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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi urges citizens to take precautions amid rising temperatures across country
- Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio launches official theme song commemorating 25 years of Dr. T. Ao Trophy
- Minister for PHE & Cooperation Jacob Zhimomi calls for peaceful, issue-based campaign in Chümoukedima bye-election
- Dimapur DC Dr. Tinojongshi Chang says Census 2027 to bring major digital shift with AI-enabled data collection and monitoring

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Amid rising temperatures in different parts of the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged citizens to take as many precautions as possible. In a social media post, Mr Modi advised all to keep themselves hydrated and carry water when stepping out of homes. Stressing about increasing difficulties caused by the heat in daily life, Mr Modi said that in such weather, sensitivity becomes a great source of support. He further directed placing a small vessel filled with water outside homes, balconies, rooftops, shops, or offices, keeping in mind the animals and birds.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today launched the official theme song commemorating 25 years of Dr. T. Ao Trophy which is set to be held in Mokokchung district later this year. Taking to social media X, he said the tournament celebrates sportsmanship, talent & community spirit. Mr. Rio lauded the organising committee and extended best wishes to the team. The 25 Years Dr. T Ao Trophy Anthem has been initiated by Mokokchung District Football Association in collaboration with Nagaland Football Association. The song has been written and composed by Sunep Lemtur and presented by various artists.

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Minister for Public Health Engineering Department and Cooperation, Jacob Zhimomi today called for a peaceful, issue-based campaign during a ticket distribution ceremony organized by BJP Nagaland in Chumoukedima district. Mr. Zhimomi highlighted that Nagaland continues to depend on support from the Centre and reaffirmed BJP's alliance with NDPP in the state. He urged party workers to shun violence and conduct a friendly, manifesto-driven campaign. He said elections should be seen as a responsibility towards society and not a pursuit of power.

During the programme, Kezhangutuo Zhotso filed his nomination as BJP candidate for Ward No. 11 (Chaara Ward) under Chümoukedima Town Council, while Neitsuu Kuotsu is contesting from the Naga People's Front. Polling for bye-election is scheduled on 16th June and counting & declaration of results will take place on 19th June.

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Deputy Commissioner & Principal Census Officer, Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang has said Census 2027 will usher in a major technological shift with the adoption of digital platforms, mobile applications and Artificial Intelligence-based systems for data collection, enumeration and real-time monitoring. Addressing officials during a 3 day Field Trainers Training programme that began

today at Circuit House, Dimapur, Mr. Chang said preparedness, coordination and accuracy will be crucial for successful conduct of the exercise. He described the Census as one of the country's largest administrative undertakings and urged officials to carry out their responsibilities with dedication and professionalism. The DC said first phase House Listing and Housing Census will be conducted from 1st to 30th July while self-enumeration facility will remain open from 15th to 30th June. He highlighted that preparation of House Listing Blocks and layout maps would form a key component of Phase-I activities, with enumerators tasked to map houses, roads, streets, lanes and important landmarks within designated enumeration areas. The three-day training programme, organised under the directives of Census Operations Directorate is being attended by officials from Dimapur, Niuland, Chümoukedima, Peren and Mon districts. The training for Field Trainers for Phek, Meluri and Kiphire Districts also commenced at Phek today. DC & Principal Census Officer Phek Rhosietho Nguori, called to maintain professionalism and strict adherence to SOPs and protocols during data collection.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has greeted Muslim Community during the occasion of Id-ul-Zuha. In a social media X post, he extended greetings to the Muslim brothers and sisters and prayed that this sacred festival inspire compassion, harmony, and unity. Also called the Festival of Sacrifice, Id bakrid is celebrated globally to honor Prophet Ibrahim's devotion and willingness to sacrifice his son.

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The Supreme Court today upheld legality of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls done by the Election Commission of India and observed that electoral SIR advances Constitutional imperative of free and fair elections. The Court held that the Election Commission has the power to conduct SIR under Article 324 of Representation of the People Act, 1950, and the Rules made thereunder. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi pronounced the judgment in the writ petitions, which challenged the notification issued by the ECI in June last year to conduct SIR in Bihar. The Court observed that the Election Commission's revision exercise aims to remove possible errors and duplication caused by migration, urbanisation and decades without an intensive revision.

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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs CCEA today approved continuation of the Scheme for Assistance in Ration Transport and Handling-Income with Automation in PDS, SARTHAK-PDS as an umbrella scheme, in the 16th Finance Commission cycle award period, with an outlay of 25 thousand 530 crore rupees as Central share. Briefing media in New Delhi, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, the scheme will provide assistance to state agencies for intra-state movement of food grains, will support fair price shops and help in modernisation of public distribution system.

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56th Annual Tenyidie Seminar of Ura Academy began today at Kohima. Addressing inaugural programme, Treasurer, Ura Academy Pheluopfhelie Kesiezie, called for greater efforts to promote Tenyidie and said the inclusion of the language in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution will be a significant achievement. Mr. Kesiezie added that it will enable aspirants to appear for competitive examinations in Tenyidie. He said language is deeply connected to culture and identity and noted that future generations will gradually lose their linguistic roots if native languages are not spoken regularly at home and within communities. During the programme, a Class 9 textbook published by Ura Academy Textbook Division was released by Asano Sekhose,

Advisor of the division and a seminar involving Literature Boards of Tenyimia communities was also held.

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Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has released Provisional Answer Key for Civil Services Preliminary Examination 2026. The Commission said that candidates who appeared for the examination can submit representations through Online Question Paper Representation Portal available at upsconline.nic.in till 6 PM on 31st May. The candidates have to submit representations along with brief explanations and supporting documents from three authentic sources. UPSC said nearly 5.49 lakh candidates appeared for the Civil Services Preliminary Examination held on 24th of this month.

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All coaching centres operating in Mon district have been directed to mandatorily register on or before 31st of this month in pursuance to government notification and constitution of District Level Committee for Registration and Regulation of Coaching Centres. Deputy Commissioner, Mon, Wennyei Konyak in a notification said all establishments providing tuition, instruction, guidance or academic support to more than 20 students for competitive examinations or other programmes are required to obtain registration. Coaching centres with multiple branches have also been asked to submit separate registration applications for each branch. The application forms are available at the DC's Office, Mon.

