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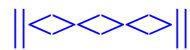
:: THE HEADLINES ::

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Chairs National Conference Of Chief Secretaries To Further Strengthens Centre-State Partnership For Faster Growth
- Lok Sabha Resumes Discussion On Glorious Journey Of 75 Years Of Constitution Of India
- 28 percent and 6.6 percent from age group 0 to 5 years found to be stunted and underweight in Nagaland
- And Two Bills Related To ‘One Nation, One Election’ To Be Introduced In Lok Sabha

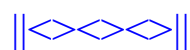


Prime Minister Narendra Modi is chairing the fourth National Conference of Chief Secretaries in New Delhi. The three-day Conference which began yesterday will emphasise the evolution and implementation of a common development agenda and blueprint for cohesive action in partnership with the States. The conference aims to further strengthen the partnership between the Centre and State Governments, with a focus on enhancing cooperative federalism and ensuring better coordination to achieve faster growth and development. The Conference of Chief Secretaries has been a key initiative driven by Prime Minister Modi's vision of fostering stronger collaboration

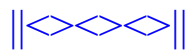
between the Centre and States. The fourth National Conference is focused on the theme ‘Promoting Entrepreneurship, Employment and Skilling – Leveraging the Demographic Dividend’ covering best practices and strategies for States and Union Territories to follow.



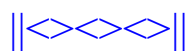
Lok Sabha today resumed special discussion on the glorious journey of 75 years of the Constitution of India. Speaking during the discussion, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju lauded the contribution of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar in framing the constitution. He said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working with the mantra of Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas in tune with the constitutional spirit. He said that the country ensured equal rights for everyone right after Independence. He emphasized that there is no discrimination against minorities in the country and minorities in India are getting legal protection. He said, several schemes have been implemented for the welfare of the six minorities communities in the country. Mr Kiren Rijiju also shared numbers to highlight the development in North-East ever since the NDA government took over in 2014. He said, that between 1947 and 2014, nine airports were built in the north-east while in the last 10 years, the number has increased to 17. He said, similarly, till 2014, around 11 thousand kilometre national highways were built and in the last 10 years, over 16 thousand kilometre have been built. Participating in the discussion, A Raja of DMK raised the issue of democracy, rule of law and secularism and equality. Heated exchange of words took place between the members of the treasury benches and DMK members on the issue of A Raja’s remarks against the members of ruling side.



In Nagaland, 28 percent and 6.6 percent children from the age group 0 to 5 years are found to be stunted and underweight. This data was provided by the Union Minister of Women and Child Development, Savitri Thakur yesterday to an unstarred question raised by MPs S Supongmeren Jamir and Raja Ram Singh in the Lok Sabha. As per the State and Union territory wise details of funds released under Mission Poshan 2.0 in the last three years, Ms. Thakur also informed that funds totalling to an amount of rupees 622.01 Crore has been released to Nagaland during the last three years by the Central Government.



Two bills related to One Nation, One Election are scheduled to be introduced in the Lok Sabha on Monday. Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal will introduce The Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill and The Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill in the Lower House. Recently, the government has accepted the recommendations of the High-Level Committee constituted for exploring the idea of One Nation, One Election, paving the way for simultaneous elections across the country. A high-level committee constituted under the chairmanship of former President Ram Nath Kovind held extensive deliberations with stakeholders, including political parties and experts. This will be implemented in two phases. In the first phase, Lok Sabha and Assembly elections will be held simultaneously, while local bodies elections like panchayats and municipalities will be conducted within 100 days of general elections.

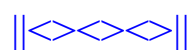


Social activist and advocate, Kezhokhoto Savi was laid to rest at his native village in Jakhama today. He passed away on Friday at a private

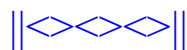
hospital in Kohima. Expressing grief over his demise, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio in a condolence message described Mr. Savi as a dedicated, honest, and hardworking teacher, and a social activist. Mr. Rio said as the president of the Nagaland Voluntary Consumer Organisation, he raised several issues for public awareness and welfare. The Chief Minister said his passing away is a great loss to the Naga society and Angami community. Rajya Sabha MP, S Phangnon Konyak remarked that Mr. Savi was a well known figure amongst the legal community, a crusader against corruption and a concerned citizen who aspired for the best for Nagaland. Till the time of his passing, Mr. Savi was serving as a faculty of Kohima law College.



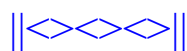
Nagaland joined countrywide observation of National Lok Adalat or People's Court today. 354 cases at litigation and pre-litigation stage were amicably resolved and disposed off. The cumulative settlement amount was rupees 5 crores 46 lakhs 87 thousand 912. A total of 456 cases were taken up during the proceedings. Held under the Nagaland State Legal Services Authority, 11 benches were set up in the districts. These cases encompassed a wide range of disputes, including Bank recovery cases, motor accident claims, and other matters. The Lok Adalat was held under the guidance of Executive Chairman, Nagaland State Legal Services Authority and Judge, Gauhati High Court, Justice Manash Ranjan Pathak, Member Secretary, NSLSA Neiko Akami. District & Sessions Judges, Judicial Magistrates were the Presiding Officers and lawyers were the conciliators.



Reserve Bank of India has announced an increase in the limit for collateral-free agricultural loans from rupees 1.6 lakh to 2 lakh. It will be effective from 1st January next year. Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ministry said that this decision acknowledges the impact of inflation and increasing cost of agricultural inputs on farmers. The move will provide enhanced financial access to farmers, enhance credit accessibility, particularly for small and marginal farmers. The initiative will also increase the uptake of Kisan Credit Card loans allowing farmers to invest in agricultural operations and improve their livelihoods.



Assam Rifles in collaboration with Sakhabama village organized cleanliness drive today as part of Swachhata Hi Seva campaign. The cleanliness drive was organized with the aim to raise awareness about the importance of sanitation and cleanliness, particularly in public spaces and remote village areas. Participants cleaned up streets, surrounding areas, ensuring that both children and community members benefit from a clean and hygienic environment.



Airgun Sporting Association of Nagaland organized 4th Winter Open Airgun Shooting Competition in Wokha today. Deputy Chairperson Wokha Town Council, Nzano P Kikon lauded the association's efforts in promoting sports and encouraged greater female participation. She observed that there was growing interest in shooting sports in the region and expressed hope that talented shooters will rise to bigger acclaim.

L. Yibomo Odyuo, Benathung Ovung and M. Nyamo Odyuo were the winners of the competition.

