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- Election Commission to announce schedule for General Elections 2024 tomorrow
- Former Governor Dr SC Jamir underscores that knowledge and skills developed by students will help in creating identity for themselves
- Land Resources Advisor Ikuto Zhimomi says government giving importance to coffee cultivation for its global market avenue prospect
- School Education Commissioner & Secretary Kevileno Angami urge educators to embrace change in learning

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The Election Commission will announce the schedule for the Lok Sabha polls tomorrow, March 16. The announcement will be made in the afternoon at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. Along with Lok Sabha polls, the Commission will also declare the schedule for assembly polls in some states. The term of the current Lok Sabha is going to end on 16th June this year. In 2019, the Lok Sabha elections were held in seven phases during April and May. It is expected that this time also, polling will be conducted in several phases in April and May. In the last Lok Sabha elections, the BJP bagged 303 seats out of 543 Parliamentary constituencies. So far, the ruling party has announced 267 candidates while the main opposition Congress has declared the name of 82 candidates for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Left, TMC, Aam Aadmi Party and some other parties have also announced the name of their candidates for several Lok Sabha seats.

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Former Governor Dr SC Jamir today asserted that we are now living in an age of knowledge that changes very fast and the rate of change will further accelerate in future. Speaking at the 3rd convocation

ceremony of St Joseph University Jamir reminded students that present is an opportunity to put India and the state to higher pedestal in every front. He also underscored that the knowledge and skills developed by students from the University will help them in creating an identity for themselves. During the convocation, 1200 students received graduation degree, 33 students received gold medals, 32 silver medals and 12 students were conferred doctorate degrees.

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Advisor for Land Resources department, Ikuto Zhimomi inaugurated Coffee Washing Station at YES Agro Park, Gariphema, Kohima today. Zhimomi said that government is giving importance to farmers by introducing agro base crops and machinery especially for coffee growers because of its potential and market avenue globally. Besides, Nagaland produces organic coffee free from chemicals or pesticides. The Advisor urged farmers to be hard working and produce quality coffee as the state government is already providing coffee roasting machines and other facilities. The project is funded by North East Council.

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Commissioner & Secretary School Education & SCERT, Kevileno Angami today urged teachers and educators to embrace change in learning under National Education Policy, 2020. She was addressing a workshop on Social Emotional Wellbeing of Students in Nagaland Findings of Need Assessment Study in Kohima. She said NEP, 2020 emphasizes on competency and experiential based learning, critical thinking and various other vocational skills. The Commissioner pointed out the importance of equipping teachers to teach children on how to deal with stress and emotions. Angami underscored the need to have life skills, communications skills, interpersonal skills as children are in a growing stage. Principal Director of School Education, Thavaseelan K informed that the Nagaland Board of School Education is coming up with a progress card in schools similar to CBSE which will be designed as per the needs of the state.

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Newly-appointed Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu assumed charge of the office today. The Election Commission of India in a statement said that Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar welcomed the two newly appointed

Election Commissioners at Nirvachan Sadan. The CEC emphasized significance of their joining at a point when the team ECI is all set to conduct Lok Sabha election, 2024. Kumar and Sandhu were appointed election commissioners by the selection panel chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday.

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Wokha Deputy Commissioner Wokha Ajit Kumar Ranjan laid foundation stone of Mini Tea Factory, Niroyo Village, Wokha today. The DC urged all small tea growers to utilize opportunity and enhance growth prospects of the tea industry in Wokha. Under the initiative of Shishoi Oshom-ETF Cell Wokha, it aims to empower local tea growers through specialized skill training in tea packaging in collaboration with Tea Board, Golaghat Office. Comprehensive support for marketing and branding for tea products of Wokha is also being provided under the initiative.

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Jotsoma Village WATSAN Chairman, Vithoto Nakhro was awarded best WATSAN Chairman and Chede Model received Best performing village under Kohima block. The awards were given during a Capacity building training on ODF Plus Component and Operation and Maintenance under JJM and Block Level Recognition of Best Performers under PHED, Kohima Urban Division today. PHED, Kohima Urban Division Executive Engineer Neilhoukholie Chielie, gave away the certificates and cash awards. Chielie encouraged villages to put best efforts for the progress and development of the village.

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State Bank of India, Naga United branch was inaugurated by SBI Managing Director, Northeast Circle Vincent Menachery Devassy today. The MD informed that the newly inaugurated branch was the 814th branch in the northeast circle and is poised to act as a catalyst for economic development in the area. With SBI already commanding over 60 percent of banking activities in Nagaland through its 72 branches, Devassy reiterated the commitment of the bank to both state and national development. He said the branch will offer comprehensive range of financial products such as mutual funds, insurance, and credit cards aimed at bolstering purchasing power of

customers and supporting various financial endeavors. Chumoukedima, EAC, Kevethito Rose appealed community leaders to extend support to the bank and called upon SBI to conduct Financial Literacy camps regularly to enhance financial awareness among the populace.

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As part of Poshan Pakhwada celebration, local food show and cooking competition was organized in Dimapur. Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission, Rural Development Department, ADPMC Yimok Phom stressed on the need to promote nutrition through diverse locally available nutritional sources. Phom said northeast cuisine are very rich in protein and essential nutrients. It can be promoted for preserving culinary heritage and support local economics and ecosystems. Lhomithi Anganwadi bagged the 1st position and Xuvihe Anganwadi came second. Supervisor, Kalivi said Poshan Pakhwada is celebrated in the month of March for 15 days every year to address multifaceted challenges related to nutrition and health.

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The 52nd Angami Sports Association wrestling meet will be held tomorrow at Khouchiezhie, Kohima Local Ground. A total 60 top contenders for the champion with 15 wrestlers each are representing the 4 Angami ranges. Top 18 Wrestlers will be selected to represent ASA at the upcoming 29th Championship of Nagaland Wrestling Association on 26th March at IG Stadium Kohima. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio will grace the occasion as chief guest. The Champion will receive rupees 2 lakh 50,000.

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