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### **THE HEADLINES**

- Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya says there is no dearth of jobs in the country.
- Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi says Central government has failed to address issues of unemployment and paper leaks.
- Naga Students' Federation requests Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio to reconsider nomination of non-Nagas as government nominees in Urban Local Bodies.
- Kohima Deputy Commissioner Kumar Ramnikant stresses on robust implementation of ban on single-use plastics with effect on August 1.



Labour and Employment Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya today said that there is no dearth of jobs in the country. Replying to supplementaries in the Lok Sabha during the Question Hour, the Minister said that due to policy interventions of the present government, the unemployment rate has been reduced to 3.2 percent in the country. The Minister said, Labour Force Participation Rate has reached 44 percent and Worker Population Ratio, 40 percent. He said that as per the report of the Periodic Labour Force Survey, the unemployment rate in rural areas has also decreased to 2.4 per cent in 2022-2023 from 5.3 percent in 2017-18. The Minister added that the Worker Population Ratio shows that rural employment has increased from 48.1 percent in 2017-18 to 59.4 percent in 2022-2023.



Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi today said that Central government has failed to address the issue of unemployment and paper leaks. Discussing the Union Budget 2024 in the Lok Sabha, Gandhi said Hindustan's youth, farmers, women, and small and medium businesses have been trapped in Chakravyuha or multiple walls of the government. He said, one element of the Chakravyuha is coming from the concentration of power, the second element are the institutions, agencies CBI, ED, IT Departments and third is the political executive. Rahul said that in the last 10 years, paper leaks have taken place 70 times.



The Naga Students' Federation, NSF has formally requested Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio to reconsider the nomination of non-Nagas as government nominees in Urban Local Bodies, ULBs. The NSF maintained that these positions should be reserved exclusively for indigenous Nagas to ensure that local governance reflects the community's needs and aspirations. In their representation, the NSF emphasized that ULBs are crucial for local governance and decisions impacting daily life. They asserted that representatives must be closely aligned with the indigenous population to preserve Naga identity, culture, and governance. The inclusion of non-indigenous individuals, according to NSF, undermines the purpose of reservations and dilutes Naga representation. NSF said it upholds inclusivity and equality but stresses that these principles should not compromise indigenous rights.



Kohima District Task Force, DTF on Single-Use Plastic today discussed the enforcement of the Nagaland government's ban on single-use plastics, set to take effect on August 1. Deputy Commissioner and DTF Chairman Kohima Kumar Ramnikant stressed on the need for robust implementation of the government's directive to eliminate single-use plastics from Kohima. A formal order will soon be issued by the DTF enforcing a complete ban on Single Use Plastics. The order will detail fines and penalties for non-compliance. To raise public awareness, All India Radio and DDK

Kohima, in collaboration with KMC Kohima, will provide extensive media coverage on the SUP ban. Additionally, the DPRO Kohima will use the public address system to announce the ban in various colonies and wards of Kohima Town.



District Disaster Management Authority, DDMA Tuensang today held an emergency meeting at the ADC's office chamber for victims of landslide affected households. In the meeting, DDMA Nodal Officer Temsuwangshi Jamir gave a detailed report on setting up Relief Camp for affected families of over 750 persons. He said that relief camp will be setup at Chongpou Khel Tuensang Village local Ground for affected persons of Phenjang sector and NST Sector landslide. The meeting chaired by Tuensang ADC Thungchanbemo also discussed work distribution among the core team.



Principal Chief Commissioner, PCC of Income Tax, North East Region, NER, Guwahati, today organized an interactive outreach programme at the Conference Hall of Mokokchung Deputy Commissioner. During the programme, PCC Income Tax, NER, Chaitali Panmei addressed NGOs, Business Community and Entrepreneurs in the district. She said that even if tribals of North-

Eastern India enjoys Income Tax exemption, there is lot to learn about it for people of the region to become financially literate. She said that the interactive outreach programme held today will show its impact in few years time. Panmei said people will realize the benefits and importance of the programme in coming days. Speaking at the programme, Mokokchung Deputy Commissioner, Thsuvisie Phoji said that when it comes to income Tax, almost all the people in the region, particularly in the district, are illiterate. Phoji said that today's programme was an eye opener and what was learnt today would surely benefit the people in days to come.



The Rajya Sabha today resumed discussion on the General Budget 2024-25. Participating in the discussion, HD Devegowda of JD(S) said the time may have come to reinvest instead of disinvestment and develop a new model of growth and job creation. Rajeev Shukla of Congress said MSME sector is struggling under GST regime. He said MSME sector is directly linked to employment and the matter should be looked into. Saket Gokhale of Trinamool Congress criticised the government for not conducting Census which was supposed to be done in 2021. He said government has been unable to control food inflation.



The Central Bureau of Investigation, CBI today filed a chargesheet against Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in the Rouse Avenue court in the alleged corruption case related to the now-scrapped excise policy. Kejriwal was arrested by CBI on 26th June from Tihar jail, where he was in judicial custody in a related money-laundering case filed by the Enforcement Directorate.



Nagaland Athletics Association has declared August 9, 2024, as Javelin Day in honor of Neeraj Chopra's historic achievement at the Tokyo Olympics. Following this announcement, Kohima District Athletic Association, KDAA also announced its participation in the nationwide celebration. On Javelin Day, the KDAA will host a special event featuring javelin competitions for boys and girls in the Under-12, Under-14, and Under-16 categories. The top three winners in each category will receive prizes sponsored by the Nagaland Athletics Association. Registration for the event is open to interested schools, clubs, and individual athletes through an online system with a nominal fee of 100 rupees. KDAA General Secretary Leketoulie Liezietsu has encouraged all young athletes to participate in this commemorative event, celebrating India's remarkable achievement in athletics. For more details, participants can contact the KDAA at 7005066719 or 7005618490.



And at the Paris Olympics, Indian men's hockey team today drew against Argentina. The Indian men's hockey team will next face Ireland. In shooting, the Indian pair of Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh have qualified for the bronze medal final match of the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team event. They will be facing Oh Ye Jin and Lee Wonho of South Korea tomorrow. In badminton, Satwiksairaj-Chirag's second round Group C match against Germany's Marvin Seidel and Mark Lamsfuss was cancelled today as Mark withdrew from the competition after facing a knee injury.

