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31st October 2024.

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Nagaland government has constituted the fourth Nagaland State Finance Commission, under the section 125(1) of the Nagaland Municipal Act 2023. The Commission will be headed by retired Commissioner and Secretary Sarah R. Ritse as the chairperson. While G.W Lee, Director, Technical and Administrative Services(Rtd) as Member and Khrupi Sothu, Secretary (Rtd) as member secretary. The tenure of the commission will be for a period of 12 months. The Commission will make recommendations relating to several matters such as the distribution between the State and the Municipalities of the net proceeds of taxes, duties, tolls and fees leviable by the State and any other matter referred to the Commission by the Government in the interest of sound finances of the municipalities, among others. The Commission will make its report available by 31st October 2025 covering the period of five years that is 2026 to 2031 commencing from 1st April 2026.

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Today is National Unity Day. Every year on 31st October the country commemorates the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who is a pivotal figure in India's struggle for independence and the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of the country. National Unity Day serves as a reminder of his efforts to unite the diverse princely states into a single nation and fosters a spirit of solidarity among the people of the country. Renowned for his exceptional leadership and unyielding commitment to national integration, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is fondly remembered as the Iron Man of India. On the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will pay floral tribute at the Statue of Unity Ekta Nagar, Kevadia, Gujarat and will administer the Ekta Diwas pledge. The PM will also witness Ekta Diwas Parade.

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Deepawali, the festival of lights is being celebrated across the country today. The festival marks the victory of good over evil. People also worship the Goddess of wealth Lakshmi and Lord Ganesha on the occasion. President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar have extended greetings to the citizens on the occasion of Deepawali. In her message, the President said that on the auspicious occasion of Deepawali, we should illuminate our conscience, adopt virtues of love and compassion, and promote social harmony. President Droupadi Murmu appealed to the people to celebrate a pollution-free Deepawali and pledge to build a healthy, prosperous and responsible society. In his message, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar wished that the radiance of Deepawali illuminate India's path, guiding the country towards a future of unity, prosperity, and boundless progress.

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Nagaland government has appointed A. Pitoho Choppy, a member of the Indian Audit & Accounts Service as a Member of the Nagaland Public Service Commission. Mr Choppy will serve in his new role from the date he assumes office for a term of six years or until he reaches the age of 62, whichever comes first.

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Chega- Gadi, the premier festival of the Zeliang people particularly for Liangmai community commenced yesterday at Nzau village under Tening subdivision, Peren. MP Rajya Sabha S.Phangnon Konyak and MLA Imtichuba Chang was the special guest of the festival. Extending her greetings to the community on the occasion, Ms Konyak encouraged the people to take pride in one's own culture and identity and strive forward with great initiative and motives for better future. Chief host, MLA & Chairman DPDB Peren, Namri Nchang in his speech said that this is the time to encourage the youngsters to promote and preserve one's own dialect and cultural custom. He urged the gathering to celebrate the festival by knowing its deep meaning and roots of the festival. The festival featured a rich display of folk songs, cultural dances and presentation. The celebration will culminate today.

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The Longleng District Task Force on Immunization yesterday held a meeting under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, W Manpai Phom. In the meeting, the DC emphasised that all line departments and NGOs should take up the task and coordinate as a team to disseminate the importance of Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Day, Antenatal care and Immunization to the mothers and the general in public. The meeting also highlighted the shortage of human resources at Buranamsang Primary Health Centre, which serves Eight villages with one ANM posted in the Health Centre.

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