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1. Chief Electoral Officer of Nagaland says state is fully prepared for upcoming Lok Sabha election.
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Chief Electoral Officer Nagaland Vyas R has said that the state is fully prepared for the upcoming Lok Sabha election, with the motto to have a smooth free and fair polls in the state. Speaking exclusively to Akashvani News Kohima today, Vyas said 48 companies of Central Armed Police Force have arrived in the state. He said in addition, the District Executive Forces, Home Guards and the Village Guards will also be deployed for poll duty across the state. Vyas stated that the international borders are being manned by the Assam Rifles, while the civil administration especially in the role of Flying squad and static surveillance team are intercepting any illegal money and drugs. The CEO informed that 13 lakh, 17 thousand, 536 registered voters will be casting their votes in 2,342 polling stations in the state. He said that there will 513 all-women polling stations spread across the state, besides four People With Disabilities managed Polling Stations each in Kohima, Phek, Mokokchung and Tuensang. The CEO said, about 625 polling stations has been identified as vulnerable and critical, while 717 has not been categorized. On monetary value seizure, he said one crore seven lakh 81 thousand 225 rupees has been seized by the state police and 13 lakh 95 thousand 223 rupees has been seized by the excise. Asserting that election is a celebration of democracy, the CEO also appeal to all eligible voters, including the ENPO members to cast their votes on polling day.

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The Enforcement Agencies have made a record seizure of over four thousand 650 crore rupees before the first phase of polling for the 18th Lok Sabha elections commences on Friday. Election Commission has said that this marks a sharp increase over three thousand 475 crore rupees seized during the entire Lok Sabha election in 2019. The Commission said, 45 per cent of the seizures are of drugs and narcotics. It said, the seizures have been possible by comprehensive planning, scaled up collaboration and unified deterrence action from agencies and proactive citizen participation. The commission said, the enhanced seizures reflect Election Commission's unwavering commitment to monitor inducements and curb electoral malpractices for a level playing field, particularly in favour of smaller and less resourceful parties. The seizures are a critical part of Election Commission resolve to conduct the Lok Sabha elections free of inducements and electoral malpractices and to ensure a level playing field. The commission has also taken strict action against 106 government servants who have been found assisting politicians in campaigning, thereby violating the Code of Conduct and instructions.



Congress Party President, Mallikarjun Kharge is scheduled to visit Nagaland tomorrow to address an Public Meeting in Dimapur. This was stated by All India Congress Committee in-charge of Nagaland, Manipur, Sikkim and Tripura, Girish Chodankar while addressing a press meet at Congress Bhavan in Kohima today. The congress leader expressed confidence that the INDIA alliance would form the government at the centre. He announced that the Congress Candidate who is also the NPCC president, would get a Cabinet berth in Delhi, recognizing his hard work for reviving the party and organizing Rahul Gandhi's—Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra which was well received by the congress leader. Chodankar said the ensuing election is about saving the future of India and safeguarding the constitution. Expressing apprehension over booth capturing on the polling day by the ruling government in the state, the Congress leader said the Party have met the Chief Electoral Officer of Nagaland and will also intimidate the election commission and the entire machineries to ensure free and fair election.



Kohima district today commenced casting of Postal Ballot by the Absentee Voters Essential Services (AVES) for Lok Sabha election. A Notification from the Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer of Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant stated that the exercise will continue till 17th April at the Postal Voting Centre set up at DB's Court at the DC Office Complex from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.



A combined force of Central Industrial Security Force, Border Security Force and Nagaland Armed Police organized a joint flag march in Mokokchung town today. Mokokchung Superintendent of Police along with officers and personnel and representatives from the district administration also took part in the March. The flag march was organized to instill confidence among the voters for conduct of a free and fair poll.



Governor of Nagaland, La. Ganesan has emphasized on the importance of drawing inspiration from the teachings of our spiritual leaders and wisdom of our ancestors. The Governor was speaking at the inauguration of Kirtan Bhawan at Shree Shree Vindhya Basini Mandir in Medziphema today. He said the inauguration of Kirtan Bhawan and Hawan Kund signifies the commitment of spiritual enlightenment and communal harmony. The Governor stated that the Kirtan Bhawan stands as a beacon of faith and devotion, while the Hawan Kund represents a sacred fire pit used for performing hawan or yajnas which are ancient Vedic rituals and holds great spiritual & symbolic significance in Hinduism. La Ganesan called on the citizens to uphold the values that unite us such as compassion, empathy and a shared sense of purpose.



Kiphire District Project Officer, Department of Land Resources, Lipichem has informed that Kholar has been labeled as One District One Product for kiphire. In this regard, the Project Officer urged the concerned department to impart necessary training to the farmers. Lipichem was speaking at the two-day training on improved cultivation practice of pea under rice pea cropping systems at Kiphire today. The training is being organized by District Horticulture Office, Krishi Vigyan Kendra and District Fishery Office and funded by Indian Institute of Pulses Research Kanpur. Emphasizing that with population growth, demand is increasing and stressed on the need to improve productivity with the limited resources. Senior scientist and head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dr. Lahar jyoti Bordaloi and District Fishery Officer, Nzanthung yanthan also spoke on the occasion. Chief Technical Officer Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dr. Khumdemo Ezung gave a technical session on pulses. Over 30 farmers are attending the training.



Gracious Life Foundation, a non-governmental organization today held an awareness program on 'School Mental Health' at Government High School Sovima, under Chumoukedima district. The program was conducted for students of class 8, 9 and 10, with the objective to educate the students on mental health and issues related to it. The program covered different topics like mental health, negative impact of social media on mental health, substance addiction and stress management. A total of 61 students attended the program. Gracious Life Foundation offers a range of mental health services such as psychiatric OPD, counseling services and community outreach programs. Various awareness programs are conducted in different educational institutions, churches and at community level to spread awareness on mental health and to reduce stigma associated to mental illness.

