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THE HEADLINES:-

- Nagaland government to set up Political Affairs Committee to facilitate Indo-Naga issue
- All arrangements put in place for 4th phase of Lok Sabha elections
- Prime Minister and Senior BJP leader Narendra Modi says centre focused on empowering poor during last ten years
- And, Today is International Nurses' Day. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio acknowledges selfless services of nurses



Nagaland government has decided to constitute a Political Affairs Committee to act as a facilitator in finding an inclusive solution to the long-drawn Indo-Naga Political issue. The decision was taken on May 9 at high-level political meeting chaired by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio. The panel will comprise the council of ministers and the legislature leaders of all political parties in the 14th House of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly. An official circular said, the move has been reinitiated with a renewed vigour in furtherance of the spirit of the all party opposition-less government to achieve a broad consensus for an early and amicable settlement. In line with this, all legislature party leaders have been directed to set up Political Consultative Committees to deal with matters exclusively for the purpose.



All arrangements have been made for the fourth phase of Lok Sabha elections tomorrow. 96 constituencies spread over nine states and one union territory will go to polls in this phase. These include 25 seats in Andhra Pradesh, 17 in Telangana, 13 in Uttar Pradesh, 11 in Maharashtra, eight seats each in Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal, 5 seats in Bihar, four seats each in Jharkhand and Odisha and one seat in Jammu and Kashmir. A total of 1,717 candidates are in the fray for the fourth phase of Lok Sabha elections. The voting will begin at 7 AM and end at 6 PM. So far, polling has concluded smoothly and peacefully for 283 Parliamentary Constituencies and 20 States and UTs till phase three of the General Elections 2024.



Prime Minister and Senior BJP leader Narendra Modi said that in the last ten years the government has focused on empowering the poor and creating opportunities for them to thrive. Modi said, India has shown the world that true progress is about empowering every citizen and giving them the tools they need to succeed. He said, in the last ten years, 25 crore people have come out of poverty. Modi said, India's unemployment rate is the lowest in the world. He added, his government kept the average inflation at its lowest in one decade, and has built a strong economy that will serve as the base for India's next 25 years. The Prime Minister also highlighted that his government has embarked on a dual mission to empower the poor by fulfilling their basic needs and revitalising the economy of the country through comprehensive reforms.



International Nurses' Day is being celebrated across the globe today on the theme "Our Nurses. Our Future. The economic power of care" chosen by International Council of Nurses. The Day is celebrated annually on May 12 to honor and commemorate the contributions and achievements of nurses around the world. It also marks the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. Wishing all nurses on International Nurses Day, Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio acknowledged their selfless services. Rio said nurses are the backbone of our health care system and their steadfast dedication, compassion and expertise, nurture not only our well-being but also our economies.



Mother's Day is being celebrated across the world today. It is observed on second Sunday of May every year to celebrate mothers, and honour and express gratitude

for the hardships they bear and things they do. In Nagaland, Mother's Day was celebrated with thanksgiving and gratitude, with people of all age groups expressing their love and respect by showering gifts and offering prayers to the Almighty for the good health and long life of mothers. Special Mother's Day services were also observed in Churches across the state. Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia in the United States.



Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee, NPCC, has echoed the stance of All India Congress Committee in rejecting the analogies given by Sam Pitroda to illustrate India's diversity. In a press release, NPCC said the unacceptable and unfortunate remarks were made by former Indian Overseas Congress Chairman Pitroda on his personal capacity and had nothing to do with the Congress Party. NPCC also termed BJP's attempts to politicise the matter as regrettable and hypocritical. In its statement, NPCC reaffirmed its respect for India's rich diversity and the party's unwavering commitment in upholding the interests of all sections of society, irrespective of colour or creed. Earlier, Pitroda triggered controversy with his statement that referred to South Indians as resembling Africans, people in the west as Arabs, and those in the east as Chinese.



The Indian Space Research Organisation, ISRO, has successfully tested the new liquid rocket engine manufactured through Additive Manufacturing technology, or 3D printing. The test was successfully carried out on May 9 at ISRO Propulsion Complex in Tamil Nadu. This new redesigned PS4 engine has brought down the number of parts from 14 to a single piece and eliminated 19 weld joints. This will significantly save on the raw material usage per engine, lessen metal powder from 565 kgs to 13.7 kgs and shorten the production time by 60 percent. ISRO is planning to induct this 3D printed PS4 engine into the regular PSLV program.



India has highlighted its significant advancements in forest conservation and sustainable forest management initiatives at the 19th Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests in New York from May 6 to 10. The initiatives have led to consistent increase in forest cover over the past fifteen years. The Indian delegation shared the high priority provided by the country towards biodiversity and wildlife

conservation, having expanded the network of protected areas across wildlife sanctuaries, national parks, tiger and biosphere reserves, and other wildlife habitats. It also shared the introduction of the 'Green Credit Program', which incentivizes entities to take up tree plantation and restoration of degraded forest lands.



Nepal's legendary mountaineer Kami Rita Sherpa made history today by breaking his record for the highest number of ascents of Mt. Everest as he scaled the world's highest peak for the 29th time. According to Rakesh Gurung, Director at the Tourism Department in the Nepalese Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation, the 54-year-old veteran climber reached the 8,849-metre peak this morning. The expedition was organised by the Seven Summit Treks and had 20 climbers.



India Meteorological Department has forecast scattered to fairly widespread light to moderate rainfall over Nagaland and the rest of the northeast states till May 15. This is very likely to be accompanied by thunderstorm, lightning and squally winds of upto 40 kilometers per hour. The weather body said rainfall is likely to increase to fairly widespread to widespread from the 16th to 18th of May.

