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1. Election Commission asks all stake holders including political parties to minimize use of paper during Lok Sabha polls.
2. Peoples' Democratic Alliance kickoffs election campaign for Lok Sabha election in Nagaland
3. Governor of Nagaland La Ganesan says North East region holds special place for its vibrant culture and traditions
4. And, Chümoukedima Town Youth Organisation reiterates its appeal to implement Inner Line Permit in entire Chumoukedima district in both letter and spirit.

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The Election Commission is promoting environmentally sustainable elections during the ensuing Lok Sabha and assembly polls. The Commission has issued directions to election machinery and political parties to minimize use of paper for voter list and electoral materials. The poll body has emphasized on the use of eBooks and eDocuments and asked to ensure double-side printing and layout optimization. The directions have been issued to encourage electronic mode of communication during the ensuing polls. The Commission has asked the election machinery and political parties to avoid single-use plastic completely and ensure separate collection bins and proper signage during the Lok Sabha and assembly polls for eco-friendly elections. Directions have been given to the political parties to encourage renewable energy utilization for campaign events. The instructions have also been given to consolidate polling locations to cut distance travelled by officials and voters for sustainable elections.

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Peoples' Democratic Alliance (PDA) today launched the election campaign for the general election to the lone Lok Sabha seat in Nagaland which is slated to be held on April 19. Launching the campaign at Chümoukedima district, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said the government is committed to resolve the Naga political issue which is the

desire of the Naga people. He said this time all 60 MLAs with all political parties are supporting one candidate and this unity will build the platform to resolve any issue be it ENPO, Naga issue or local issue. BJP National Spokesperson & Nagaland In-charge Nalin Kohli expressed confidence that the PDA candidate is set to win the election as all the political parties and the people of Nagaland are together. He appealed to all to win the election with a historic margin. Kohli said it does not matter what political affiliations and commitment are, their goal is only to serve the people of Nagaland and ensure that there is peace, development and prosperity. PDA consensus candidate, Dr Chumben Murry who is confident of winning, said if elected he will carry the voice of the legislators and the Nagas in general. Legislators from other political parties also assured to extend their full support to the PDA consensus candidate Dr. Murry for the ensuing Lok Sabha election.



Governor of Nagaland La Ganesan said the North East region holds a special place for its vibrant culture, diverse traditions, and, its exceptional contributions to the arts. Governor Agnesan said this yesterday while addressing the “Young Talented Artists” Award Ceremony of the NEZCC at Shilpgram, Guwahati. He said, the North East Region demonstrated the rich cultural heritage of our country. Recognizing this, the Governor said the Ministry of Culture aims to nurture and promote the treasures by encouraging the young custodians of the cultural heritage. Ganesan while commending the 24 young talents for showing exceptional skill in various performing arts, expressed pride not only for the awardees but also for the entire North East region. He also encouraged the awardees to recognize their responsibility in preserving and promoting cultural heritage as they embark on their journey. The Governor further urged all to pledge to continue supporting our artists, to provide them with platforms to showcase their talent, and to acknowledge their contributions in safeguarding and promoting our cultural traditions.



Chümoukedima Town Youth Organisation, CTYO, has once again appealed to the concerned authority to implement Inner Line Permit, ILP in the entire Chumoukedima district in both letter and spirit. Terming that Chumoukedima town, as one of the fastest-growing townships in Nagaland, the CTYO said, the town is witnessing rapid development and urbanization in the recent past and drastic rise in its population, especially non-indigenous people and illegal immigrants. To this, the Organisation said ILP is the prime tool to safeguard the interests and stability of the indigenous people, while also keeping in check of the influx. Meanwhile, the CTYO condemned the March 18th incident wherein an auto driver by profession and a resident of Seiruzha colony, Chumoukedima town, was physically attacked by two suspected illegal Bangladeshis. The CTYO therefore appealed to law enforcement authorities to swiftly conduct their investigations, and deliver the strictest punishment against the offenders at the earliest.



The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has added 16.02 lakh net subscribers in the month of January this year. According to EPFO’s provisional

payroll data released yesterday, around 8.08 lakh new members have enrolled during January, 2024. In a statement, the Union Labour Ministry said, a noticeable aspect of the data is the dominance of the 18 to 25 year age group, constituting a significant over 56 percent of the total new members during the period. It indicates that the majority of individuals joining the organized workforce are youth, primarily first-time job seekers.



In a bid to uphold welfare of municipal and town councils in the state, a new group called Nagaland Urban Council Federation has been constituted. The federation was formed during a consultative meeting of three municipalities, namely Association of Kohima Municipal Wards Panchayat, All Ward Union Mokokchung Town, and Dimapur Urban Council Chairmen Federation, along with 36 Town Councils of the state held on Saturday at Kohima. The new federation will be led by Thejao Sekhose as president, Limanungsang as vice president, and Zasivikho Zakiesatuo as general secretary. The federation will also induct executive members from each district, and will be headquartered in Kohima.



India Meteorological Department has forecast continued rain and thunderstorm activity over Northeast India, Sub Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim till tomorrow. There is a forecast of enhancement of rainfall with thunderstorm activity over Western Himalayan Region from tomorrow till 29th March.



54 top contenders are in fray for the 29th Nagaland Wrestling Association, NWA championship, to be held tomorrow at Indira Gandhi Stadium Kohima. 18 wrestlers each from Angami Sports Association, Chakhesang Wrestling Association and Zeliang Wrestling Association will be taking part in the championship. President of World Alysh Federation, Adilet Bayaman Uulu will attend as Chief Guest while President of United World Wrestling Cholpan Sultanbekova and President of Asian Alyst Federation, Omarmukhtar Tamboli will be the Honoured Guests. President of Nagaland Olympic Association and Chief Minister Nagaland of Nagaland Neiphiu Rio and Deputy Chief Minister TR Zeliang would be the Host and Co-host. A ninety year-old Mamho Chakrüno is being selected as Championship Ambassador, a first of its kind in the history of NWA Championship. Defending Champion Venuzo Dawhuo representing the Chakhesang Wrestling Association will be the Torch Bearer.

