

Morning News Script

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With just two weeks remaining until the 18th Lok Sabha elections, leaders of various political parties gathered together to express their support for People's Democratic Alliance, PDA consensus candidate Dr. Chumben Murry yesterday at the mass rally for the general election to the Lok Sabha 2024 held at Mokokchung and Wokha district respectively. Speaking at Mokokchung, Chief Minister and senior NDPP leader, Neiphiu Rio called upon the citizens of Nagaland to vote for the PDA consensus candidate Dr. Chumben Murry. He said, Dr Murry is the most capable leader to represent Nagaland in the parliament. Rio also said, Modi led BJP Government in the State is the most dynamic Government and that, there is no alternative government other than Modi's government. Addressing the public at Wokha, NDPP President Chingwang Konyak who is also Chairman of PDA government said the state needs a highly qualified and fit representative in the parliament. To this Konyak said Dr Chumben Murry having great experience and qualifications is fit to represent the Nagas. On the issue of ENPO's non participation in the election, the NDPP President acknowledged that the Eastern Nagas is lacking behind in all aspects of developments unlike other Naga tribes and need a separate state or territory for better administration. However, it would be a setback for the people if non cooperation continues, adding that non-participation in the election will not yield any positive outcome. PDA consensus candidate Dr. Murry thanked all the legislators for giving him the ticket and assured that he will be the voice of the Nagas.

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The Reserve Bank of India has said, the Consumer Price Index inflation for 2024- 25 is projected at 4.5 per cent. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das while announcing the bi- monthly monetary policy yesterday said, the CPI inflation had peaked at 7.8 per cent in April 2022. He added, that even though Inflation has come down significantly it remains above the 4 per cent target given by the Government. The apex bank has kept the repo rate unchanged for the seventh time in a row. The Governor

informed that, India's Foreign Exchange Reserves reached an all-time high of 645.6 billion dollars as of March 29th this year.

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University Grants Commission has instructed all higher educational institutions to create awareness among the students about the availability of a toll-free mental health helpline. The commission, in a circular to all the vice-chancellors of universities and principals of all colleges, noted that Health Ministry's Tele-MANAS mental health helpline has performed commendably well since its launch and it further needs to be popularised amongst the masses. The commission requested the higher educational institutions to widely publicise the Tele MANAS helpline, stating that it is free of cost and available 24x7.

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Election Commission of India (ECI) has termed the false claim of messages being circulated on social media platform WhatsApp that 15 lakh EVMs are missing. In a social media post, ECI said that the claim is misleading and fake. It further asserted that no EVMs are missing and the Supreme Court has also dismissed the petitions on missing EVMs. ECI has said that for authentic information people must visit the commission's official website

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The Assam Rifles Inspector General's Conference 2024 yesterday held at Headquarters Directorate General Assam Rifles in Laitkor, Shillong. Director General of Assam Rifles, Lieutenant General PC Nair emphasized that the Force should focus on maintaining the integrity of the Indo Myanmar Border. He complimented the troops of the Force for their professional unbiased conduct in keeping the situation in Manipur under control. Nair also stressed on the Combat Potential in Conventional Operations to enhance the operational effectiveness of the Force. He noted that the Assam Rifles has always identified itself with the people of the North East and ensured their security and well-being. The Assam Rifles Commanders Conference 2024 provided a valuable platform for senior military leaders to deliberate on critical issues related to combat potential and operational readiness of Assam Rifles, Lieutenant General added.

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The East Dimapur Town Council has directed all shops and establishments within its jurisdiction to renew their trade Licence on or before 30th of April. Additional Deputy Commissioner and Administrator East Dimapur Town Council, Mhalo Humtsoe urged shop owners and establishment managers to ensure compliance with this renewal requirement to maintain the validity of their trade licence. Sanitation fee for one year will also be collected at the time of renewal of the licence. Failing to adhere to the directive will result in the imposition of a late fee as per the prescribed rules which could lead to the cancellation of the licence, she added.

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