

Morning News Script

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Nagaland will be conducting the Urban Local Bodies elections in all 39 Municipal and Town councils on June 26. The state cabinet has given the administrative approval during a meeting held yesterday. The municipal elections will be held in the state with 33 per cent women reservation for the first time. Meanwhile, the government has fixed 29th April as the date of publication of the Election programme. Counting and declaration of votes will take place on 29th June. The period for filling of nomination is from 7th to 11th June upto 3PM while 20th June is the last date for withdrawal of candidatures. Scrutiny of validly presented nominations papers will be taken on 13th June and applications for revision of the order of authority scrutinising the nomination will be from 15th to 18th June till 3PM. Date of re-poll if any, has been fixed on June 28.

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Following no positive response from the state government, the Confederation of Nagaland Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CNCCI) has decided to go for all Nagaland indefinite shutter down from today. CNCCI had informed earlier that if the Dimapur Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) grievances are not addressed by the government at the appropriate time, the CNCCI will step up the agitation and go for an indefinite Nagaland shutter down starting April 27. However, Banking establishments, educational institutions, government offices and all medical related activities will be kept outside the purview of the shutter down. The Confederation further requested all the business community to cooperate and ensure shutter down in their respective districts. The CNCCI terms the indefinite shutter down totally justified as multiple taxation by multiple groups, uncountable fines and harassment meted out to the business community cannot be tolerated any further. Meanwhile, Mokokchung Chamber of Commerce & Industry along with all other confederating district units of the CNCCI, and Tuensang Chamber of Commerce & Industry have extended its participation in the statewide indefinite shutter-down protest.

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MLA & Leader of NPF Legislature Party Kuzholuzo (Azo) Nienu said the NPF party fully understands the move initiated by the business

community to down their shutter to expressed their grievances. He said unabated/illegal taxation on the business community is directly affecting the Naga public and the consequence is paid by the general public. Expressing concern and condemning over the unabated/illegal taxation/extortion particularly to the business community by the various Naga Political Groups, Nienu urged the Naga Political Groups to strictly monitor any kinds of anti-social activities that hamper the growth of the civilized Naga society and wreaking havoc in the society. He added that the NPF also appreciated the stand and the directives of the State Government issued to tackle all forms of extortion/illegal taxation towards the business community and have requested the business community to adhere to the directives given by the Government authority. He also urged upon the general public and the business community to give its fullest cooperation to the Government agencies to put an end to the extortion/illegal taxation culture and requested the public and the business community to come forward to report or file FIR for any such illegal activities that are taking place.

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has congratulated all who have cleared HSLC and HSSLC exam under the Nagaland Board of School Education. In a social media post, Rio said their hard work has helped them reach an important milestone in their academic journey. He extended best wishes to all candidates for a successful future. The Chief Minister also encouraged those who have failed not to give up, but to strive with persistence. Deputy Chief Ministers T.R.Zeliang and Y Patton have also conveyed congratulations to all the successful candidates of HSLC and HSSLC examinations. Zeliang said that HSLC and HSSLC results declaration is always a moment to cherish as it brings joyous celebrations, hope and challenges to many homes, especially the young students and parents whose hard work were paid off. Zeliang also urged the students who could not clear the examinations not to be discouraged but to work harder tenaciously and succeed in the next appearance. He wishes all the candidates a very bright future. Patton said the hard work and perseverance have truly paid off and all are proud of their efforts and believe in their potential. To those who did not clear this time, Patton reminded that this is not the end but just a step in their journey.

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