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- Nagaland joins rest of the world in observing World Malaria Day
- Nagaland Public Service Commission declares result of Common Educational Service Examination 2023
- Deputy Commissioner, Kohima Kumar Ramnikant, urges students to be agents of change in protecting the environment
- Voting for second phase of Lok Sabha Elections to be held tomorrow

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Nagaland today joined the rest of the world in observing World Malaria Day at Nagaland Civil Secretariat. The day was observed with calls for efforts to ensure Malaria Free Nagaland. Principal Director cum Mission Director for National Health Mission, Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Dr. E Motsuthung Patton said the day is observed to reflect on the fight against malaria, a fight that Nagaland has embraced with unwavering commitment and community spirit. Patton said malaria has taken a toll on families, communities, and the economy. He said that even in the face of such adversity, the state has shown resilience, determination, and innovation in its efforts to control and ultimately eliminate Malaria by 2030. Highlighting on the strides made by the state, Patton said districts like Mokokchung, Longleng and Zunheboto have made significant progress, where no cases of malaria have been reported for the last Three consecutive years and is preparing to achieve pre-elimination status. Further, the Principal Director urged the society to renew their commitment to this cause by innovating more community centric approaches, investing in robust healthcare infrastructure and implementing strategies that reach the most vulnerable. On the occasion, two best performing Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) Kikrusi and Temsujungla while Surveillance workers Mhalerovi and Deizenuo under Kohima district were felicitated.

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The Nagaland Public Service Commission has declared the results of the Common Educational Service Examination 2023. The Commission in a

notification stated that results can be access from the Commission's notice board and its website npsc.nagaland.gov.in. The Commission added that the viva voce for the selected candidates will begin from 17th of May onwards.

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Deputy Commissioner, Kohima Kumar Ramnikant, urged students to be agents of change in protecting the environment. Speaking at the culmination programme of Deeper Public Engagement and Consultation, under the National Clean Air Programme 2023-24, Ramnikant encouraged the students to incorporate habits to protect and create a sustainable and clean environment. The DC said the impacts of global warming can now be seen in our own cities with the erratic climate change and therefore advised everyone to be concerned about the causes of pollution and its impact. Extra Assistant Commissioner, Dr. Riku Khutso said Kohima was in the list of 131 non-attainment cities in India of air pollution. Khutso while highlighting the programmes and activities said this was organised by the District Administration in partnership with the Zub-Zub India to spread awareness of Air pollution and sensitized the citizens on the need to improve the quality of air. Khutso said that young people can be very influential and therefore encouraged the youths to address the threats and concern posed by pollution to take constructive measures.

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Preparations are in full swing for the second phase of Lok Sabha Elections where voting will be held tomorrow. Elections will be held for 88 Lok Sabha seats in 13 States and Union Territories including the remaining part of the Outer Manipur Lok Sabha constituency. 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 will go to polls in this phase. A total of one thousand 198 candidates from 13 States and Union Territories along with four candidates from the Outer Manipur Lok Sabha constituency are in the fray in this phase.

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Election Commission of India (ECI) has taken cognizance of alleged model code of conduct violations by Senior BJP leader Narendra Modi and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. ECI has sent letters to BJP President JP Nadda and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge to seek response by 11 AM on 29th of this month. In the letters, ECI has directed that all-star campaigners to set high standards of political discourse and observe provisions of MCC in letter and spirit. In their complaints, Congress, CPI and CPI(M) had raised objections on the speech made by Senior BJP leader Narendra Modi during his election speech in Baswara, Rajasthan. While, in their complaint, BJP had raised objection on the election speech made by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at Kottayam in Kerala.

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Kohima District Petroleum Dealers Association (KDPDA) has informed that all petroleum outlets in Kohima will be closed on 26th April. The KDPDA said the closure has been called in support of the Kohima Chamber of Commerce and Industries (KCCI) call for closure of business establishments on April 26 from 6 AM till 6 PM in protest against unabated taxation, intimidations faced by the business establishments. KDPDA president, Thejaselie Jabou Sekhose have asked all Retail Petroleum Outlets under Kohima to close down their establishment from 6 AM till 6 PM in solidarity with the KCCI

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Additional Deputy Commissioner Pfutsero, Moakumzuk Tzudir has ordered the ban on import of pigs to Pfutsero from surrounding villages and other sub-division. The ADC said this has been necessitated as a precautionary measure in the interest of public health as there have been reported death of pigs due to swine flu in villages adjacent to Pfutsero town and other sub-division. The ADC also directed all wards G.Bs to monitor the slaughter and sale of pork in their respective ward and ensure only healthy pigs are slaughtered for public consumption.

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The 2.77 meters coriander plant which was planted by Yilobemo Erui in his kitchen Garden at New Wokha village passed its first phase of the Guinness World Record process. The evidence verification was done today by various departments in Wokha, including the District Administration,

Department of Horticulture, Department of Agriculture, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, and Land Records and Survey The plant will now undergo its second phase for the Guinness World Record process

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Along with the rest of the nation, the 2nd Quarterly National Lok Adalat for 2024 will be observed in all the district headquarters on 11th May. The Lok Adalats will be observed under the aegis of Nagaland State Legal Services Authority, and eleven Lok Adalat Benches will be set-up by the District Legal Services Authority. Lok Adalat an alternative dispute redressal mechanisms, and a forum where disputes and cases pending in the court of law or at pre-litigation stage are settled and compromised amicably. Lok Adalats have been given statutory status under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. Under the said Act, the decision made by the Lok Adalats is deemed to be a verdict of a civil court and is final and binding on all parties and no appeal against such an decision lies before any court of law. There is no court fee payable when a matter is filed in a Lok Adalat. If a matter pending in the court of law is referred to the Lok Adalat and is settled subsequently, the court fee originally paid in the court on the complaints or petition is also refunded back to the parties.

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