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1. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio says motive of having opposition-less government is to bring peace and resolve Naga Political Issue.
2. Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research celebrates World health day.
3. Dimapur District Administration to commence postal ballot for senior citizens and persons with disabilities from tomorrow.
4. And, Tri-service Conference Parivartan Chintan held in New Delhi.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today reiterated that the motive of having an opposition-less government in Nagaland and setting the People's Democratic Party (PDA) is to bring peace and resolve the Naga Political Issue. He said the focus is to let the people thrive while also to let investors come in the state and create opportunities and avenues. Addressing the Kohima PDA coordination meeting for the General Election to the Lok Sabha 2024 at Kohima, Rio expressed hope that the forthcoming election would be peaceful and the people also would support the consensus candidate. He reiterated the unwavering commitment of his government for the unresolved Naga issue and added that his party would not compromise the Christian principles. Rio reaffirmed the PDA's commitment as a party to the NDA at the centre and informed that he would be going to Manipur on April 20 to campaign for the NPF Candidate for Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency. Meanwhile, the PDA consensus candidate, Dr. Chumben Murry in speech stated that the 18th house of the parliament will be crucial for the Naga Political Issue and said politicians cannot be a party to the talks but can project the views and aspirations of the people and this can be done by raising the issue at the Parliament. Dr. Murry highlighted how the Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio is bringing peace, development and empowering the people and various other initiatives that the government is undertaking.

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World health day was celebrated today at Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (NIMSR) at Kohima under the theme, "My health, my right". Speaking to the media on the sideline of the event, Director cum Dean of NIMSR, Professor and Dr. Soumya Chakraborty said, our health is our own responsibility. She said others can facilitate or assist in providing good health, but fundamentally it is ourself who can only take care of our health. Dr. Soumya emphasized that health has many folds and in each fold, there is a component of legal aspect, education, information, distributive justice and maintaining autonomy. Earlier in the program, Professor & Head Of Department, Department of Community Medicine, NIMSR, Dr Ganesh Shanmugasundaram Anusuya, gave a speech on the Theme "My Health, My Right" with highlights on health education and getting access to quality healthcare and information as fundamental human rights. On the occasion, NIMSR also participated in the Nationwide

Quiz Competition for MBBS Students under the aegis of Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine with support of TAPSM, North East State Chapter.



Dimapur District Administration will commence postal ballot for senior citizens above the age of 65 years and persons with disabilities from tomorrow. Extra Assistant Commissioner and Nodal Officer for Postal Ballots in Dimapur, Litsenthung Kikon informed that to efficiently reach out to these voters, nine teams have been formed to cover Dimapur I, II, and III simultaneously. He said, these teams will be deployed to go door-to-door, ensuring that every eligible absentee voter will vote via the postal ballot without any inconvenience. Kikon revealed that a total of 179 absentee voters in Dimapur will be catered to during this initiative. Meanwhile, to facilitate voting for essential workers, the casting of postal ballots began today at the Deputy Commissioner's office, Dimapur. The process was overseen by EAC and the Nodal Officer for Postal Ballots, Litsenthung Kikon. He informed that out of 18 eligible essential voters, 15 casted their votes on the first day of the voting day. The EAC added that the postal ballot voting is scheduled to continue till 10th April from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day at the Deputy Commissioner's Office.



Commissioning and preparation of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines for upcoming Lok Sabha election took place at Deputy Commissioner Office in Dimapur today. The Strong Room was opened in the presence of representatives from all political parties and representatives from contesting candidates, election officials and others. The commissioning of EVM and VVPAT will continue till tomorrow at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Dimapur. Electronic Voting Machines engineers from the Election Commission of India also commenced with the Commissioning of EVMs and VVPATs at Pughoboto today. Master trainers and representatives from various political parties attended the exercise.



The Tri-service Conference Parivartan Chintan was held in New Delhi today. During the conference Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan highlighted the need for developing a joint culture for the Armed Forces. He also stressed upon the need to integrate the capabilities of each service by creating structures that enhance war fighting ability and interoperability. National strategic issues impacting national security in civil and military domains were also deliberated upon by the officials. Chiefs of Staff Committee Lieutenant General J P Mathew expressed confidence that such interactions will provide the necessary guidelines as joint operational structures evolve to transform to a future ready Indian Armed forces.



National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has issued an advisory warning against copyright infringement of its educational materials. It said that any individual or entity who publishes the content of NCERT textbooks for commercial use without obtaining copyright permission shall be subject to legal proceedings under the Copyright Act. The educational body further urged the public to refrain from using such textbooks or workbooks, cautioning that their content may be factually incorrect. It also advised that if any individual comes across such pirated textbooks or workbooks, they should immediately inform NCERT through email at ncert@nic.in.



Senior BJP leaders and Union Ministers, Anurag Singh Thakur and Dr .L. Murugan jointly inaugurated the Tamil Janam TV in Chennai today. Speaking on the occasion, Thakur said, there is a need to

develop regional language channels in dissemination of quality news content. He said, the Channel has a professional background and will provide news content, nationalist ideology and Tamil identity with a focus on spirituality.



India Meteorological Department has predicted light to moderate rainfall over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura during next seven days. The weather office has forecast light to moderate rainfall at a few places in Nagaland in the next 24 hours. While, thunderstorm with lightning and gusty wind with wind speed of 30 to 40 kilometer per hour has been predicted at isolated places in the state for the next 24 hours.

