11 die after consuming spurious liquor in Manipur in three days

IMPHAL, NOVEMBER 20 (IANS): At least 11 people, mostly young and middle-aged, have died, while around 180 others have been hospitalised over the past three days, allegedly after consuming spurious liquor in Manipur's Chandel district, officials said on Friday.

Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh visited two private hospitals to enquire about the health condition of patients who fell ill after allegedly consuming spurious liquor.

A police official said that a 50-year-old man, identified as Hrangbung Beruwng Anal, first died at his residence in Nungpan village on Wednesday night. Subsequently, ten more people died on Thursday and Friday in different villages of Chandel district. They reportedly died either while being taken to hospitals or at local Primary Health Centres (PHCs) or Community Health Centres (CHCs).

Over 180 patients from Chandel district have been admitted to various hospitals after falling ill following the consumption of spurious liquor.

Chandel District Superintendent of Police Dharmendra Kumar, in a report submitted to the Deputy Commissioner of Chandel district, Mamoni Doley, said that the adulterated liquor reportedly consumed by the victims had been purchased from Sugnu in neighbouring Kakching district.

The mountainous Chandel district shares an unfenced border with Myanmar.

A district administration official said that, in view of reports of deaths suspected to be associated with the consumption of adulterated liquor in Chakpikarong subdivision and adjoining areas of Chandel district, the general public has been advised to exercise utmost caution.

The exact cause of the deaths is yet to be medically established and remains under investigation, the official said. He also said that there was no known local brewing or manufacturing of local wine in Chandel district. The circumstances surrounding the deaths are being treated with utmost seriousness, the official added.

"Members of the public are strongly advised to refrain from consuming locally brewed liquor or alcoholic beverages of doubtful origin, particularly from suspected sources in the affected areas, until further notice," an official statement said. It added that the exact cause of the deaths is yet to be medically and scientifically established and is under investigation.

The Chandel district administration, as a precautionary measure, has issued seven-point advisories in the interest of public health and safety. The advisory includes refraining from consuming locally brewed liquor or alcoholic beverages of doubtful origin, particularly from suspected sources in the affected areas, until further notice.

"Any person experiencing vomiting, abdominal pain, headache, dizziness, blurred vision, breathing difficulty or other unusual symptoms following alcohol consumption should immediately seek medical attention at the nearest health facility," the advisory said.

A senior official of the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said that the Chief Minister on Friday visited two hospitals in Imphal West district and Imphal East district and enquired about the health conditions of persons undergoing medical treatment following the consumption of adulterated liquor.

During the visits, Khemchand Singh interacted with the doctors and hospital authorities and took stock of the medical treatment being provided to the patients. The Chief Minister further assured that the state government would extend support to those undergoing medical treatment in hospitals and wished them a speedy recovery.

Describing the incident as unfortunate, he said that necessary action would be taken. He directed the authorities concerned to conduct an enquiry to identify those responsible for the incident.

Khemchand Singh also maintained that the culprits would be arrested soon. The Chief Minister informed that to tackle the emerging situation, a medical team including specialists in general medicine along with medicines has been sent to Chandel district.

It may be noted that over 180 patients have been admitted in the two hospitals so far, while the death toll has reached 11 in the last 48 hours. The patients are from various villages of Chandel district.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by the officials of the Health Department and senior government officials during the visit.

HORNBILL FESTIVAL 2026: Nagaland tests emergency preparedness with mock drill

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Government agencies today emphasised the need for a coordinated approach among all stakeholders towards responding to disaster-related casualties to ensure timely action and reduce the burden on individual responders.

The emphasis came during a live Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Mock Drill conducted at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama, as part of preparedness measures ahead of the Hornbill Festival 2026. The exercise was initiated by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland, with support from the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA).

The mock drill simulated a bomb hoax and subsequent stampede during an inaugural ceremony at the Heritage Village, resulting in 30 simulated casualties. The exercise tested the response capabilities of participating departments and agencies in handling a mass casualty situation, including emergency response, rescue operations, medical assistance, casualty evacuation, triage and inter-agency coordination.

Agencies from the civilian, military and paramilitary sectors also participated in the exercise to establish a common platform for coordinated response and management.

During the exercise, NSDMA, District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Deputy Commissioner, Police, Traffic Police, 154 General Hospital, Zakhama, SDRF, Fire and Emergency Services, Red Cross and volunteers from Kigwema and Phesama were present.

Addressing media after the exercise, Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Kohima, Dr Leamnyei Konyak, said the involvement of multiple agencies was particularly significant as the Health Department had traditionally shouldered much of the responsibility during mass casualty incidents, including earthquakes and landslides.

He said the participation of various departments and organisations has helped ease the burden of each responders.

Explaining the rationale behind the exercise, State Nodal Officer, Department of Health & Family Welfare noted the forthcoming Hornbill Festival brings large gatherings of people, making it necessary for agencies to be prepared for possible emergencies such as stampedes, fire incidents and other unforeseen disasters.

The simulated casualties were categorised under the standard triage system of red, yellow, green and black, based on the severity of injuries and medical requirements. The exercise also incorporated procedures for the safe evacuation of VVIPs in the event of an emergency.

While describing the exercise as a successful and valuable learning experience, Kikon acknowledged that certain areas required further refinement. He also informed that observers were deployed at various locations, including the staging area, Naga Hospital Authority, Kohima, 154 General Hospital, PHC at Jakhama, Kimifuphe and other private hospitals, to assess different aspects of the response.

"The observations and findings will be consolidated to identify gaps, strengths and areas requiring improvement, Kikon said adding that the exercise was not intended to demonstrate a perfect response but to help agencies assess their preparedness and improve existing standard operating procedures.

The nodal officer meanwhile stressed that although the mock drill was based on a pre-planned scenario, an actual disaster could occur without warning.

"In such circumstances, an effective command and control structure, seamless communication and clearly defined responsibilities at all levels would be crucial in ensuring a timely and coordinated response," he further added.

NFR undertakes signalling, track safety upgrades across zone

MALIGAON, NOVEMBER 20 (MExN): The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) undertook several infrastructure and safety initiatives in October 2026, including signalling upgrades, system integrity testing and track maintenance, to strengthen the safety and reliability of train operations across its zone.

As part of the initiatives, Thick Web Switch Point machines with clamp-type locking were installed at six stations each in Katihar and Lumding divisions, four stations each in Alipurduar and Rangiya divisions, and three stations in Tinsukia division.

System Integrity Testing was conducted at seven stations across Katihar, Rangiya and Lumding divisions. An extensive testing drive covering 40 level crossing gates was also completed across all divisions.

To further strengthen signalling infrastructure and improve safety at level crossings, four sliding booms were commissioned at various gates across Lumding, Alipurduar and Rangiya divisions.

In track maintenance, tamping machines attended to 835.85 track kilometres (Tkm) during October, taking the cumulative coverage to 6,606.85 Tkm. The machines also attended to 376 points and crossings during the month, taking the cumulative total to 2,670.

NFR also tested 2,426.97 Tkm of track through Ultrasonic Flaw Detection (USFD) during October, taking the cumulative coverage to 15,881.57 Tkm.

Additionally, 824 flash butt (FB) welds were tested using Phased Array Ultrasonic Testing (PAUT) technology during the month, taking the cumulative number to 12,585.

The railway said the infrastructure upgrades and maintenance measures were aimed at reducing potential risks, improving operational reliability and enhancing the overall capacity of railway operations.

NFR said it remained committed to strengthening railway infrastructure through regular monitoring, timely maintenance and technological upgradation to ensure safer, more efficient and punctual train services.

'The Making of a Naga Statesman' chronicles S C Jamir's political life

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20 (MExN): A new book tracing the political journey of veteran Naga leader S C Jamir and his role in the history of Northeast India has been published by Hachette India.

Titled The Making of a Naga Statesman: S.C. Jamir and the Politics of Northeast India, the book is authored by Jungshi Jamir, nephew of the veteran politician. It traces Jamir's journey from Ungma village in Nagaland to the national political arena, where he served as a parliamentarian, Union minister, four-time chief minister of Nagaland and governor of four states.

Drawing on extensive interviews and family access, the book examines Jamir's involvement in significant developments in independent India while exploring issues of Naga identity, sovereignty, insurgency, violence and peace.

The book also recounts Jamir's survival of several attacks on his life and his association with successive prime ministers, from Jawaharlal Nehru, under whom he served as parliamentary secretary, to Narendra Modi, during whose tenure as Gujarat chief minister Jamir served as governor of the state.

The publisher described the book as both an intimate portrait of a politician and a historical account of India, viewed through the experiences of one of its frontier states.

Scheduled for nationwide release on November 19, the book seeks to document Jamir's life and the political history of the region through his experiences and participation in public life.

Jungshi Jamir is an assistant professor of International Relations at a university in Nagaland. He holds an MA in Politics and International Relations, specialising in Diplomatic Studies, from Keele University, and studied History with Political Science at California State University, Bakersfield, where he graduated with Dean's List honours.

He has published peer-reviewed research on higher education in Northeast India and accompanied his uncle through years of public life, including during his tenure at Raj Bhavan, Bhubaneswar, when SC Jamir was governor of Odisha.

The author writes from both his perspective as a family member and his academic background in history, the publisher said.

The book has received endorsements from Lok Sabha MP Shashi Tharoor, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma and retired IAS officer Khekiye K Sema.

Tharoor described it as a timely book on a figure deserving wider recognition beyond the Northeast, while Sangma recommended it to readers seeking to understand leaders who shaped the region.

Sema said the book offers factual insights into historical events and the Naga history, describing it as a worthwhile read for those seeking to revisit the region's past.

The hardback edition, published by Hachette India, has 280 pages and is priced at Rs 799. Its ISBN is 9788167140029.

VIT ranks 293rd globally, fifth in India in QS Sustainability Rankings

VELLORE, NOVEMBER 20 (MExN): Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) has secured the 293rd position globally and fifth rank in India in the QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2027, improving its global standing by 59 places from the previous edition.

According to a press statement issued by VIT Chancellor Dr G Viswanathan, the university scored 81.2 overall, moving up from its previous global rank of 352nd and entering the global top 300. It was ranked seventh in India in the previous edition.

The 2027 edition of the rankings assessed approximately 2,000 universities worldwide.

The QS Sustainability Rankings evaluate universities across three core pillars — Environmental Impact, Social Impact and Governance.

Attributing the improved ranking to the university's sustainability-focused initiatives, Viswanathan highlighted several measures implemented across the campus.

A 441 kW solar panel installation over vehicle-parking areas generates 650 MWh of electricity annually and helps prevent an estimated 470 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions, the statement said.

Food waste generated in student hostels is recycled to produce 200 kW of electricity, while around 15 tonnes of woody waste is converted into bioenergy annually.

The university has also enforced a strict ban on single-use plastics and maintains a green, tree-filled campus that supports native and seasonal bird species.

VIT's entry into the global top 300 reflects its initiatives in sustainable campus operations, clean energy generation, waste management and biodiversity conservation, the statement added.

Nagaland's Vitamin A coverage at 56.5%, below national average of 74%: NFHS-6

Campaign launched to boost Vitamin A, vaccination coverage among under-5 children

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The Department of Health and Family Welfare (DoHFW), Nagaland, launched a Social and Behaviour Change (SBC) campaign titled "Complete Protection: Vaccination + Vitamin A up to 5 years" on November 20 at the conference hall of Directorate of Health & Family Welfare.

The programme aims to improve Vitamin A supplementation and vaccination coverage among children, amid concerns over the state's coverage rate.

According to data cited at the launch from NFHS-6, only 56.5% of children aged 9-35 months in Nagaland received Vitamin A in the previous six months, against the national average of 74%.

Launching the SBC campaign, Principal Director and Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), Dr Keveduyi Theyo, said Vitamin A is essential for children's healthy growth and development, strengthening immunity, protecting against infections and preventing deficiency.

He said ensuring every eligible child receives the recommended doses of Vitamin A along with timely vaccination is crucial to building a healthier generation. The campaign, he said, was an important initiative to create awareness, encourage community participation and ensure no child is left behind in accessing essential health services.

Theyo thanked Vitamin Angels and other partners for their continued support, expressing hope the partnership would continue in the years ahead.

Delivering the keynote address, State Programme Officer, NHM, Dr Hentok Phom, highlighted the need to improve Vitamin A supplementation coverage in Nagaland.

Citing NFHS-6 data, he noted that while the state had improved from 45.6% in NFHS-5, coverage remained a concern. He said the challenge was not the availability of supplies or reluctance among caregivers, but largely a gap in awareness and communication, with many parents unaware of the recommended frequency of supplementation or when the next dose was due.

Phom said the campaign would address this gap through simple, practical communication tools, including posters at health centres, take-home cards for mothers, voice messages in Nagamese through ASHAs, standardised registers for ANMs and recording the next due date in the Mother and Child Protection (MCP) card.

Emphasising the campaign's message, he said protection does not end with vaccination but continues through Vitamin A supplementation every six months from nine months to five years of age. He urged District Immunisation Officers and Chief Medical Officers to ensure campaign materials reached every session site and that Vitamin A coverage was regularly reviewed, and called on ASHAs and ANMs to check a child's age during vaccination visits, counsel caregivers when supplementation was due, record the next date and follow up through reminders.

Phom appealed to community leaders and media to help carry the message to every village and household, stressing that community participation was key to improving coverage.

He also acknowledged Vitamin Angels, which has partnered with NHM Nagaland since 2016, and noted that the pilot Mission 9 by 5 initiative in Dimapur, Niuland and Chümoukedima recorded an increase of around 10% in Vitamin A doses administered between January and September 2026 compared to the same period in 2025.

Earlier, Dr Animesh Rai, Health Systems Strengthening Lead-India at Vitamin Angels, spoke about the organisation's global efforts to improve nutrition and expand access to Vitamin A supplementation, particularly among vulnerable children and women.

He said Vitamin Angels has delivered over 35 lakh doses of Vitamin A and more than 36 lakh doses of albendazole to children across Nagaland since its partnership with NHM began in 2016. The partnership was strengthened through an MoU signed in 2021, supporting supplementation, supply chain strengthening, capacity building for frontline workers, and improved monitoring and reporting.

Under Mission 9 by 5, the initiative aims to ensure every child from nine months to five years receives nine doses of Vitamin A by their fifth birthday. In Dimapur, Niuland and Chümoukedima, the programme works with 34 health facilities to reach around 9,000 children under five, focusing on social and behaviour change, improved service delivery and supply chains, and better data monitoring.

Rai said the campaign was developed through a Human-Centred Design approach, involving caregivers, frontline workers and health officials in designing and testing communication tools to ensure they were practical and responsive to community needs.

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