

Morning News Script

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The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Nagaland has served a show-cause notice to Yanthungo Patton, the Star Campaigner of BJP for the 2024 Lok Sabha Election in the 1-Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency. The notice is related to the remarks made by Patton on April 5 at a campaign program for Dr. Chumben Murry, the consensus candidate of the People's Democratic Alliance (PDA) representing the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) in Wokha. Patton was seen in a video inciting village functionaries such as Council Chairman, Gaon Buras, and Polling agents to cast multiple votes, which would interfere with the free exercise of electoral rights of the villagers. The CEO Nagaland, in the show-cause notice served to the BJP leader, stated that such interference violates Section 171C of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and impersonation is an offense under Section 171D of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. Patton has been asked to show cause at the earliest why action should not be taken against him. Mention may be made that on April 7, Patton had clarified that he respects the democratic process and the right of every citizen to cast their own vote, which is a fundamental cornerstone of democracy. The BJP leader added that he would never seek to undermine or subvert it in any way. Patton expressed regret for his poorly chosen words and called upon everyone to take part in the electoral process during the forthcoming Parliamentary elections. In light of these developments, the Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee has also filed a complaint with the election commission against Patton over his statement.

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In a bid to ensure that senior citizens above the age of 85 years and persons with disabilities (PwDs) exercise their voting rights conveniently, the Postal Ballots for Absentee voters commenced yesterday in Dimapur. A total of 179 absentee voters in Dimapur are being catered with the services. Wherein, 9 teams from Dimapur 1, 2 and 3 went door to door reaching out to absentee voters (senior citizens and persons with disabilities). The outreach efforts for postal ballot casting will end today.

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Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant has requested all AHOD & HOD to submit all the requisitioned vehicles at the IG stadium by 10th April 2024 along with the drivers to facilitate the smooth conduct of the election process. The DC said the government departments under Kohima district have been served with a requisition order for government vehicles for the elections. However, many departments have applied for exemption of vehicles from the election duty. In this regard, the DC also informed that the exemption cases have not been considered on account of the huge demand from other districts for vehicles. However, vehicles attached to the AHOD, HOD, and off-road conditions are in consideration.



Naga People's Front (NPF) President Apong Pongener has appealed all the rank and file of Party workers and the well wishers in the state of Nagaland to unequivocally support PDA's consensus candidate Dr. Chumben Murry in the ensuing 18th Lok Sabha Election. He urged all the rank and file of NPF Party workers to strengthen the resolution of the NPF Central Working Committee of NPF Party as passed in its meeting on 11th march 2024 to support PDA's Consensus Candidate Dr. Chumben Murry. The NPF President further added extending support to PDA's consensus candidate is for the common good and betterment of Naga society in the long run.



The National Testing Agency (NTA) has clarified that students who cast vote in the general elections and have their fingers inked will not be barred from entering exam rooms. It said, the message circulating regarding this in social media platforms are completely baseless. NTA said, it has not issued any such instructions and guidelines. The agency has asked students not to pay attention to such rumours and exercise their voting right. It has advised the candidates to focus on their studies and prepare for the forthcoming examination.



The Government has extended the deadline for submission of Research and Development proposals under National Green Hydrogen Mission till the 27th of April. Earlier the last date for submission was 12th April. The National Green Hydrogen mission was launched in January last year

with an outlay of 19 thousand 744 crore rupees up to the financial year 2029-30.

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