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1. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio chairs State level meeting on monsoon preparedness.
2. Voting concludes for fifth phase of Lok Sabha elections.
3. Western Angami Youth Organization organizes public rally in protest against physical assault meted out to elderly man.
4. Government of India announces one day's state mourning tomorrow throughout India.

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Chief Minister and Chairman of Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority, Neiphiu Rio today chaired a State level meeting on monsoon preparedness in Kohima. Addressing the meeting, the Chief Minister asked all state government departments to be prepared for the upcoming monsoon season since Nagaland monsoon character cannot be predicted. He also directed the state to provide

funds for emergency situations to the district administration so that immediate reliefs can be given to those effected by monsoon related incidents and situations. Rio further called on the Public Works Department (Roads and Bridges) and engineering divisions in every district to arrange and keep a JCB handy through hiring or contribution from contractors or private parties to come to the rescues of the people for any untoward incidents during monsoon season. He appealed to the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited to clear all drainages, Hume pipes and culverts to ensure smooth flow of water to avert damages. The Chief Minister directed the Agriculture department to supply quality seeds and distribute seed on time to the farmers and instructed power department to be prepared for any unforeseen incidents resulting in power cuts which causes a lot of hardship to the citizens. Rio also instructed the Chief Secretary to have Video Conferences with all the districts on the preparedness for the upcoming monsoon season.

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Voting concluded this evening for the fifth phase of Lok Sabha elections. Forty-nine Parliamentary Constituencies spread over six States and two Union Territories were covered in this phase. These include 14 seats in Uttar Pradesh, 13 in Maharashtra, seven in West Bengal, five each in Odisha and Bihar, three in Jharkhand and one each in Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. Polling also took place in Odisha for the second phase of assembly elections for 35 Constituencies. Assembly by elections was also held for Gandey seat in Jharkhand

and Lucknow East constituency in Uttar Pradesh. Six hundred and ninety-five candidates were in the fray in this phase.



The Western Angami Youth Organization (WAYO) today organized a public rally in protest against the physical assault made to an elderly man in Kohima, who later succumbed to his injuries. The victim, Kezhalelie Lawrence Miasalhou who was serving as Political Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner of Kohima was assault on May 18 by two youths in the aftermath of a vehicular traffic related scuffle. The protesters took a rally with banners and placards from Paramedical junction Kohima till the Deputy Commissioner Kohima office to submit a memorandum. During the rally, various organizations delivered speeches, condemning the act and demanded that justice should be delivered according to the law of the land. Reading out the memorandum to the protesters, the WAYO said that as per Naga tradition, it is the duty of the elders to reprimand and correct young people for their misdemeanor. However, WAYO said, it is unfathomable and barbaric for young people to react with brute force to the extent of taking an elder's life. In this regard, the organization had demanded the law enforcing agency to immediately arrest the two culprits and booked them under all relevant sections of the law and be given exemplary punishment. Additionally the WAYO had demanded that no bail should be given to the culprits under any circumstances and cautioned that if any person or group tries to bail them out, they will be held responsible for any untoward consequences.



The Government of India has announced one day's state mourning tomorrow throughout India. The decision has been taken as a mark of respect to the departed souls of President of Iran Dr. Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi and Foreign Minister of Iran Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, who passed away in a helicopter crash. On the day of mourning, the national flag will be flown at half-mast throughout India.



The Excise Narcotic Cell seized 69 soap boxes of sunflower (heroin) weighing 759 grams from 6th mile area in Chumoukedima district. One person was arrested in this connection. A press release issued by the Deputy Commissioner of Excise stated that the contraband concealed inside a trolley bag was recovered from the possession of SP Mesiingaolou, a resident of Maram Bazar in Senapati district of Manipur. It stated that the accused have been booked under the relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and the case is under active investigation.



The Supreme Court today refused to entertain a Public Interest Litigation, PIL filed against the three recently enacted criminal laws replacing the IPC, CrPC and Evidence Act. At the outset, a vacation bench presided over by Justice Bela M Trivedi told the petitioner in person that the plea was liable to be dismissed. Sensing the disinclination of the apex court to entertain the plea, the petitioner said that he may be allowed to withdraw the plea. The Bench, also comprising Justice Pankaj Mithal said, this petition has been filed in a very casual and cavalier manner. Ultimately, the plea was dismissed as withdrawn. The PIL said that Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam and Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita have many defects and discrepancies.

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Nagaland State Department of Cooperation is organizing a five-day workshop on Accounting, Auditing and Taxation at Medziphema from today. Inaugurating the workshop, Under Secretary, Department of Cooperation, Wacy Kent said, the program is aimed to equip the department officials in executing their activities with confidence. He also stressed on the need to create Cooperative awareness and sensitization so as to educate and impart trainings to the people at the grassroot level and to have a meaningful impact in the lives of the rural populace. The objective of the workshop is to equip participants with necessary skills required to prepare and maintain accurate accounting records, enable participants

to effectively prepare and interpret financial statements and to provide them with a comprehensive understanding of relevant provisions of the Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, as applicable to the state of Nagaland. It will also equip participants with the necessary skills required to conduct audits of Cooperative Societies and to enhance their auditing skills by providing insights into legal provisions governing audits, audit classification of societies using CAMELS rating and audit reporting. The workshop, will culminate on 24th of this month.

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Indian Council of Medical Research, ICMR has said that the article related to BHU Study on side effects of Covaxin misleadingly and erroneously acknowledges ICMR. In a statement, ICMR said, it is not associated with this study and has not provided any financial or technical support for the research. Director General of ICMR, Dr Rajiv Bahl has written a letter to the authors of the paper and editor of the journal to immediately remove the acknowledgement to ICMR. Bahl said, the study has no control arm of unvaccinated individuals for comparing the rates of events between the vaccinated and unvaccinated groups. The Director General said, the reported events in the study cannot be linked or attributed to COVID-19 vaccination.

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