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1. Filing of nomination for ULB elections concludes; sees filings from Eastern Nagaland districts
2. NDPP's Secretary of Media Cell, Khrozote Kapfo, resigns; joins Congress party
3. UGC allows higher education institutions to admit students twice a year
4. Chümoukedima and Kohima win first State Level Pre-Subroto cum Junior Football Tournament



Filing of nomination for urban local bodies (ULB) elections in Nagaland came to a close today. Scores of contenders submitted their papers on the last day, which also saw the first filings from Eastern Nagaland districts. Eight individuals, including two women, filed their nominations for Pungro town council, while Shamator also saw a female candidate filing her papers. No nomination was filed for Kiphire town council. These come amid the stance of the Eastern Nagaland People's Organization to abstain from the forthcoming civic elections. Scrutiny of validly presented nomination papers will be carried out on June 13, with last date for withdrawal of candidature on 20th June. Altogether, three Municipal Councils and 36 Town Councils are set to go to polls on June 26.



Secretary of Media Cell for the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) Khrozote Kapfo, has resigned from NDPP and joined the Congress party. Kapfo said the decision was made after he was denied a ticket by NDPP for the upcoming ULB elections despite his dedicated service since the party's inception. He will now contest the Dimapur Municipal Council election from Ward-8 on a Congress ticket. Expressing his disappointment with NDPP,

Kapfo accused the party of prioritizing interests of bureaucrats over those of grassroot citizens. He emphasized his desire to work for the improvement of his ward, comprising of medical colony, railway colony, and Netaji colony, and underscored his commitment to enhance the living standards in the area. Decrying NDPP's perceived shift towards elitism, Kapfo further anticipated several more departures from the party.



The University Grants Commission, UGC, has taken a policy decision to allow higher education institutions to admit students twice a year, from the next academic year. Currently, UGC Regulations allow admissions in one academic session in a year. UGC Chairman Professor Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar said, this will benefit many students, such as those who missed admission due to delays in the announcement of board results, health issues, or personal reasons. Kumar said, it will also help students maintain motivation since they do not have to wait one full year to be admitted if they miss admission in the current cycle.



The Centre has announced the release of a significant installment of one lakh 39 thousand 750 crore rupees as tax devolution to 28 states for the current month. According to the Finance Ministry, this will enable the state governments to accelerate development and capital spending. Maximum 25 thousand crore rupees have been devolved to Uttar Pradesh followed by Bihar and Madhya Pradesh. Nagaland received 795.2 crore rupees. The Interim Budget 2024-25 has a provision of over 12 lakh crore rupees towards devolution of taxes to states. The Ministry said, with the latest release, more than two lakh 79 thousand crore rupees have been devolved to states till 10th of this month.



An Export Awareness seminar under Niryat Bandhu Scheme of Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) was organised today by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts at Sovima in Chümoukedima. Consultant, DGFT-RA Guwahati, Harish Kumar, said the North-East region accounts for major portion of the country's total handicraft produce. About 92.9 percent of the total production of shawls, mekhala chador, stole, scarf; 81.7 percent of towel and napkin; 54.1 percent of garment and dress material; and 41.3 percent of furnishings, bedsheets and blankets come from the region. He added that over

half of the looms and weavers in the country belong to the North Eastern states. Further, bamboo and cane furniture, mats, and other decorative items produced in the region have high market demand, he said. Consultant, Investment Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), Anini Nyenga, highlighted the support schemes of IDAN, including Credit Outreach Facilitation Unit, Swavalamban Connect Kendra, Integrated Business Hub & Innovation Centre, Atal Innovation And Incubation Centre, Nagaland Tourism Connect Scheme, Skill Loan, Intellectual Property Facilitation Centre, and Loan Portal.



State Technical Education Department has notified all NEET (UG)-2024 appeared candidates who intend to avail Nagaland State Reserved seats for MBBS, BDS, BVSC&AH, BAMS, B1 IMS and BASLP that registration forms can be procured from its office in Kohima or downloaded from the department's portal at www.dte.nagaland.gov.in. The last date of submission of filled form along with NEET score card and all necessary documents to the office is 15th of June, after which no applications will be entertained, it said. The department also asked candidates to read all necessary instructions given in the application form carefully before submitting the form.



Dimapur Police has cautioned against illegal sale of lottery or games in Chümoukedima, Dimapur, and Niuland districts. It reiterated the state government notifications on the sale of lotteries through two authorized distributors, namely Future Gaming & Hotel Services and MIS West Bengal Lottery Stockists Syndicate. Sale of lottery or games apart from these authorized distributors is illegal and violates the Lottery (Regulation) Act, 1998, it said. In view of rampant illegal sale, Police said it will strictly enforce punitive provisions under the Act with immediate effect, to check unlawful sales of other state lotteries or distributors not authorized by the Nagaland government. Police warned, anyone found guilty will be booked under the Act which prescribes non-bailable imprisonment of upto two years, or fine, or both.



Three boys from Dimapur who underwent a week-long football training camp in Germany returned to Nagaland today. 11-year Nitoka Tamang and 12-year Lalminkai Thompson from Greenwood Higher Secondary School, and 12-year Asa Ayemi from Honili Memorial Higher Secondary School had been selected for the training at top German Football Clubs, Augsburg and Eintracht Frankfurt, during the Under-13 trials in Mumbai organised in April by Big Hit and Bundesliga International as part of the Bundesliga Dream an initiative to identify and scout young talents in India. Dimapur Sporting Club was execution partner for Nagaland. Speaking to media, all three boys expressed their happiness on getting the opportunity. The training camp was held from 2nd to 10th this month, and included all-paid football coaching, classroom theory, and witnessing live matches.



Chümoukedima and Kohima today emerged champions in the Boys Under-15 and Girls Under-17 categories of the first State Level Pre-Subroto cum Junior Football Tournament. Chümoukedima clinched victory over Peren with a solitary goal, while Wokha claimed third by defeating Kiphire 2-1. In the Girls category, Kohima triumphed over Noklak with a decisive 3-0 scoreline. Chümoukedima won third place by defeating Zunheboto 3-0.

