

**THE HEADLINES: -**

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**Peoples Democratic Alliance, PDA consensus candidate Dr. Chumben Murry today filed his nomination papers for the upcoming election to the lone Lok Sabha seat from Nagaland. Dr. Murry filed his nomination at the office of Returning Officer at Commissioner's Office Kohima. He was accompanied by BJP Legislature Party Leader Yanthungo Patton and other legislators including Hekani Jakhalu Kense, Tongpang Ozukum, Y Mhombemo and hosts of other party officials from the PDA alliance. Speaking to media persons, Dr Murry expressed optimism to emerge victorious with full majority through the support of all the 60 MLAs in the state. Replying to queries about his visions if elected, he said there are so many issues that he will have to take up with the voice of the legislators as well as the people , particularly the Naga Political Issue besides other issues that the state is facing. Further he hoped the election would be a friendly contest among the three candidates.**



Congress Candidate, S Supongmeren Jamir today filed his nomination papers at the office of the Returning Officer at the Commissioner's office Kohima after the ticket distribution ceremony was held at the Congress Bhavan, Kohima. Replying to queries on the prospect of his candidature, Jamir exuded hope the people of Nagaland would vote in favour of the congress party. Given the context of the present scenario, he expressed hope that people will come forward and vote for the congress party. Earlier speaking at the ticket distribution ceremony, the senior congress leader accused the ruling government at the centre stating that minorities are being targeted across the country. He alleged that minorities are under threat from dominant force. In this regard, he asserted the need to make a conscious decision and take a bold step for the future. He appealed to all the Nagas to prayerfully cast the votes as the state goes to the polls on April 19, 2024. He urged the people of the state to fight together against the corrupt NDPP-BJP government for the betterment of Nagaland. He questioned the seriousness of the government on issues like the Naga Political Issue and the demand of the Eastern Nagaland Peoples Organization which have not been resolved till now. Further, Jamir highlighted the various guarantees that the Congress party would provide for the youth, women and the citizens. So far, a total of three candidates have filed their nominations for the ensuing Lok Sabha elections in Nagaland. The filing of nomination for the first phase of election ends tomorrow.



The Election Commission has issued advisory to Chief Electoral officers of all the states and Union Territories in view of Heat wave. It said, India Meteorological Department has indicated the probability of above normal temperatures during forthcoming summer season, which may translate into stronger and longer spells of heatwave especially during March to June this year. The Commission has shared a copy of Do's and Do not's issued by National Disaster Management Authority regarding minimization of Heat wave impact. In the advisory of NDMA, it has advised people to avoid going out in the sun, especially between 12 Noon and 3 PM to minimize the impact during the heatwave. It has also advised to drink sufficient water and avoid stale food. The commission has asked Chief Electoral officers to ensure minimum basic facilities including drinking water and shade at the polling stations.



The first phase of training for polling officials for the upcoming 18th Lok Sabha election commenced today in various districts of Nagaland. In Phek, the first Phase training was conducted for Presiding Officers and Polling Personnel at Government Higher Secondary School Phek. The master trainers instructed the polling personnel to fully understand the rules laid down by Election Commission of India. The training highlighted the roles and duties each Presiding Officers and Polling Officers should performed in the polling booth station. Usage of EVM and VVPAT, setting up of Polling Station, arrangement of voting compartment for voters, conduct of Mock Poll and providing facilities for the senior citizens and disabled voters were also demonstrated. Tseminyu conducted the first phase of training for polling personnel at BHSS auditorium hall. The District Level Master Trainers and Assembly Level Master Trainers for Tseminyu District imparted training to the polling personnel. Meanwhile, training for polling officials also commenced today in Wokha, Peren, Kiphire and Tuensang.



Tuensang Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer, A Zibenthung Kithan has issued an order directing all Head of the Office under Tuensang Districts to remain in station for the smooth conduct of election. It said that no Head of Office are to leave the station without the knowledge of DC and DEO Tuensang. The order said that no outstation leave shall be granted except under emergency situation or official duty. Further, it said that appropriate action shall be initiated as per the relevant sections of the law against absentees.



Chumoukedima District administration has informed that the pending bills for pick-up category of vehicles utilized during the Nagaland Legislative Assembly 2023 under District Election Officer, Chumoukedima District, is being released from today and will continue till tomorrow. All the vehicles owners or drivers have been asked to produce the Requisition Order along with the Duty ID in original at the time of collection during office hour at the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chumoukedima.



**External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar has said that India supports the Philippines in upholding its national sovereignty. He said this while briefing the media along with his Philippine counterpart Enrique Manalo in Manila today. He said, every country has the right to uphold and enforce its national sovereignty. The statement came amid Philippines's maritime dispute with China in the South China Sea. Dr Jaishankar asserted that India is strongly supportive of ASEAN's centrality, cohesion and unity. He said, India is also convinced that the progress and prosperity of this region is best served by staunch adherence to a rules-based order. The External Affairs Minister said, UNCLOS 1982 is particularly important in that regard as the constitution of the seas. He said, all parties must adhere to it in its entirety, both in letter and in spirit. Dr Jaishankar said, as the world changes, it is essential that India and the Philippines cooperate more closely to shape the emerging model.**



**Inter-District Government Higher Secondary School and Government High School Tournament 2024 kicked off today at Meriema Ground in Kohima with School Education Director, Wonthungo Tsopoe as the Chief Guest. Addressing the inaugural function, the Chief Guest emphasized on the essence of education as per UNESCO definition, focusing on learning to coexist harmoniously as humans, particularly in context of Nagaland. He underscored the significance of instilling this ethos through sports, promoting mutual respect and collective appreciation. Highlighting the importance of education through sports, Tsopoe said that due to lack of resources and little support many young talents are being left out. He urged the parents and the physical teachers to encourage and motivate the latent sporting talent in children to unlock their talents. Tsopoe urged the participants to embody discipline and sportsmanship throughout the two day event. The event is being funded by Samagra Shiksha Nagaland.**

