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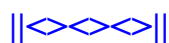
- Polling for Urban Local Bodies Elections to three Municipalities and 21 Town Councils records voter turnout of tentative 80 percent
- Om Birla elected as speaker of Lok Sabha for 2nd Time
- New Criminal Laws- Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023 to come into force from 1st July
- Nagaland Police clamps down on crime against illegal drugs



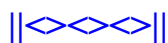
Polling for Urban Local Bodies Elections to three Municipalities and 21 Town Councils concluded with a tentative poll percentage of 80. This is first-ever municipal elections in the state to be held with 33 per cent reservation for women. Voting took place in 420 polling stations under 214 wards, with 523 candidates contesting. The voting began at 7:30 AM and concluded at 4:00 PM through ballot paper voting system. The State Election Commission has said that repolls, if any will take place on 28th June. The Counting of votes and declaration of results is scheduled to take place on 29th June beginning from 8:00 AM. Despite disruptions reported in few polling station, voting for Urban Local Bodies, ULB went off peacefully in many polling stations. Election to Phek Town Council remained congenial throughout the 11 wards of the district headquarter without any untoward incidents reported from any quarter. The residents of Mangkolemba also actively participated in the town council elections, with a high voter turnout at 94.77 percent. The election took place across 6 polling stations representing 8 wards in the town, with a total of 2413 votes cast. Meanwhile, voting took place in peaceful manner across Peren District. Chumoukedima Town Council poll day also went off peacefully. A total of 16 thousand 127 electors turned out to cast their votes, out of which 7815 were Male and 8312 Female.



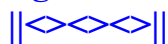
Senior BJP MP Om Birla was today re-elected as the Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha. He was elected with a voice vote as the opposition, which fielded Congress MP K Suresh for the post, did not press for voting in the House. After his election, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju escorted Birla to the Speaker's chair. Birla had previously served as Speaker in the last Lok Sabha. Om Birla emphasized that enriching parliamentary values and democratic traditions will be his priorities. He stressed that MPs have a responsibility to collectively fulfill expectations, hopes, and aspirations of the people effectively. The Speaker underscored the importance of debate and discussion in the House, emphasizing that protest methods should uphold the dignity of the House. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed confidence that the House looks forward to Birla's guidance in the next five years, citing his past achievements as an inspiration for new members. Modi noted that the previous Lok Sabha, under Birla's leadership, achieved record productivity of 97 percent, which increased public faith in parliamentary democracy. Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi assured Birla of the opposition's support in ensuring the smooth functioning of the House.



The three New Criminal Laws- Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023, will come into force from 1st of next month. These Bills were passed by the Parliament during the winter session last year. The new criminal laws mark a significant step towards empowering Indian citizens. These laws aim to create a more accessible, supportive, and efficient justice system for everyone. The key provisions of the new criminal laws include Reporting Incidents Online, Filing FIR at Any Police Station as well as the victims getting free copy of FIR. Apart from this, in the event of an arrest, the individual has the right to inform a person of his choice about their situation. The new laws have also prioritized the investigations for offences against women and children, ensuring timely completion within two months of recording information. In the new criminal laws, it has become mandatory for forensic experts to visit crime scenes for serious offenses and collect evidence. Summons can now be served electronically, expediting legal processes, reducing paperwork, and ensuring efficient communication between all parties involved.



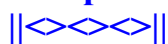
The Nagaland Police have made booked persons over offences committed under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1945. On 29th April, police said during search, one person Yangpili Sangtam was arrested and a case was registered at Longkhim Police station for possession of Alprazolam Tablets and Buprenorphine Sublingual drugs. The accused admitted to have purchased from one Setingchumla and Choting. Investigation revealed that the Supply chain was originated from one Pharmacy in Mokokchung Town namely Grace Pharmacy. During investigation, police said, 4,800 Tablets were purchased from the Pharmacy without any medical prescription. Drug License of the pharmacy was subsequently cancelled. In this regard, the police have requested pharmacies and drug stores not indulge in unauthorized sale of drugs.



The World Health Organization today said that nearly 31 per cent of adults worldwide and 45 per cent in South Asia are not doing enough physical activity, posing a growing threat to health. The findings point physical inactivity among adults has increased by about 5 percent between 2010 and 2022. According to study, Physical inactivity is still more common among women globally compared with men. The WHO said physical inactivity puts adults at greater risk of cardiovascular diseases such as heart attacks and strokes, type 2 diabetes, dementia and cancers such as breast and colon.



SANKALP-Hub for Empowerment of Women under Mission Shakti has launched 100 Days Special Awareness Campaign on Women Centric Schemes. This was informed during a state-Level Committee for Mission Shakti was held under the Chairpersonship of Chief Secretary, Dr J Alam on Monday. Chief Secretary said that the campaign should be effectively carried out on the ground. Social Welfare Department Secretary Martha R Ritse said the mission will run from June 21 to October 4, 2024 in all the districts. She said the key objective is to ensure that women across the country are made aware of initiatives of the Government, and to enable them to access the resources and support available to them. The meeting was attended by AHODs and representatives from various departments.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has conveyed condolence over the demise of Visasiile Metha, mother of Dzuvinuo Theunuo, Director, Information and Public Relations Department on 25th June. Rio said Metha was a loving person, known to many as a prayerful and God-fearing mother, wife and grandmother and said her children are contributing citizens in the society today. The Chief Minister said she was known for her active participation in the Church, tirelessly involved in home visitations, especially to those in need of prayers and word of God. He expressed that her absence will be felt by those who knew her and loved her and extended prayer for comfort and courage to the family during the time of loss.



District Administration in collaboration with Treasury Office, Tuensang will be organising one-day hands on training on accounts matters for Government servants on 2nd July at DC's Conference Hall, Noklak. In this regard, Heads of Offices under Noklak district have been requested to depute 2 officials or staff preferably those dealing with accounts branch to attend the aforesaid training.

