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THE HEADLINES

- MLA and Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio emphasizes on global urgency of effective garbage management.
- ECI announces bye-election to 43-Tapi Assembly Constituency in Nagaland on November 7; assembly elections in five states in November.
- Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri says Israel- Palestine conflict will not create energy issue for India.
- And, Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address contingent of Indian athletes who participated in Asian Games 2022 tomorrow.

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Advisor for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Zhaleo Rio has emphasized on the global urgency of effective garbage management. He pointed out that plastic waste, especially Multi Layer Plastics, MLPs and Single Use Plastics, SUPs clogs drains, leading to various diseases. Zhaleo was today speaking at a sensitization workshop on the management of Multi-Layer MLPs and SUPs held at Kohima Capital Convention Centre. Highlighting the ill impact of such plastics on public health, Zhaleo called upon citizens to assume responsibility for cleaning their environments and properly disposing of MLPs, SUPs, and other waste. He further suggested integrating waste management into the school curriculum to empower the younger generation to lead the way in building a responsible and cleaner society. Speaking at the programme, founder of Mumbai Sustainable Centre, Rising Aggarwal highlighted the Safi Bank Initiative, which focuses on the responsible management of Multi-Layer Plastics. In her speech, Commissioner and Secretary of School Education Kevileno Angami expressed confidence in schoolchildren to serve as role models in changing and cleaning the environment, paving the way for a cleaner, more beautiful future. Administrator of Kohima Municipal Council Lanusenla Longkumer emphasized on the collective responsibility on waste management. The Workshop was a held in collaboration with the departments of Urban Development , Municipal Affairs, and School Education along with the Earth Alliance and Mumbai Sustainable Centre NGOs, at the Kohima Capital Convention Centre.

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Election Commission of India, ECI has announced to hold the Bye-Election to fill vacancy in the 43-Tapi Assembly Constituency (ST) of Nagaland on November 7. The 43-Tapi Assembly Constituency under Mon District has fallen vacant after sitting MLA and Advisor to the Social Welfare Department, Government of Nagaland, Noke Wangnao passed away on 28th August this year. Polling to 43-Tapi Assembly Constituency seat will take place on November 7 and the notification will be issued on October 13. The last date for making nominations is 20th October, followed by scrutiny on 21st October. October 23 is the last date for withdrawal of candidatures. Counting of votes will be held on December 3.

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The assembly elections in Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telangana will be held between 7th to 30th of next month, while the counting for all five states will take place on 3rd December. The Election Commission today announced the poll schedule for these five states. Briefing media in New Delhi, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said polls in these five states hold a unique significance as they serve as the final assembly elections before the grand stage of General Elections in 2024. He assured that the Commission will ensure free, fair, and inducement-free elections in these five states. He also said that ECI has laid special emphasis on ensuring a healthy, pure and inclusive electoral roll.

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Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said that Israel- Palestine conflict will not create energy issue for India. Inaugurating the 26th Energy Technology Meet in New Delhi today, Puri said the government is watching it very carefully. He said the country will navigate its way through this issue. The Minister said that India is moving towards energy transition. He added that energy transition in India will first be from fossil-based to cleaner fuels and further to renewable.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact and address the contingent of Indian athletes who participated in the Asian Games 2022 tomorrow in New Delhi. In the event, the Prime Minister will appreciate the athletes for their outstanding achievement at the Asian Games and to motivate them for future competitions. India won a total of 107 medals, including 28 gold medals in Asian Games 2022. This is India's best performance in the Asian Games in terms of total number of medals won.

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Union Minister for AYUSH Sarbananda Sonowal today said that there will be dedicated AYUSH Academic Department in all All India Institute of Medical Sciences, AIIMS in the country. He was speaking at the regional review meeting of the National AYUSH Mission in Mumbai. Sonowal said that Government is trying to ensure that both modern and traditional healthcare systems are available to people at all levels of health care system. He said that the world recognizes the AYUSH system now because of its contribution during the COVID pandemic.

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In view of Hornbill Festival 2023, Nagaland Chief Secretary has convened a meeting with all the line Departments at 3 PM on 13th September at the Secretariat Conference Hall. The meeting will discuss the status of preparation and road map for celebration of the Festival. All concerned have been directed to attend the meeting positively.

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Youth Voters Festival was held in Tseminyu and Noklak. In Tseminyu, the festival was held today under the theme Your Vote, Your Voice, to encourage maximum youth participation in upcoming elections, specifically

the summary revision of the photo Electoral roll in 2024 and the general election to the Lok Sabha in 2024. Students from both government and private schools and colleges in Tseminyu district participated in various competitions held at part of the event. SVEEP Campus Ambassador, Runohile Keppen and SVEEP District Icon, Christine Tsela, extended felicitations to the female participants of the Girls' Campaign 2023 under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative. In Noklak, the Youth Voters Festival was held on Saturday last at Saint Paul School, Noklak, with an aim to inspire and educate the youth about their crucial role in the democratic process. Speaking at the fest, Noklak SDO Civil, Vikhoto Richa, asked young citizens to take responsibility and create change through their votes. As part of the festival, various competitions including including Penalty shootout and Arm Wrestling, were held.

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Department of Posts, North East-Circle Two, today celebrated the World Post Day at Dimapur Post office where outstanding officials were felicitated. Postmaster General, Som Kamei said the Department of Posts celebrates National Postal Week every year starting with the World Post Day which is the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union. On the occasion, four officials from department of Posts Nagaland division were awarded with cash and citations for their outstanding performance and devotion to duty. The awardees are Postal Assistant, Kohima, Kekhriezetuo Solo, Postman, Dimapur bazaar YK Magar, Postman, Chumoukedima Simon Zeliang, and Branch Postal Master, Pungro, M Khentsumew.

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National integration tour from Nagaland to Ahmadabad, Gujarat culminated today at Ghaspani with a grand flag-in ceremony by Major General Vikas Lakhera, Inspector General of Assam Rifles, North, as the chief guest. The ten day long tour was organized by the Assam Rifles wherein 18 students from Modern College, Piphema, along with two professors participated. Speaking at the flag-in programme, the chief guest said that the experience and exposure obtained by the students during the tour will certainly help in bringing a positive change in the students' personal lives and also the future of their home state of Nagaland. Major General Lakhera highlighted the commitment of Assam Rifles towards bright future of people of North East and especially Nagaland.

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