emerging as new 'StartUp' destination, says Union DONER Minister.



In line with the nationwide launch of Mudra promotion campaign carried out in different parts of the country, Nagaland will hold a special camp on the Financial Inclusion Camp-Mudra Promotion Campaign in Kohima tomorrow. This was informed by the State Chief Secretary Pankaj Kumar today at a press conference held in his office. The Chief Secretary said the programme is organized with the focus to give adequate awareness about the various services, programmes and benefits available so that people will be benefited from the schemes. While highlighting the statistics of financial inclusion schemes of the state, Pankaj informed that as on 30th September this year, under the Prime Minister Jan Dhan Yojana, 2 lakh 12 thousand 7 hundred Sixty-five accounts have been opened by 29 banks. He said under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, it had enrolled 33 thousand Eight Hundred Thirty persons, 65 Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty enrollment under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and Prime Minister Atal Pension Yojana with 1852 enrollment. While under Mudra Loan Scheme, a total of 17 thousands Eight Hundred Twenty-five accounts have been opened with a total amount of 217 Crore rupees disbursed to the beneficiaries. While, under Stand Up India scheme, 89 accounts have been created with 29.24 crore rupees been given to the beneficiaries. It may be mentioned that the camps will have facilities on handholding for downloading BHIM app, and live demonstration of various digital transaction.



Centre has directed the food safety commissioners of all the states to take strict action against those involved in food adulteration. Talking to reporters at a function to commemorate World food day in New Delhi today, Minister of State for Health Ashwini Kumar Choubey asked the concerned officials to remain vigilant against any kind of adulteration during this festive season. However, he also cautioned them not to unnecessarily harass sweet shop owners. On the occasion, the Minister also launched a mobile app IFRA (Indian Food Recovery Alliance) to prevent food wastage. The app is created by Food Safety and Standard Authority of India to manage surplus food recovery and stop food waste in the country. It also creates a network of food recovery agencies and bring together donating bodies, beneficiaries and volunteers.



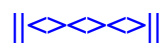
A commemorative function of the World Food Day was held in Wokha today. Speaking on the theme “Change the future of migration, Agri Extension KVK, B.L Mhalo said, inspite of the district exporting Agricultural and Allied production Unit the district is facing 90 per cent deficiency in food production according to survey report, which need to be given immediate attention, she stated. Saying that food is a basic and fundamental human right, Mhalo stressed on addressing the root cause of internal and international migration and in harnessing the developmental potential of migration especially in terms of food security and poverty reduction. ADC, Wokha Thavaseelan who graced the occasion as the chief guest said that the focus must be to eradicate hunger and malnutrition. He said, the challenges are to address the structural drivers of large movements of people to make safe, orderly and regular. In this way, the ADC said, migration can contribute to economic growth and improve food security and rural livelihoods.



Union Minister of State of DoNER, Dr Jitendra Singh has said that the Northeast is fast emerging as the new "StartUp" destination for youngsters from all over India. Addressing the two-day National Convention on "Transforming Northeast India" yesterday, Dr Jitendra Singh said, with the improvement in connectivity and transport facility in the last two years, more youngsters are now heading towards the North-Eastern States to venture into entrepreneurship and take advantage of its unexplored potential. Dr Jitendra Singh while pointing out areas for future StartUps said food production, home tourism, medical and healthcare trend has picked up in the recent two to three years. He said, the encouragement given to the private corporate sector has now resulted in the opening of new hospitals within the region itself and young entrepreneurs are taking the lead. Making a mention about the already empowered women in the Northeast, Dr Singh said the recent initiatives of encouraging Self Help Groups to promote household entrepreneurships, in which young StartUps have come forward and opted to work in the sector of handloom and textile. He further called upon the youngsters to make the best use of Centre’s “North East Industrial Promotion Policy” as well as the special budgetary support offered to the industry.



The National Theatre Festival 2017 held in Mokokchung from 10th to 15th October was successfully concluded yesterday. Speaking at the closing function ADC Mokokchung, W Manpai Phom appreciated the initiatives and efforts of the National School of Drama for promoting Theatre Art in India. He said by organizing such Theatre Festival in a remote place of the State speaks volume of the commitment of the institution. He thanked all the participants representing different states for their active contribution in promoting Theatre Art saying that coming together from different regions and sharing different Cultures, Traditions and Customs reflects the Unity in Diversity of the great nation.



Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman commissioned an indigenously-built anti-submarine warfare stealth corvette INS Kiltan into the Indian Navy at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam today. The Minister said, INS Kiltan strengthens India's defence system and will be a shining armour in 'Make in India' programme as it is totally built indigenously. A Navy statement said, this is the third of the four Kamorta-class corvettes being built under Project 28. INS Kiltan is the first indigenous major warship to have joined the Indian Navy's arsenal.



Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijju today said the rights of indigenous people of Arunachal Pradesh would be protected and they would not be let down because of Chakma and Hajong refugees. The Supreme Court had in 2015 directed the central government to grant citizenship to Chakma and Hajong refugees, mostly staying in Arunachal Pradesh. The nearly one lakh refugees came from the erstwhile East Pakistan five decades ago. The Minister called upon all stakeholders, including the state government and the apex student body All Arunachal Pradesh Students Union, to coordinate their efforts to solve the vexed issue.



Mohun Bagan today won the 37th All India Governor's Gold Cup football tournament for the 10th time by defeating Partha Chakra by a narrow 1-0 margin. In Hockey India beat Pakistan 3-1 in a pool encounter of the 10th men's Asia Cup hockey tournament in Dhaka today. With this win, India finished on top of Pool A with nine points from three games. Meanwhile, in the FIFA Under-17 World Cup, two pre-quarterfinal matches will be played at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi today. While Colombia played Germany earlier this evening, the United States will meet Paraguay at 8 PM. The Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata, which has a capacity of 66,687 will host the final on October 28.

