

Morning News Script

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Nagaland state Cabinet yesterday met the Eastern Nagaland Gazetted Officers Association (ENGOA) and other senior state government officials from the eastern Nagaland at Kohima. The meeting was held to discuss on the demand of the Eastern Nagaland People's Organization (ENPO) for Frontier Nagaland Territory (FNT) and also appeal the citizens to participate in the upcoming electoral process of the country. Speaking to the media persons after the closed door meeting, Minister of Power and Parliamentary Affairs, KG Kenye said the meeting was healthy, free and fair discussion, wherein the state government presented a brief report from the time when the aspiration started in 2010 till date. Subsequently different members have presented their views and opinions. Kenye reiterated the state government's appeal to the citizens from the Eastern Nagaland through ENGOA that they should participate in the upcoming electoral process. He said the issue should be solved amicably with understanding, patience and not take confrontation position since the matter is a continuous process. The Minister also said the state government would continue to request everyone upto the last citizens in the state wherever they are to participate and cast their votes atleast in the electoral process of this country. Furthermore, Kenye maintained that ENGOA would continue to persuade the ENPO to be a part of the electoral process as a duty of bonafide citizens of the nation.

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The External Affairs Ministry has issued an Advisory to caution Indian nationals travelling to Cambodia for employment, asking them to do so only through authorised agents. In its Advisory, the Ministry said that Indian nationals, lured by fake promises of lucrative job opportunities in Cambodia, are falling into the trap of human traffickers. These Indian nationals are coerced to undertake online financial scams and other illegal activities. The Ministry has advised people to thoroughly check the background of the prospective employers in the country. Through the Indian Mission

in Phnom Penh, the External Affairs Ministry is working closely with the Cambodian authorities to address the issue and provide continuous assistance to the affected Indian nationals.

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Agni-Prime Missile has been successfully flight-tested in Odisha on Wednesday. The flight-test was conducted by Strategic Forces Command, along with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha. According to the Defence Ministry, New Generation Ballistic Missile Agni-Prime met all the trial objectives validating its reliable performance. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has congratulated DRDO, SFC and the Armed Forces for the successful test. Singh said that the successful development and induction of the missile will be an excellent force multiplier for the Armed Forces.

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Kohima District Congress Committee, along with six Assembly Constituency Congress Committees under its jurisdiction held a Coordination meeting with PCC President and INDIA Consensus Candidate S Supongmeren Jamir, yesterday at Congress Bhavan, Kohima. During the meeting, a range of issues were discussed and critical campaign strategies in connection with the ensuing Lok Sabha Polls on April 19 were adopted.

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The draw of lots exercise for allotment of broadcast and telecast time to recognised national parties on Doordarshan and Akashvani for the ensuing General Election 2024 was conducted at Rang Bhawan in New Delhi yesterday. Each of the national parties has been allotted 45 minutes on the Doordarshan and Akashvani separately. An additional five hours and thirty minutes of telecast and broadcast time has also been allotted to the six national parties. Telecast and broadcast will be done on the 16th and the 23rd of this month, and the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 22nd, and 29th of the next month.

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The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has facilitated taxpayers to file their Income Tax Returns (ITRs) for the Assessment Year 2024-25 from the 1st of April, 2024 onwards. The ITRs like, ITR-1, ITR-2 and ITR-4, commonly used by taxpayers are available on the e-filing portal from the 1st of this month to file returns. Companies will also be able to file their ITRs through ITR-6.

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