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1. Prime Minister and Senior BJP Leader Narendra Modi says 2024 Lok Sabha Election will strengthen country's present and future.
2. Nagaland Police holds consultative meeting on cyber crime awareness with various stalk holders.
3. ADC Bhandari, Longdiba Sangtam, emphasizes that government servants should maintain absolute political neutrality.
4. All arrangements in place for fifth phase of polling tomorrow.



Prime Minister and Senior BJP leader Narendra Modi said that the 2024 Lok Sabha election will strengthen the country's present and future. Addressing an election rally in Jamshedpur in Jharkhand for party candidate Bidyut Varan Mahto today, Modi said businesses are of paramount importance for the development of the country. Launching a scathing attack against Congress, he said, the party considers business community as enemies of the country. Taking a jibe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi without naming him, he dared the chief ministers of the Congress and their alliance partner ruled states in Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and also those from INDI Alliance for opposing businesses and investors. Modi sought to know how the youth from these states will get employment if the parties keep opposing businessmen and investors. Modi further asked the people, whether there should be no discussion on economy, small and medium enterprises, agriculture, new opportunities for the youth of the country in the ongoing election.



Nagaland Police held consultative meeting on cyber crime awareness with various stalk holders including social media influencers. The meet held at the Police Head Quarter Kohima, yesterday, aims to enlighten the public about rising threats and devise collective strategies to tackle them effectively. IGP (CID) of Nagaland, Vikram M Khalate addressed the meeting which brought together various stakeholders, including representatives from the Department of School Education, Nagaland College Principals Association, private schools, students, law enforcement, social media influencers, and media. During the meeting, it was shared that school students and public across India are being targeted for fraudulent job offers, leading to thousands of reported cases. Nagaland DGP Rupin Sharma stressed on the importance of the helpline 1930 in preventing financial losses and advised against falling prey to sextortion and hacking attempts. He emphasized the rapid changes in cybercrime tactics and the need for continuous updates to combat evolving threats. Highlighting the pervasive lack of awareness in Nagaland, he underscored the importance of educating the public to safeguard against cyber threats. The DGP also emphasized the need for responsible role of Social Media platform by Social Media influencer of YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, whatsapp and others so that factional reporting is not compromised.



Taking notice of some government servants indulging themselves in political activities for Bhandari Town Council Election 2024, Additional Deputy Commissioner and Returning Officer Bhandari Town Council, Longdiba Sangtam, has sought the attention of all concerned to Rule 24 (1)(2) of the Nagaland Government Service Conduct Rules, 1968. This rules debars a Government servant to become a member of or be otherwise associated with any political party or any organization which takes part in political activities or canvassing or otherwise interfere with or use his or her influence in connection with or stand as a candidate, etc. The ADC has emphasized that government servants should maintain absolute political neutrality. The ADC further informed that if any specific complaints are received, action will be taken against the delinquent government servants and will be viewed seriously for contravention of the Rule.



All arrangements are in place for the fifth phase of polling tomorrow. In this phase, voting will be held in 49 Lok Sabha constituencies spread over six States and two Union Territories. 14 seats of Uttar Pradesh, 13 seats of Maharashtra, seven seats of West Bengal, five seats each of Odisha and Bihar, three seats of Jharkhand and one seat each in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh will go to polls. Over 9 lakh 47 thousand polling officials will be deployed across 94 thousand 732 polling stations. Voting will begin at 7 AM and end at 6 PM. 35 Assembly Constituencies of Odisha Legislative Assembly will also go to polls on Monday. Election Commission has made all arrangements at polling stations where voting is scheduled to take place tomorrow. Basic facilities from ample shade, drinking water, ramps, toilets, wheelchairs to electricity are in place to ensure that every voter can cast vote with ease.



Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has alerted traders, fruits handlers and Food Business Operators operating ripening chambers to strictly ensure compliance with the prohibition on calcium carbide for artificial ripening of fruits. Health Ministry said in a statement that FSSAI is also advising Food Safety Departments of States and Union Territories to remain vigilant and take serious action against persons indulging in such unlawful practices. Calcium carbide, commonly used for ripening fruits like mangoes, releases acetylene gas which contains harmful traces of arsenic and phosphorus. The use of calcium carbide for ripening fruits has been banned under Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011.



Election Commission's concerted crackdown on money power and inducements in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections has resulted in seizures by the agencies worth 8 thousand 889 crore rupees. The poll body said in a statement that enhanced vigil against inducements including drugs and psychotropic substances has resulted in big seizure actions and continuous surge. Drug seizures worth over three thousand 958 crore rupees amount to 45 percent of seizures. With increasing intensity of campaigning, the Commission is keeping close tab on attempts to influence voters through inducements. It has directed the CEOs and enforcement agencies to step up the vigil.



Student enrollment under Scheduled Caste (SC) category has grown by 44 per cent, from 46 lakh in 2014-15 to 66 lakh in 2021-22. According to a report of the National Commission for Backward Class, minority female student enrollment also witnessed over 42 per cent increase, from over 10 lakh in 2014-15 to 15 lakh in 2021-22. Female SC enrollment increased by 51 per cent, whereas that of ST students went up by 65.2 per cent. According to the report, during the academic year 2020-21, a 27 per cent reservation for OBC students was implemented in Central Schools, resulting in over 34 thousand OBC children securing admissions. In the Institutes of National Importance, there was a 71 per cent increase in OBC enrollment, with female OBC enrollment more than doubling, the report said.



The Ura Academy is scheduled to organize 54th Tenyidie annual seminar from May 30 to 31 under theme 'Language our identity' at Ura Academy Hall, Mission Compound Kohima. An update from the organisers informed that the inaugural session will take place on May 30 with Chakhesang Public Organization as guest of honour and Dr Visier Sanyü as the speaker. On May 31, Ura Academy Rüpöhünoo seminar will be held with Dr Medongulie Tsiekhanuo following which Department of Tenyidie, Nagaland University will have a research paper presentation session. The organisers have requested Tenyidie well wishers, elders, teachers, church leaders, students bodies and organisations to be a part of the programme.

