

**THE HEADLINES:-**

- 1. BJP National Spokesperson Mhonlumo Kikon accuses Congress party of neglecting the interests of Nagas.**
- 2. Congress condemns statement of BJP leader and MLA Imkong L Imchen; says BJP loves to rewrite history to confuse people.**
- 3. Prime Minister and senior BJP leader Narendra Modi holds election rally in Assam; Congress leader Rahul Gandhi campaigns in Uttar Pradesh.**
- 4. Campaigning for first phase of Lok Sabha polls comes to an end.**



**BJP National Spokesperson Mhonlumo Kikon today accused the Congress party of neglecting the interests of the Nagas. Addressing a press conference at the BJP Office in Dimapur, Kikon asserted that the Nehru-Gandhi family has consistently pursued anti-Naga policies. He said Indira Gandhi had attempted to amend the Indian Constitution whereas Prime Minister Narendra Modi has assured that BJP has no intention of altering the constitution. Stating that the Shillong Accord was imposed by Indira Gandhi, Kikon labeled it as a policy mistake that continues to adversely affect the Naga community. Responding to allegations of persecution against Christians and minorities, Kikon downplayed them as isolated incidents blown out of proportion. He praised the unwavering support of the NDPP led alliance government and highlighted successful collaborations of the alliance such as addressing the Assam-Nagaland border issues. Kikon urged support for consensus candidate of the People's Democratic Alliance emphasizing the importance of having a representative who can effectively articulate Nagaland's concerns in the parliament.**



**AICC Secretary and In-charge of Nagaland and Sikkim, Ranajit Mukherjee and senior congress leader and former MLA Chubatoshi Apok Jamir have condemned the recent statement of BJP leader and MLA and Advisor Imkong L Imchen who mentioned that Congress should seek forgiveness from the Nagas over the countless atrocities committed on the Nagas. Addressing media persons at a press conference in Dimapur today, Mukherjee termed the statement of Imchen as very distressing. He said that the BJP loves to rewrite history to confuse the people and the reason particularly in Nagaland is because they are losing voters on the ground which is apparent to everyone. Apok Jamir said it is very unbecoming of Imkong L Imchen to make such statement. He said that what is happening in the country today is very disturbing and needs every right thinking citizen to make a very conscious decision to safeguard the interest of the people and the democratic and the secular values of the constitution. Jamir reminded that it was during the Congress that political agreement came about between the Naga People's Convention and the Government of India resulting in creation of Nagaland Statehood.**



**Prime Minister and senior BJP leader Narendra Modi held an election rally at Nalbari in Assam today. Addressing a public meeting, Modi said that the BJP-led NDA government believes in the inclusiveness of all and everyone gets benefits of all government schemes. Modi promised to build three crore new houses for the poor in the next 5 years apart from free food grains for the poor and needy. Meanwhile, Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi today claimed that there is a strong undercurrent in favour of the opposition INDI Alliance bloc in the Lok Sabha polls and the BJP will be restricted to 150 seats. Addressing a joint press conference at Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh, Gandhi said, this election is about the battle of ideologies.**



**Campaigning for first phase of Lok Sabha polls came to an end this evening. In Nagaland, campaigning for the lone Lok Sabha seat from the state came to an end at 4 PM. Political parties and their leaders have left no stone unturned to woo the voters in their favour. 102 seats of 17 states and four Union Territories will go to polls on Friday.**



**In Peren, the first batch of P-2 Polling Parties (Advance team) for 6-Tening Assembly Constituency were today dispatched to their respective polling stations along with EVMs and other poll-related materials from the ADC Office. Earlier, a Strong Room Warehouse where EVM/VVPATs machines were stored was opened in the presence of ADC & ARO Tening, AEO Peren, Micro Observer and representative from Political Parties.**



**In Chumoukedima, the 3rd Phase randomization of Polling Personnel and Micro Observers for Poll Day was held today at the DC Office. The randomization process was held under the supervision of DC & DEO, Abhinav Shivam in the presence of observer Avinash Chauhan and concerned officers. All Political Parties under Chumoukedima attended the randomization process.**



**Notification for the fourth phase of Lok Sabha elections will be issued tomorrow. 96 Lok Sabha seats spread over nine States and a Union Territory will go to polls in this phase on 13th of May. Simultaneously, notification will also be issued for single-phase assembly elections in Andhra Pradesh for 175 seats and first phase of assembly polls in Odisha for 28 constituencies. The filing of nominations will end on Friday for the third phase of Lok Sabha polls. 94 Parliamentary seats in 10 States and two Union Territories will go to polls in this phase on the 7th of May.**



**Kohima Deputy Commissioner has informed that in view of detection of African Swine Fever in the district, various locations have been declared as Infected Zone and Surveillance Zone. At Kidima village, the area extending upto one kilometer radius from the infected premises has been declared as Infected Zone. Further, areas falling within 10 kilometer from the Infected Zone has been declared as Surveillance Zone. The DC has imposed ban on slaughter of pigs, import and export of pigs and transportation of pigs and pork within the infected and surveillance zones.**



**Nagaland Health Protection Society, Department of Health and Family Welfare, has informed that employees and pensioners who had made self-payment with effect from 1st November 2022 to 31st December 2023 for the cost of medical treatment during the initial period of Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme, CMHIS (EP) are eligible for reimbursement of cost of treatment. It said that an online portal for submission and processing of such claims is under development and will be ready soon. Meanwhile, all concerned beneficiaries have been requested to prepare the documents for reimbursement of medical expenses as soon as the portal goes live by visiting <https://cmhis.nagaland.gov.in>.**



**Nagaland Board of School Education, NBSE, in commemoration its Golden Jubilee Year, is organizing a four day Interaction Programme on Science Education from 29th April to 2nd May 2024 at Kohima, Dimapur and Chümoukedima. Professor Shalabh, Department of Statistics and Dean of Academic Affairs, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur will be the resource person. All Heads of Higher Secondary Institutions having Science Stream have been asked to disseminate the information to the students, Teachers and participate in these Interaction Programmes positively. On 29th April, the Interaction Programme will be held in Chumoukedima for students at 10 AM at St. Joseph Higher Secendary School, Chümoukedima and at 2 PM at Greenwood School, Dimapur. On 30th April, the programme will be held at Holy Cross Higher Secondary School, Dimapur, for students at 10 AM and for Principals and Science Teachers of Mon, Peren, Dimapur and Chümoukedima districts at 2 PM. On 1st May, the programme will be held at Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Kohima with the morning session at 10 AM and the afternoon session at 2 PM. On 2nd May, the programme will be held at 10 AM at the Conference Hall, Block I, NBSE, for Principals and Science Teachers of Kohima, Mokokchung, Tuensang, Phek, Wokha, Zunheboto, Kiphire, and Longleng districts. The purpose of this event is to encourage and promote the study of Science at Higher Education.**

