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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that Central Agencies like the Enforcement Directorate and CBI should be allowed to work independently and the government and politicians should not interfere in their functioning. During an interview with a private news channel, Modi said that they are just doing their work and even as a Prime Minister he has no right to interfere in the work of ED. He said, before 2014, the ED conducted only 84 searches and after 2014, a total of 7 thousand searches were conducted which shows the efficiency of this agency. In reply to another question, the Prime Minister said, the model of his government is to empower every citizen of the country especially the poor. He said, it is the responsibility of the government to reduce the burden on the country's citizens.

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Senior NDPP leaders Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Deputy Chief Minister TR Zeliang along with other party leaders from Nagaland yesterday campaigned for NPF candidate Kachui Timothy Zimik for the Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency at Maram in Senapati district. Addressing the election rally, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said that NPF party is in Manipur to strengthen brotherhood of all Nagas. Urging the Nagas to unite, Rio said there can be no solution until people are united. Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister TR Zeliang urged people to elect the NPF candidate for peaceful solution and development. NPF candidate Kachui Timothy Zimik said that, if elected, he will work to solve the

issues facing the State. NPF Legislature Party Leader Kuzholuzo Nienu also addressed the rally. Four candidates – Kachui Timothy Zimik of NPF, Alfred Kanngam S Arthur of Indian National Congress and two independents- are contesting for the Outer Manipur seat. 89 constituencies, including Outer Manipur, spread over 13 states are going to the polls in the second phase on April 26.

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The Power Department has scheduled vegetation clearance and maintenance programme of 33kV, 66 kV and 132kV Transmission lines under Kohima Transmission Division from tomorrow till 20th May, 2024. In this regard, the Office of the Executive Engineer, Transmission Division Kohima, said that during period, there will be total shutdown of power from 8 AM to 3 PM daily to facilitate smooth execution of the activity which is unavoidable. The areas to be affected during the clearance and maintenance exercise include Southern Angami, Northern Angami, Zubza and Lalmati under Kohima district, Phek and Kiphrie Districts. All consumers and public in the affected areas have been requested to extend cooperation and bear the inconvenience during the shutdown period. Meanwhile, Executive Engineer Transmission division Mokokchung, Hekaito Assumi informed that vegetation clearance for 132kV and 66kV Transmission Lines under the Transmission division Mokokchung will be carried out. As such ,it is informed that there will be total shutdown of power supply from 8 AM to 4 PM from April 25 to May 31 in areas covering Longleng, Mokokchung, Mon, and Zunheboto districts.

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The Election Commission of India, ECI has directed conduct of repoll in eleven Polling Stations of Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency tomorrow from 7 AM to 5 PM. These Polling Stations are seven in Imphal East district and four in Imphal West district. It was reported that voting in the 11 Polling stations were disrupted due to violence, proxy voting and requested for re-poll in these Polling Station.

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Mahavir Jayanti is being celebrated today with traditional religious fervour. On this auspicious occasion, the followers of Jainism will visit Jain temples and worship and also take out religious processions with the idol of Lord Mahavira. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Two Thousand 550th Bhagwan Mahaveer Nirvan Mahotsav at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi today. Prime Minister Modi will also release a commemorative stamp and coin and also address the gathering on the occasion. President Droupadi Murmu has extended greetings to the citizens, especially to the Jain community on the occasion of Mahavir Jayanti. In a message, the President said, this festival gives us the message of love and peace. She said, on this occasion, we should take a pledge to spread love and harmony in the society and work with dedication for the development of the nation.

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