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People's Democratic Alliance, PDA organized Mass Rally for Lok Sabha consensus candidate Dr Chumben Murry today in Mokokchung and Wokha district. Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister and Senior party leader of NDPP Neiphiu Rio appealed electorates to cast their vote for the PDA candidate so that the people of Nagaland can have a strong representation in the Lok Sabha. He expressed confidence that he will represent the people of Nagaland effectively. Senior party leader and Chairman PDA and President NDPP Chingwang Konyak, Consensus PDA Candidate Dr. Chumben Murry delivered campaign speeches.

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Congress party today released manifesto for Lok Sabha elections in New Delhi. The manifesto was released in the presence of Party President Mallikarjun Kharge and senior party leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi Major. Kharge said, his party's manifesto is based on Paanch Nyay, five pillars of justice including youth, women, farmers, and labourers as well as justice in opportunities as per population percentage. Highlights of the Congress manifesto were guarantee of national minimum wage at 400 per day, one lakh rupees per year to every poor family, reservation of 50 per cent seats for women in central government jobs, legal guarantee for Minimum Support Prices and national caste census. The Congress promised development of infrastructure and elimination of poverty by improving fortunes of 23 crore people over the next decade. The party has also promised abolition of application fees for government jobs, cashless health insurance up to 25 lakh rupees for universal healthcare and filling up around 30 lakh vacancies in sanctioned posts in the central government. The poll document also talks about carrying out investigations into the Electoral Bonds scheme.

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Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar has directed Municipal Commissioners and District Election Officers from select districts to prepare booth-wise action plan for enhanced voter participation and behavior change. He also asked them to prepare different strategies for urban and rural areas and plan interventions accordingly for different targeted audiences. The Chief Election Commissioner said this while chairing Election Commission meeting with Municipal Commissioners and District Election Officers from select districts in New Delhi today. Kumar said 215 Rural and 51 Urban Parliamentary Constituencies with low voter turnout have been identified. CEC emphasized strategies for provide facilitation at polling stations, targeted outreach and communication and involvement of critical stakeholders, local icons and youth influencers to persuade people to come to polling stations.

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Tsungiki-Philimi Doyang Union of Tsungiki Village Council under Wokha district and Philimi Village Council under Zunheboto district organized annual community fishing at Coco Doyang today. Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton said the longstanding tradition holds deep cultural significance which symbolizes brotherhood between people. He said it is a time to reaffirm shared history, values, and commitment to lift each other. During the community fishing, 18 villages participated. The deputy Chief Minister was also accompanied other state Legislators. The main objective of these inter-tribal practices is to preserve and uphold the age-old tribal traditions and cultures while fostering peaceful co-existence and mutual prosperity within and among different communities and villages.

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The Nagaland Police has registered 28 cases in connection to illicit drugs, alcohol and arms and ammunition cases in the last two weeks. Out of the cases registered, 37 persons have been arrested. In a press release, the Nagaland police said that the exercise is in continuation to the statewide operation to combat widespread availability and usage of synthetic drugs and psychotropic substances and IMFL. In this regard, intensive checking of vehicles, raids and checking of hotels and restaurants are being carried out to control such illegal activities. The Nagaland police further appealed the

general public to provide information on sale or distribution of any illegal substances to nearest police station or Call your cop mobile app.

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Central Board of Secondary Education has introduced changes in assessment and evaluation to align with the National Education Policy 2020. The format will now be based on more competency-based questions and fewer constructed response questions. As per the revised guidelines, the competency-focused questions in the form of Multiple Choice Questions or case-based questions, source-based integrated questions or any other type in Class 11 and 12 have been increased from 40 per cent to 50 per cent. On the other hand, the constructed response questions, including short answer questions and long answer type questions, as per the existing pattern have been reduced from 40 per cent to 30 per cent in the 2024-25 academic sessions. The evaluation percentage for the select response type questions will remain the same, which is 20 per cent. However, no changes have been made to the composition of question papers for year-end examination for classes 9 and 10 for the new academic session 2024-25.

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Reserve Bank of India will soon allow to deposit cash through Cash Deposit Machines using UPI. Till now UPI is mainly used for money withdrawal or Money transfer. Governor Shaktikanta Das today said, this measure will further enhance customer convenience and make the currency handling process at banks more efficient. RBI has also proposed to permit the use of third-party UPI apps for making UPI payments from Prepaid Payment Instruments wallets. This will further enhance customer convenience and boost the adoption of digital payments for small-value transactions.

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Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das has said that Monetary Policy Committee has decided to keep the repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent. Consequently, the Standing Deposit Facility rate remains at 6.25 per cent and the Marginal Standing Facility Rate and the Bank Rate at 6.75 per cent. Das said, MPC

also decided to remain focused on withdrawal of accommodation to ensure that inflation progressively aligns to the target while supporting growth. The Governor said, real GDP growth for 2024-25 is projected at 7.0 per cent.

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In connection to the upcoming General Election to 18th Lok Sabha, districts conducted election related activities. DC and DEO Mokokchung Thsuvisie Phoji convened briefing session for polling personnel in preparation for second phase training and briefed the attendees of their duty. He asked them to commit themselves to ensuring a fair and peaceful electoral process. In the second round of training in Kohima, polling officials were urged to work with dedication. Demonstration on EVMs and VVPATs were made. In Pughoboto, master trainers N Thungbemo Humtsoe and Khuvili Wotsa trained personnel on different polling and voting procedures along with hands-on training on EVMs and VVPATs setup.

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The death toll has risen to 10 while more than a thousand people have been injured in a powerful earthquake that hit Taiwan earlier this week. The tremors caused the most damage in Hualien, leaving the remote region cut off from the rest of Taiwan. This was the strongest earthquake which has affected Taiwan in 25 years. According to reports, 18 people are still missing including four Indian, Canadian and Australian. Meanwhile, an earthquake of 6.1 magnitude hit Japan yesterday.

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