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STATE OF EMERGENCY ON ENVIRONMENT: NDI ANAMBRA MUST ACT NOW

Every resident should view the Anambra State Government's declaration of a State of Emergency on environmental degradation as a call to urgent action.

For too long, unchecked environmental lawlessness has persisted. We see it in the indiscriminate dumping of refuse into drainage channels, the reckless carving of hillsides by unregulated sand miners, and property developers who build structures with zero regard for water channels. The consequences are no longer distant warnings—they are active disasters destroying homes, ruining farmlands, and washing away vital infrastructure. We are quite literally digging our graves through ecological neglect.

The recent directives from the Anambra State Executive Council (ANSEC)—especially the strict enforcement of the catch-pit law for new buildings—represent positive progress. This decision reflects the government's determination to address the worsening environmental challenges across the state.

For years, indiscriminate refuse disposal, blocked drainage channels, uncontrolled sand mining, and poor building practices have contributed to severe flooding and erosion, destroying homes, roads, farmlands, and other critical infrastructure. We can no longer ignore these problems.

While government intervention is essential, lasting solutions require the active participation of communities, businesses, and individuals. Drainage systems must be kept free of refuse, and community leaders, market associations, and residents should work together to maintain clean surroundings

Unregulated sand mining must also stop. Those engaged in the activity must comply with environmental regulations, while relevant agencies should enforce existing laws to prevent further damage to the environment.

Property developers and homeowners should ensure that every new building is equipped with properly designed catch pits and effective drainage systems to prevent flooding and erosion.

The governor's office cannot solve this crisis alone. Lasting restoration demands grassroots compliance. Community leaders, market associations, and youth groups must reclaim the culture of collective sanitation. We must become our enforcers, discouraging neighbours from dumping trash into gutters and reporting illegal mining operations that threaten our soil.

We have pushed our environment to its absolute limit, and nature is fighting back. The safety, health, and economic future of Anambra hang in the balance. We must act now, obey the laws, clear our drains, and build responsibly. To do otherwise is to pass a broken, unliveable homeland down to our children.

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GOVERNOR SOLUDO'S BOLD STEP INTO THE NIGERIA FOR WOMEN PROGRAMME

By Chinyere Ogbuagu

The administration of Governor Chukwuma Charles Soludo has demonstrated a strong commitment to empowering women as critical drivers of sustainable development. Across sectors, the government has continued to initiate and support programmes that improve the social and economic wellbeing of women, recognising that empowering women ultimately strengthens families, communities and the state's economy.

One of the latest demonstrations of this commitment is Anambra State's participation in the Nigeria for Women Programme Scale-Up (NFWP-SU), a landmark initiative of the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, implemented in partnership with the World Bank.

The programme aims to institutionalise women's affinity groups and other platforms for women's economic empowerment, enhancing the economic opportunities of unbanked women.

For thousands of women across Anambra, the programme represents more than just another government intervention. It offers a pathway to financial independence, improved productivity and stronger participation in community development.

The Nigeria for Women Programme was first introduced as a pilot intervention in six states—Abia, Akwa Ibom, Kebbi, Niger, Ogun and Taraba. Through the formation of Women Affinity Groups (WAGs), beneficiaries were able to save collectively, access livelihood grants, improve agricultural production, establish businesses and strengthen social networks that enhanced their resilience.

Reports from the pilot states indicate remarkable improvements in household income, women's participation in decision-making, financial literacy and business ownership. Many beneficiaries expanded existing enterprises, while others ventured into profitable agricultural and non-agricultural businesses, creating employment and improving the welfare of their families.

Encouraged by the success recorded in the pilot phase, the federal government, with the support of the World Bank, expanded the programme to additional states under the Nigeria for Women Programme Scale-Up Project. Anambra is among the states selected to benefit from this expansion, bringing renewed hope to women across the state.

The state's entry into the programme aligns perfectly with Governor Soludo's development agenda, which places significant emphasis on inclusive growth, human capital development and women's economic empowerment.

To ensure the successful take-off of the project, the Anambra State government through the Project Implementation Unit has commenced intensive community entry and awareness campaigns across the 14 communities in Aguata Local Government Area, the project's pilot LGA in the state.

The ongoing awareness activities have brought project officials to communities like Igbo-Ukwu, Akpo, Ekwulobia, Achina, and others, where traditional leaders, community heads, women leaders, youth groups, religious leaders, and other important people have been encouraged to support the programme.

The meetings have also featured the recruitment of ward facilitators, who will serve as grassroots mobilisers and provide support for the formation and management of women's affinity groups. These facilitators will play a critical role in ensuring that eligible women understand the programme's objectives and actively participate in its implementation.

Community leaders have welcomed the initiative, describing it as timely and capable of transforming the economic fortunes of women, especially those in rural communities. They have pledged their support towards ensuring transparency, inclusiveness and maximum participation throughout the implementation process.

For women in Anambra, the benefits of the programme are extensive. Through the Women Affinity Groups, beneficiaries will have opportunities to build savings, access livelihood grants and other financial opportunities, acquire vocational and entrepreneurial skills, receive business development support, strengthen leadership abilities and improve access to markets and productive resources.

The programme also seeks to improve women's confidence, encourage collective action, reduce poverty and promote greater participation of women in community governance and local economic development.

As sensitisation continues across Aguata, expectations remain high that the programme will unlock new opportunities for women entrepreneurs, farmers, artisans, traders and young women seeking sustainable livelihoods.

Governor Soludo's support for the Nigeria for Women Programme Scale-Up reflects his administration's broader vision of building a prosperous, inclusive and liveable homeland where every citizen has the opportunity to thrive. By investing in women, the government is investing in stronger families, more resilient communities and a more vibrant economy.

If effectively implemented, the Anambra Nigeria for Women Programme Scale-Up has the potential to become one of the most impactful women empowerment initiatives in Anambra State, leaving lasting economic and social benefits that will extend well beyond the project's life.

WOMEN ENGINEERS SPONSOR STEM QUIZ COMPETITION FOR PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN ANAMBRA

By Uzo Ugwunze

The Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN), Awka Chapter, on June 26, organised a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) quiz competition for SS2 female students in public secondary schools in Anambra State.

The competition, titled "Who Wants to Be an Engineer?", was held at Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, and featured three selected schools from Awka South Local Government Area. Participants were tested in mathematics, biology, physics, chemistry and basic engineering knowledge.

Community Secondary School, Amansea, emerged the winner with 14 points, while Nneoma Community Secondary School, Nibo, and Community Secondary School, Mbaukwu, came second and third with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Announcing the results, the quizmaster, Engr. Victor Mbachu said the winning school received ₦80,000, while the second- and third-placed schools received ₦50,000 and ₦40,000, respectively.

The chairman of APWEN, Awka Chapter, is Engr. Ifeyinwa Dimson. The late past APWEN president, Engr Ojelade, inspired the organisation of the competition, as stated by Ifeyinwa Dimson.

Funmilola Ojelade. Funmilola Ojelade aimed to encourage more girls to pursue engineering careers and help bridge the gender gap in the profession.

She noted that engineering is shaping every aspect of the world and expressed confidence that the initiative would inspire young girls to become problem solvers, innovators and future engineers.

Earlier, the resource person, Engr. Nneka Ezeani, in a presentation titled "Shaping the Future of Engineering", said the competition was designed to increase students' interest in engineering-related subjects, particularly physics, chemistry and mathematics.

MRS NONYE SOLUDO URGES NIGERIANS TO PRIORITISE HEALTH FOR A BETTER LIFE



By Chinyere Nwoye

The wife of the Anambra State Governor, Mrs Nonye Soludo, has urged Nigerians to make their health a priority, describing excellent health as the foundation for a productive and fulfilling life.

In a message shared on her official social media page on June 29, Mrs Soludo encouraged people to adopt healthy lifestyles, pay attention to warning signs from their bodies, and seek medical care promptly rather than ignore symptoms.

She stressed that physical, mental, and emotional well-being are essential for achieving personal goals and contributing meaningfully to society, noting that excellent health should never be taken for granted.

Mrs Soludo said her message is in line with her Healthy Living with Nonye Soludo campaign, which promotes wellness, disease prevention, and healthier lifestyles across Anambra State.

GOVERNOR SOLUDO AWARDS UMANIBA CHIAZO A FULL SCHOLARSHIP AT THE PhD LEVEL AS FUN CITY MARKS ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

By Ifeyinwa Ogwo

The Anambra State Governor, Prof. Chukwuma Soludo, has awarded a full scholarship to Miss Umaniba Chiazo Francis, a senior prefect of Maria Regina Modern Comprehensive Secondary School, Nnewi. The scholarship will cover her education from undergraduate studies to the PhD level.

Miss Umaniba scored 344 in the 2025 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) conducted by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

In addition, Governor Soludo presented a cheque for N2 million to Maria Regina Modern Comprehensive Secondary School in recognition of the students' outstanding cultural dance performance at the event. He described the school as "a true centre of excellence."

The governor made the announcement during the first-anniversary celebration of Solution Fun City in Awka on June 28.

"This is not a government scholarship but a personal commitment. Even after my tenure as governor, I will continue to fund it.

"Like you, I was a senior prefect and graduated with top distinctions. I proceeded to university, earned a First-Class degree, and received multiple departmental and faculty awards. With your 344 JAMB score and your record as senior prefect, I believe you can also achieve a first class. I will be following your progress," Soludo added.

Speaking on Solution Fun City, the governor noted its transformation from a swamp to a major leisure destination. "Today marks the first anniversary of Fun City, Awka, a hub for world-class entertainment. Just a few years ago, the area was a swamp surrounded by thick vegetation. Today, it houses a leisure park, a water amusement park, and a country club.

"Anambra is moving from being a departure lounge to a destination. We need facilities that provide leisure, relaxation, and entertainment.

These are critical to improving quality of life and making our state more attractive to residents and visitors," he said.

Also speaking, the secretary to the state government and chairperson of the Solution Fun City Board, Mrs Chiamaka Nnake, commended the governor for the initiative.

"It has been an incredible first year, and the people of Ndi Anambra are proud of what has been achieved here," she said.

"This is a giant responsibility. Our commitment to you and to Ndi Anambra is to sustain and expand these investments until we attain the vision you set out," Mrs Nnake added.



ANAMBRA ADVANCES DIGITAL GOVERNANCE AS ICT AGENCY COMMENCES STANDARDISED MDA WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

By Chinyere Nwoye

The Anambra State Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Agency has commenced the development of standardised official websites for ministries, departments, and agencies (MDAs) as part of efforts to strengthen digital governance and improve public service delivery.

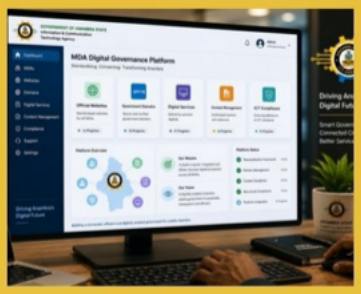
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The Managing Director/CEO of the Agency, Chukwuemeka Fred Agbata, said the project would enhance access to government information, improve cybersecurity, and support efficient service delivery.

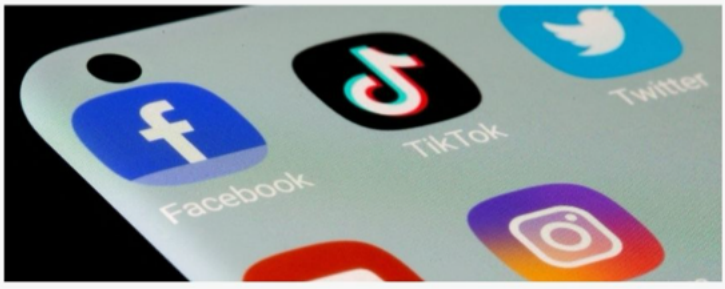
He noted that the initiative is also in line with the agency's AI-First roadmap for building a modern and digitally connected government.

The Agency urged MDAs without official websites to engage with its support platform to ensure compliance with the state's approved digital governance standards.



SOCIAL MEDIA DAY: HOW DIGITAL PLATFORMS ARE TRANSFORMING BUSINESS, GOVERNANCE AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT IN ANAMBRA

By Obianuju Isima



As the world marks Social Media Day on June 30, the impact of digital platforms is becoming increasingly evident in Anambra State, where businesses, government institutions and young entrepreneurs are harnessing technology to create opportunities and drive development.

Platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, X, TikTok, LinkedIn and WhatsApp have transformed the way businesses operate. From established companies to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, business owners now use social media to market their products and services, engage customers, build their brands and expand their reach beyond geographical boundaries at relatively low cost.

Social media has strengthened governance in the state. Ministries, departments and agencies now use digital platforms to communicate government policies and programmes, providing updates on projects and engaging directly with residents, improving access to information, enhancing transparency and encouraging greater citizen participation in governance.

For many young people, social media has become a pathway to employment, innovation and financial independence. Across the state, youths are building careers as content creators, digital marketers, software developers, graphic designers, online educators, influencers and e-commerce entrepreneurs, highlighting the expanding opportunities within the digital economy.

Despite these gains, the growing use of social media also presents challenges, including misinformation, cybercrime, online fraud, cyberbullying and hate speech. Therefore, stakeholders have emphasised the importance of responsibly using digital platforms, enhancing digital literacy, and verifying information before sharing it.

As Social Media Day is celebrated globally, residents of Anambra have been encouraged to maximise the positive potential of social media by supporting local businesses, promoting innovation, engaging constructively in civic affairs and using digital platforms responsibly for the benefit of society.

FIRSTPOWER DEPLOYS AN INTERIM 2.5 MVA TRANSFORMER FOR ONITSHA G.R.A., UNVEILS A LONG-TERM NETWORK UPGRADE PLAN

By Doris Onyekachi



Residents of Onitsha G.R.A. will soon enjoy improved electricity supply following the deployment of a 2.5MVA transformer by FirstPower Electricity Distribution Company Limited after the failure of the estate's 5MVA transformer.

At a meeting with the Onitsha G.R.A. Landlords Association on June 27, the company's managing director, Engr Okechukwu Okafor, apologised for the outage and assured residents that the damaged transformer was being repaired while the interim installation would ensure continued power supply.

FirstPower also unveiled plans to upgrade the network with modern protection systems, including Ring Main Units (RMUs), to improve reliability and prevent future disruptions. .

The company urged residents to help protect electricity infrastructure and clear vegetation around power lines

Chairman of the Onitsha G.R.A. Landlords Association, Chief Okwudili Otti, commended the company's prompt intervention and pledged continued collaboration to ensure a stable electricity supply in the estate.

ONITSHA MAIN MARKET REGENERATION GAINS MOMENTUM AS THE SOLUTION GOVERNMENT INTENSIFIES IMPLEMENTATION

By Ebele Iyke Odili

The Anambra State Government has intensified work on the Onitsha Main Market Regeneration Project as contractors execute key aspects of the initiative aimed at transforming the market into a cleaner, safer, and more organised commercial hub.

During an inspection of the project on June 28, the Commissioner for Commerce, Mr Nonso Chukwuma Ebonwu, said the visit was to assess progress, strengthen coordination, and ensure quality delivery. He disclosed that asbestos roof removal, drainage excavation, and other infrastructure works are underway, with measures in place to reduce disruption to traders.

Ebonwu said stakeholder engagement would continue ahead of planned improvements in parts of the market, assuring affected traders that due process would be followed where demolition becomes necessary.

Chairman of Onitsha Main Market, Hon. Chijioke Okpalaugo, commended Governor Chukwuma Soludo for fulfilling his promise to regenerate the market and pledged the support of traders for the project.

TEN FINALISTS EMERGE IN THE YOUNG MINDS MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE, OGBARU 2026.

By Ngozi Okoli

Ten students have qualified for the Grand Finale of the Young Minds Mathematics Challenge, Ogbaru 2026, following the successful completion of the second stage of the competition held on June 28 at Community Secondary School Hall, Iyiowa Odekpe.

Thirty-two students competed in Stage Two, with eight schools earning places in the final. Madonna Academy, Iyiowa Odekpe, dominated the contest as Nledi Henry, Umeh Chisom, and Ejikeme Ifeanyichukwu emerged as first, second, and third, respectively.

The Deputy Mayor of Ogbaru and host of the event, Hon. Charles Umunna, described the competition as an investment in the future of young people and assured participants of a rewarding grand finale.

Competition Coordinator Princess Chioma Onyia commended the students, teachers, and participating schools for their commitment, noting that the initiative continues to promote academic excellence across Ogbaru.



FOSTERING INNOVATION THROUGH COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

By Chinedu Chukwuemelie

The Solution Innovation District (SID), on June 29, held its team presentation meeting, providing a platform for members to share ideas, unveil new initiatives, and deliberate on the next phase of the district's mandate.

During the meeting, each presentation was carefully reviewed, evaluated, and strengthened under the leadership of the Chief Executive Officer of the Solution Innovation District and Special Adviser to the Governor on Innovation and Business Incubation, Ms Chinwe Okoli.

The session also served as an opportunity to align strategic objectives, deepen collaboration, and ensure that all initiatives contribute meaningfully to the digital transformation agenda of the governor of Anambra State, Prof. Chukwuma Soludo.

Participants from the teams reaffirmed their commitment to fostering a culture of innovation, teamwork, and excellence in delivering sustainable technology-driven solutions that will empower citizens, create opportunities for entrepreneurs, and position Anambra as a leading innovation hub in Nigeria.

The meeting ended with a strong commitment to speed up the launch of important programmes and partnerships that will help the Solution Innovation District achieve its goal of promoting growth through innovation and supporting the state's economic development.

FRSC TAKES ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN TO CHURCH IN ANAMBRA

By Chizoba Njaka

Two students of Dennis Memorial Grammar School (DMGS), Onitsha, have distinguished themselves at the Chemical Society of Nigeria (CSN), Anambra State Chapter, competition.

Ebereonwu Emmanuel emerged first, while Adimonye Ebube placed third at the state competition after both students qualified from the Onitsha Zonal Competition, where they finished first and second, respectively.

Commending the students on June 29, the principal, Rev. Chimezie Ogidi, described their achievement as a reflection of the school's commitment to academic excellence. He also praised the dedication of the teachers and appreciated parents and other stakeholders for their continued support.

Rev. Ogidi expressed confidence that the success would inspire other students to strive for greater academic excellence.



FEC APPROVES NEW NYSC UNIFORM AND GRADUATION CEREMONY.

By Doris Onyekachi

The Federal Executive Council (FEC) has approved key reforms for the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), including the introduction of a new corps members' uniform and an official graduation ceremony at the end of the service year.

The reforms, approved at the recent FEC meeting, are aimed at strengthening the NYSC scheme, improving corps members' welfare, and giving the one-year national service a more structured conclusion.

The Minister of Youth Development, Ayodele Olawande, announced the approval on June 29 via his X account, describing it as a significant step toward repositioning the NYSC.

The NYSC management is expected to announce details of the new uniform and the implementation of the graduation ceremony in the coming weeks.

DSS, UNDP, and ACJMC STRENGTHEN CRIMINAL JUSTICE THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING.

By Chinelo Okeke



The Police Duty Solicitors Scheme (PDSS), in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee (ACJMC), has organised a capacity-building programme to strengthen the administration of criminal justice in Anambra State.

The training, held at the Judiciary Town Hall, High Court Complex, Awka, brought together magistrates, police officers, judiciary officials, members of the Nigerian Bar Association, and duty solicitors to enhance justice delivery and protect fundamental rights.

Representing the Chief Judge and ACJMC Chairman, Her Worship Vivian Udedike commended UNDP, ROLAC, and International IDEA for supporting justice sector reforms. She emphasised improved access to justice, proper documentation, ethical conduct, and effective programme monitoring.

Speaking on behalf of UNDP, Jude Ezeh said the Police Duty Solicitors Scheme is aimed at promoting professionalism, accountability, transparency, and public confidence in the justice system.

Representatives of the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Police reaffirmed their commitment to institutional reforms, while Chairman of the Police Duty Solicitors Scheme, Israel Bernard Onyeka, said duty solicitors play a vital role in protecting suspects' rights, preventing unlawful detention, and ensuring timely access to legal representation.

Also speaking, His Worship Dr Mike Anyadiegwu urged stakeholders to uphold the provisions of the Administration of Criminal Justice Law to strengthen due process and sustain judicial reforms across the state.

ANAMBRA REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO CULTURE, TOURISM AT OLILI EDE MBUGHU FESTIVAL





By Onyinyechi Madubuike

The Anambra State Government has reaffirmed its commitment to preserving cultural heritage and promoting tourism through continued support for indigenous festivals.

Speaking at the 2026 Olili Ede Mbughu Festival in Igbo-Ukwu on June 26, the Speaker of the Anambra State House of Assembly, Rt Hon. Somtochukwu Udeze, and the Commissioner for Culture, Entertainment and Tourism, Chief Udoji Okolo Amedu, stressed the importance of cultural festivals in preserving Igbo heritage and boosting tourism.

The officials also inspected the National Yam House and reiterated plans to develop it into the official venue for Ndi Igbo New Yam Festival celebrations and a major tourism destination.

The festival featured colourful cultural displays, traditional performances, and community participation, reflecting the rich cultural heritage of Igbo-Ukwu and Anambra State.

ASHIA EXPLORES PARTNERSHIP WITH GRACELAND INTERNATIONAL HOSPITAL

By Chisom Okafor



The Executive Secretary of the Anambra State Health Insurance Agency (ASHIA), Dr Augustine Ezeka, on June 30, paid a courtesy and collaboration visit to the Chief Medical Director of Graceland International Hospital, Awka, Dr Chukwuemeka Jude Ofojebe, on the hospital premises.

He noted that the agency is continuously seeking collaborations that align with its mandate of achieving universal health coverage, stressing that quality healthcare remains a priority under the administration of Governor Chukwuma Soludo.

The visit was aimed at exploring a strategic partnership between ASHIA and Graceland International Hospital to strengthen healthcare service delivery and expand access to quality medical care for health insurance enrollees across Anambra State.

Speaking during the meeting, Dr Ezeka said ASHIA remains committed to building strong partnerships with reputable healthcare providers to improve service quality, increase access to healthcare, and ensure enrollees receive timely and efficient medical attention.

Responding, the Chief Medical Director of Graceland International Hospital, Dr Chukwuemeka Jude Ofojebe, appreciated the visit and commended ASHIA's efforts toward improving healthcare access through health insurance and strategic stakeholder engagement.

Dr Ofojebe expressed the hospital's readiness to collaborate with ASHIA, assuring that Graceland International Hospital will continue to uphold high standards of patient care while supporting initiatives that improve the health and well-being of Anambra residents.