

Morning News Script

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Voting for the Urban Local Bodies (ULB) elections in the state is taking place today. This is the first ever municipal elections in Nagaland with 33 percent reservation for women, with the last ULB election held in 2004 without the reservation. Polling is taking place in 420 polling stations under 214 wards spread across three municipalities and 21 town councils. A total of 523 candidates are in fray, with the youngest candidate, a 22-year-old female, contesting in Bhandari Ward-1, while the oldest candidate is an 81-year-old man in Chozuba Ward-5. Earlier, 64 candidates had already been declared elected unopposed. For voter identification, the State Election Commission has said electors can carry any government-issued identification document, such as Aadhaar, PAN card, driving license and others.



State Election Commissioner T. John Longkumer has appealed to all electors to actively participate in the ULB elections today. Expressing satisfaction at the overall preparation undertaken for the polls, the SEC extended appreciation to all election machinery involved in the process. It also acknowledged the various NGOs and tribal bodies for joining in the appeal for a fair and peaceful election. The Commission said it is continuously monitoring poll-related activities in all participating municipal and town councils, and will take appropriate legal action against anyone vitiating the peaceful atmosphere.



Congress MP Rahul Gandhi will be the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha. Party General Secretary KC Venugopal said Congress Parliamentary Party

chairperson Sonia Gandhi has written to Pro-tem Speaker Bhartruhari Mehtab informing of the decision. Meanwhile, the oath taking process by newly elected MPs in the 18th Lok Sabha completed yesterday. Further, election for the post of Lok Sabha Speaker is scheduled today, while President Droupadi Murmu will address the joint sitting of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on Thursday.



Nagaland Governor La Ganesan yesterday presented a citation to NCC Directorate North Eastern Region (NER) at Raj Bhavan in recognition of its contribution to the development of youth of the state. Speaking at the event, the Governor said, NCC NER has consistently showcased its prowess in developing well-rounded individuals, and the award is a testament to its unwavering dedication, discipline, and exemplary service. He said, the organization's efforts in developing valuable human capital instilled with a sense of purpose, camaraderie, and discipline is a push towards realising the vision of Developed India by 2047. La Ganesan commended the officers and instructors who have led with vision and integrity. Lauding the cadets, he said, the award reflects their hard work, perseverance, and spirit of unity. The Governor also acknowledged the accomplishments of cadets from Nagaland, particularly in recent years, saying they have inspired not only their peers but also the communities they serve. He urged the cadets to continue to drive towards greater heights, and lead with unwavering integrity. The Governor also appreciated the steadfast support rendered by Youth Resources and Sports Department to NCC in the state. Additional Director General NCC NER Major General, Gagan Deep, received the citation on behalf of the Directorate.



A state-level workshop on "Promotion of Scientific Cattle Production in Nagaland" was held at Medziphema yesterday. The workshop was organized by ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cattle, Meerut, and ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun, Medziphema in collaboration with Dimapur District Cooperative Milk Producers Union Limited (Dimul). Gracing the event as Chief Guest, Advisor for Animal Husbandry and Veterinary, Kazheto Kinimi termed the workshop as an essential initiative for discussion and raised issues

such as low yield of local cattle, high cost of elite cross-breed cattle, and easing management of production at farmers level. He also called for conserving the local indigenous cattle Thutho. On the frequent outbreaks of African Swine Fever in Nagaland which is causing economic losses, the Advisor urged ADG (Animal Health) ICAR, New Delhi to expedite a preventive measure. The event included technical sessions and farmer-scientist interaction.

