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1. Supreme Court directs State Bank of India to disclose all details of Electoral Bonds
2. Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee President, S Supongmeren Jamir says Congress is fully dedicated for the rights of the people
3. Lotha Middle Range Students' Union revokes bandh called to protest against non-completion of Sanis to Lakhuti Road upgradation
4. and Eastern Nagaland People's Organization to impose total shutdown at Tuensang tomorrow, in view of Joint Coordination meeting

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Supreme Court has today directed the State Bank of India (SBI) to disclose all details of Electoral Bonds, including the unique alphanumeric number and the serial number, if any, of the bonds redeemed. The Supreme Court also directed the SBI Chairman to file an affidavit by 5PM, Thursday indicating that SBI has disclosed all details of Electoral Bonds in its possession. Election Commission has further being directed by the Supreme Court to upload the details on its website upon receipt of information from the SBI.

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Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee (NPCC) President, S Supongmeren Jamir said Congress is fully dedicated for the rights of the people. Addressing a press conference today at Congress Bhavan, Kohima, Jamir exuded high hope that the voters in the state are wiser and will come forward to vote in favour of secularism. He maintained that the opposition-less government in the state is not able to deliver justice to the people. On the demand of the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO) for Frontier Nagaland Territory, Jamir said their demand is genuine and said they are fighting for their rights. He also opined that ENPO resolving not to participate in the upcoming election will affect the election process since they constitute 20 Assembly Constituencies. Meanwhile the party will organize a general convention to distribute the party ticket to Jamir tentatively on March 26.

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The Lotha Middle Range Students' Union (LMRSU) has rescinded the bandh which was called to protest against the non-completion of the Sanis to Lakhuti Road upgradation. The bandh was called off after an assurance was given by the contractor, M/S Northeast Enterprise, and the concerned department to complete the project within the stipulated time. The LMRSU has earlier organized a public gathering at the Sanis 0 point junction during which the Contractor M/S Northeast Enterprise, Akato Zhimo addressed the gathering and expressed regret for the project's delay and subsequently offered written reassurance to the public to complete the project. Zhimo assured that work would recommence on March 25, and gave a steadfast commitment to finish the project by April 30 in accordance with government specifications.

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The Eastern Nagaland People's Organization (ENPO) said there will be a total shutdown at Tuensang Headquarter tomorrow, in view of the Joint Coordination meeting with all the Legislators from Eastern Nagaland, and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha). In a release, the Eastern Nagaland Public Emergency Control Room Tuensang HQ said, all business establishments, vehicular and public movements including educational institutions within Tuensang town will remain totally shut down. However, medical emergencies, fire and emergency services are exempted from the purview of the shutdown including all invitees attending the Public Meeting. The invitees are also asked to come in their private vehicles without any personal bodyguards. The Eastern Naga Students' Federation has earlier called for a meeting with the Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and the 20 elected legislators from Eastern Nagaland on the 14th of March but was rescheduled to 19th March since the legislators have travelled to Delhi to meet with central leaders.

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Union Health Ministry's Additional Secretary Lamchonghoi Sweety Changsan has stressed on multi-sectoral planning in fighting against Dengue. Addressing the Dengue Conclave today in New Delhi, Changsan said that cases of dengue have been increasing at an alarming pace. She added that three lakh cases of dengue were registered in the country in the last year and three hundred 39 fatalities were reported. She urged all stakeholders of public safety and city planning to come together to better share resources and plan efficiently to tackle the menace of dengue. The Additional Secretary also highlighted that rapid urbanization and climate change have exacerbated the challenges in the fight against the mosquito-borne disease.

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The Office of the Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Kohima held a meeting today with Representatives of Political Parties in Kohima District with regard to Model Code of Conduct (MCC), Election Expenditure Monitoring and IT related Apps. Additional Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Rhosietho Nguori, while chairing the meeting informed representatives of the political parties that

there will be no shortcuts in regard to election matters and urged them to follow and observe all necessary norms and Model Code of Conduct as envisaged by the Election Commission of India for the conduct of free and fair election. SDO Kohima and Nodal Officer, MCC, James Renbi and Assistant Election Officer, Kohima, Olivi Thurr explained the details about MCC, Election Expenditure Monitoring, Media Certification and defacement of flex, posters and other political advertisements. District Informatics Officer, J.G. Lorin gave detailed information about the usage of SUVIDHA Apps for online Nomination and Permission and also requested the concerned to apply any required documents at least two days ahead and in PDF format only. While Senior Programme Officer, IT department, Samuel highlighted the detailed information about the usage of cVIGIL Apps for online certification and complaints.

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Deputy Commissioner Thsuvisie Phoiji, urged all political party leaders to uphold a positive image and set an example for their members. Addressing a meeting of the District Level Standing Committee, Phoiji stressed on the importance of conducting a free, fair, and peaceful election and encouraged adherence to election decorum in accordance with the Election Commission's guidelines. Assistant Commissioner Ajit Kumar, while delivering a concise overview of the Model Code of Conduct during the election, urged against religious and communal tensions and emphasizing the avoidance of bribery and intimidation. Superintendent of Police Mokokchung, Vesupra Kezo reiterated the importance of cooperation with law enforcement and emphasized the necessity of a peaceful election. Kezo also cautioned against misuse of social media and its potential adverse effects. Meanwhile the DC issued a Prohibitory orders under section 144Cr.P.C, banning the carry of licensed arms till the declaration of results. Further all arms license holders under Mokokchung district are directed to deposit their Arms License along with weapon at the nearest police station on or before the 30th of March

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Following the announcement of the date of election for the Lok Sabha 2024, all the Printing Press in the State have been directed to follow the guidelines regarding printing of Election Posters, Pamphlets. All the printing press are to clearly indicate the materials such as election posters, pamphlets, the names and addresses of the printers and publishers of any such materials printed by the press. The press have to furnish four copies of the printed materials along with the declaration of the publishers attached within 3 days of the printing to the office of the Deputy commissioner and District Election Officer. The printing press have been further directed to furnish the information regarding number of copies of the documents printed and the price charged for such printing job, not collectively but separately in respect of each election pamphlets, posters, printed within 3 days of the printing of such documents.

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