

## Morning News Script

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Election Commission of India has notified the schedule for conduct of General Election to Lok Sabha 2024 for Nagaland which is going to the polls in the first phase. The Gazette Notification will be issued on March 20. Last date for making nomination will be on March 27 and scrutiny of nomination will be held on March 28. Last date for withdrawal of candidature has been fixed for March 30. Polling will be held on April 19 and the counting of results will be done on June 4. The election will be completed before June 6.

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Advisor, CAWD and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo yesterday held a review meeting with officers of State Taxes and Mobile Squad at the Office Chamber of the Commissioner of State Taxes, Dimapur. Khamo advised the Department officials to rededicate themselves in their duties, as the department has a very vital role in enhancement of the State Government Revenue. He asked the officials to be more vigilant and take action against non-compliant persons involved in supply of goods and services without proper documents and invoices. The Advisor urged all the registered Tax payers to pay their taxes correctly and within the stipulated timelines to avoid penalties and departmental action. Meanwhile, Commissioner of State Taxes informed that a Compliance survey is also underway to bring more eligible persons under the ambit of GST registrations.

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Chief Electoral Officer, CEO, Nagaland, Kohima has convened a meeting with all recognized political parties tomorrow in view of the General Election to Lok Sabha, 2024. The meeting will be held at 2 PM at the office chamber of the Chief Electoral Office. The political parties were requested to depute at least two representatives to attend the meeting positively.

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Chief Election Commissioner, CEC Rajiv Kumar said the daunting challenges in conducting free and fair elections are 4Ms - muscle, money, misinformation, and MCC violations. He asserted that ECI has put in place measures to deal with these disruptive challenges. He also said drone based checking will be done on polling day to check the use of muscle power. He underlined that there is no place for bloodbath and violence in the elections and the Commission will be ruthless if violence takes place anywhere during polls. Kumar said the enforcement agencies have been directed to plug inflow and distribution of liquor, cash, freebies and drugs. He added that the Commission has also asked the agencies to do strict vigil of online cash transfer. The CEC also highlighted that directions have been given to election machinery, parties on waste management, minimum paper use and reducing carbon footprint for sustainable elections. He said two thousand 100 observers will be deployed to ensure free and fair elections.

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GMS Leinak, Longleng organized a Cultural Tour and Pottery Workshop in collaboration with Nagaland Education Project – The Lighthouse (NECTAR) at Pongo village in Longleng on the theme Reawakening Cultural Legacy. The workshop was conducted on Friday for the students of Classes 6 to 8, with Ali Phom of Pongo Village as the resource person. During the tour the students experienced hands on training of pottery making, visited morungs and were taught about the significance of morungs and its culture. The event was funded from the 4th Installment of the Performance Incentive Grant of NECTAR Project for the Extra-Curricular Activities & Innovations.

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Kezhaseluo-o Pienyü has emerged as the Champion of 52nd Angami Sports Association, ASA Wrestling Meet 2024 held at Khuochiezie, Kohima yesterday. The second position was bagged by Kezhavizo Thevo while the third and the fourth place went to Keviser Dzüvichü and Vaphizo Rutsa, respectively. The champion bagged cash award of two lakh 50 thousand rupees. The second, third and fourth position holders received one lakh 70 thousand rupees, one lakh 30 thousand

rupees and one lakh rupees, respectively. Khrielabeituo Semou who was adjudged as the Best tactic wrestler walked away with a cash reward of 15 Thousand rupees. Meanwhile, 18 wrestlers from ASA have been selected to participate in the Nagaland Wrestling Association meet 2024 to be held at Indira Gandhi stadium Kohima on 26 of this month.

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