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1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi says constitution is lighthouse to give direction to government.
2. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio ask councilors to work for development of municipalities and town councils.
3. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio says relations between NDPP and BJP are strong and stable.
4. And, Health Ministry issues advisory to States in view of reported cases of Zika virus from Maharashtra.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said that the Constitution is not only a compilation of articles, but its spirit and words are valuable for the government. Replying to the Motion of Thanks on President Droupadi Murmu's address to the joint sitting of Parliament in Rajya Sabha, Modi said that the constitution is a lighthouse to give direction to the government. He hit out at Congress calling them the biggest opponent of the constitution. Modi alleged that Congress' mindset is to oppose SC, ST and OBCs. On the vision of the NDA government during its third term, he said that the fight against poverty will be the key agenda of the government and the country will emerge victorious against poverty. Modi said pace, depth and extension of the welfare schemes will be the top priorities of the government. He highlighted that the government is committed to make the country the third largest economy of the world in its third term. He said the country will witness massive change in the public transport system in the next five years. The Prime Minister also said the country's economy has reached the

fifth spot from the tenth spot despite challenges posed by COVID pandemic. The Rajya Sabha was adjourned sine die, after the Upper House adopted a Motion of Thanks to President Droupadi Murmu's address to the joint sitting of both the Houses.



Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today said privilege comes with responsibility. The Chief Minister was speaking at a program organized by the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) to felicitate the newly elected Councilors of the Kohima Municipal Council at the Party's Conference hall in Kohima. Rio emphasized that the Councilors are privileged to have been elected during a time when election to the Urban Local Body (ULB) was held after 20 years in the state. He also pointed out that the ULB election results had sent a message that the NDPP party is rooted and called for efforts to strengthen the party at all levels. The Chief Minister highlighted that the state government had passed a new Nagaland Municipal Act 2023, repealing the central act and enabled the ULB election with 33 percent women reservation. He informed that the Tax part in the new Act was omitted, however, registration fee and other services fee generated from each municipal and town council will be used for its own development. Rio further informed that the state government would provide funds for establishment of the offices and grants for development, besides the funds from the Planning Commission. Pointing out the absence of Anti-defection law in the Municipal Act, he said the state government is examining to incorporate the same, in order to ensure stability in the Municipal and Town Councils. Rio added that training will be provided to the new Councilors on the works and functions of Municipalities.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today said the relations between Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) are strong and stable. His response came in the aftermath of rumors suggesting that the relationship had soured following the Lok Sabha election results, where the People's Democratic Alliance (PDA) candidate was defeated. Speaking to media persons, Rio reiterated that the ruling government led by the NDPP-BJP alliance

is functioning normally and is as strong as ever, adding that he has no further comments on the matter. The Chief Minister also informed that Municipal Councils and Town Councils will be set up immediately within a few days. When asked if any Women Chairpersons will be appointed, Rio stated that discussions are going on.



Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued an advisory to States in view of some reported cases of Zika virus from Maharashtra. The Ministry has stressed on the need for maintaining a state of constant vigil over the virus situation in the country. It said that as Zika is associated with microcephaly and can cause neurological consequences in the foetus, States have been advised to alert the clinicians for close monitoring of pregnant women. States were also instructed to advise health facilities and hospitals to identify a nodal officer to monitor and act to keep the premises Aedes mosquito free. States have been emphasized on the importance of strengthening the entomological surveillance and awareness through precautionary messages. For timely detection and control of any impending upsurge or outbreak, State authorities have been advised to be vigilant, prepared and ensure availability of appropriate logistics at all level.



Union Minister for Electronic and IT, Ashwini Vaishnaw has said that India's approach to utilizing the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) is aimed at democratizing technology. Inaugurating Global India AI Summit in New Delhi today, Vaishnaw stressed that Technology should be accessible to everybody. He said, Government will soon launch India AI Mission, which is worth 10 thousand crore rupees. He said, it will invest in an AI compute infrastructure of 10 thousand or more Graphics Processing Unit through a public-private partnership. The IT Minister also informed that an AI Innovation Center will be established which will focus on getting high-quality datasets. He said this can add more value to the efforts of researchers and startups. Vaishnaw said, Government is working on a legislation to regulate AI with a focus on addressing risks and implementing safeguards against potential harms. The Union Minister said, AI can be a very big tool to solve problems but there is also a need to contain the risks.



Assam Rifles today organized Security meeting with Kezo town, Kezoma, kezo Basa, Kidima and Sakhabama villages at Chakhabama. The meeting discussed various issues for the welfare of the villages relating to administration, security scenario and various other social issues. The meeting also highlighted the “Agnipath Scheme” and sensitized about the scheme to the village representatives so that they can motivate eligible candidates of their respective villages for joining the armed forces. A medical checkup was also conducted for the villagers who attended the meeting. The village representatives appreciated the efforts of Assam Rifles in conducting the security meeting stating that it ensures a cordial relation between the civil populace and security forces.



Executive Engineer, PWD (Road & Bridges), Noklak Division, Daniel has issued travel advisory for public safety, in view of road blockages and landslides due to continuous heavy rainfall under Noklak district. The Executive Engineer strongly advised commuters and the general public to exercise utmost caution, particularly during night time to avoid risk of unforeseen accidents.



The Angami Women Organization (AWO) has informed that financial assistance for destitute women, provided by the Department of Women Resource Development for the year 2022-2023, will be disbursed from the AWO office in Kohima. The disbursement is scheduled from July 10 till 14 from 10:00 AM till 3:00 PM at AWO Ki Kohima. The Organization has directed beneficiaries to bring their payment book issued by the Department for verification.

