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Election Commission has launched Myth Vs Reality register to combat the spread of misinformation in General Elections 2024. The poll body in a release said that this platform can be used to verify information, prevent the spread of misinformation, debunk myths, and stay informed about key issues during the General Elections. This register provides already busted election related fake information, probable myths circulating around on social media platforms, FAQs on important topics and reference material under different sections for all stakeholders. The register will be updated on a regular basis. It is accessible to the public through the Election Commission's official website.

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The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has asked all e-commerce Food Business Operators to ensure appropriate categorization of food products being sold on their websites. FSSAI has noted that Dairy Based Beverage Mix, Cereal Based Beverage Mix and Malt Based Beverage are being sold on e-commerce websites under the category Health Drink and Energy Drink. Union Health Ministry said, FSSAI has clarified that the term Health Drink is not defined or standardized anywhere under the Food Safety and Standards Act and regulations. FSSAI has advised all e-commerce Food Business Operators to promptly rectify this misclassification by removing or de-linking such drinks or beverages from the category of Health Drinks and Energy Drinks on their websites. The Ministry said, this corrective action aims to ensure that consumers can make well-informed choices without encountering misleading information.

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Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) released a Consultation Paper on inputs for formulation of National Broadcasting Policy-2024 on Tuesday. Communications Ministry said, the broadcasting sector is a sunrise sector having huge potential to contribute towards the growth of the Indian economy. The Ministry said that the inputs for formulation of policy aim at stipulating the vision, objectives and strategies for the planned development and growth of the broadcasting sector in the era of new and emerging technologies. The Ministry said, this Consultation Paper on Inputs for formulation of National Broadcasting Policy-2024 has been prepared for seeking comments from stakeholders by 30th April and has been placed on TRAI's website. Earlier, Information and Broadcasting Ministry had requested TRAI to provide its inputs for formulation of the National Broadcasting Policy.

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The Supreme Court came down heavily on Patanjali Ayurved on Tuesday, its Managing Director Acharya Balkrishna and its co-founder Baba Ramdev in the misleading advertisements case. A Bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Ahsanuddin Amanullah was hearing a petition filed by the Indian Medical Association against Patanjali's advertisements attacking allopathy and making claims about curing certain diseases. The court was not content with the affidavit filed by Balkrishna and said it will not accept the explanation provided. The court also asked the Ministry of AYUSH why it had not acted against Patanjali for the ads belittling contemporary medicine. The apex court, however, gave Ramdev and Balakrishna one last chance to file the affidavit in one week.

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Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, NSDMA has said that heavy rain along with thunderstorm and gusty winds with speed 30-40 kmph is expected to continue in the state till 16th of April. It said, showers will be accompanied by other pre-Monsoon activities such as lightning, hailstorm, thunderstorm along with squally winds which is expected to last till April 16. The NSDMA advisory said, Peren, Dimapur, Kohima, Phek, Wokha, Zunheboto, Kiphire, Mokokchung, Shamator, Tseminyu and Tuensang, will experience partly cloudy heavy rainfall along with strong winds and lightening at isolated places. While the maximum temperature is expected to be around 31 degree Celsius and minimum temperature dropping to below 11 degree Celsius in hilly areas. The NSDMA further warned there will be poor visibility due to intense spell of rainfall leading to traffic congestion, temporary disruption of traffic due to water logging, uprooting of trees, partial damages to kutchra houses and huts, possibilities of damages to vulnerable structures and crops due to heavy rainfall or landslides. Further, it advised all to take appropriate shelter during thunderstorms and lightning activities.

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