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Polling for the second phase of Lok Sabha elections to 88 Parliamentary Constituencies in 12 States and Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir got underway this morning at 7 AM. Voting is taking place in twenty seats of Kerala, 14 seats of Karnataka, 13 seats of Rajasthan, eight seats each of Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, six seats of Madhya Pradesh, five seats each in Assam and Bihar, three seats each of West Bengal and Chhattisgarh and one seat each in Manipur, Tripura and Jammu and Kashmir. A total of one thousand 202 candidates along with four candidates from the Outer Manipur Lok Sabha constituency are in the fray in this phase.

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All Shops and Business establishments in Dimapur have gone into an indefinite shutter-down from today. Initiated by Dimapur Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), the shutter down has been called to protest against harassment meted out to the business community by Naga Political Groups, in the form of multiple taxations, intimidations and summon letters. The indefinite shutter down is only for the business community and there will be free movement of vehicles. The DCCI said, the shutter down will be enforced until the grievances of the business community are redressed. To show its solidarity and support to DCCI, Kohima Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chümoukedima Chamber of Commerce and Trade Association and Wokha District Chamber of Commerce and Industry have also joined in observing one day shutter down which began from 6 AM and end at 6 PM. In Kohima, shutter down of all business establishment are being witnessed except pharmacies, hotels and bakeries are exempted from the purview. Meanwhile, Petroleum outlets in Dimapur, Chumoukedima, Niuland and Kohima have also joined in the protest by closing all its outlets for the day.

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Nagaland Board of School Education, NBSE, will declare the provisional results for High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) and Higher

Secondary School Leaving Certificate (HSSLC) examinations 2024 in the afternoon today. The results will be made available on both print and digital modes. Soft copies of the results can be accessed on web portals <u>www.nbsenl.edu.in</u>, <u>www.indiaresults.com</u>, www.results.shiksha, and <u>www.jagranjosh.com</u>. The results can also be accessed on its Android Mobile App. It may be mentioned that a total of 40 thousand and 47 candidates in Nagaland had enrolled for appearing the HSLC and HSSLC examinations that was conducted from 13th to 23rd February and 12th February till 6th March respectively.

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Slaughtering of pigs, import and export of pigs and piglets, as well as the transportation of pigs and pork has been banned within the jurisdiction of Kohima town until further order. Administrator of Kohima Municipal Council, KMC T. Lanusenla Longkumer in an order said the ban is being imposed in pursuance to Deputy Commissioner Kohima order issued on April 16, following the detection of African Swine Fever (ASF) in various locations within Kohima district, which have been notified as Infected Zones and Surveillance Zones. The Administrator has also instructed all butchers, piglet dealers, and wards under Kohima jurisdiction to strictly adhere to the Deputy Commissioner's order and to report any suspicions to the concerned department in order to contain the disease at the earliest.

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The Department of Youth Resources and Sports, Nagaland, in collaboration with the Sports Authority of India, North Eastern Regional Centre, Imphal (SAI NERC Imphal), will conduct the Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KIRTI) assessment tests in Kohima from today onwards. The sporting disciplines selected for Nagaland are archery, athletics, wrestling, boxing, and football, marking a significant step in identifying budding talent in the state. The assessment tests which begin today will continue till 1st of May at IG Stadium, Kohima at 9 AM. Assistant Director of Khelo India SAI NERC Imphal, Laishram Samritya Singh said that KIRTI aims to conduct assessments across the country throughout the year to identify talent through notified Talent Assessment Centres.

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In Commemoration of World Veterinary Day on April 27, Chief Veterinary Office Kohima under the Department of Animal Husbandry

and Veterinary Services is organizing a Free Anti-Rabies Vaccination camp at Veterinary Hospital compound Kohima and Veterinary Dispensary Chiephobozou. The Vaccination programme will start at 7:00 A.M onwards at Veterinary hospital compound Kohima and at Veterinary Dispensary Chiephobozou from 8:00 A.Monwards. The veterinary office said, minimal registration fee will be charged at the venues and urged all pet owners to bring all healthy dogs or cats to avail the facilities.

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