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- Fourth Nagaland Finance Commission submits Part-I Report on Urban Local Bodies
- SCERT, NBSE partner with Lend A Hand India to boost skill Education in Schools
- BJP names Daochier I Imchen as candidate for Koridang bye-election.
- and Dimapur Police issues precautionary advisory for travelers to Assam During Elections

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Members of the fourth Nagaland Finance Commission have submitted Part-I of their report on Urban Local Bodies today. This was announced by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio through a post in X. Chief Minister Rio said the report will serve as a guiding document for strengthening urban governance, improving service delivery across the state's towns and cities, and enhancing financial autonomy of local bodies.

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Skill education in Nagaland's school system received a major boost with the signing of two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), the Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE), and Lend A Hand India today. The collaboration with SCERT aims to introduce the Kaushal Bodh textbook for students in Classes 6 to 8, promoting early exposure to practical, hands-on learning. Meanwhile, the parallel MoU with NBSE focuses on enhancing skill assessment and certification systems for students in Classes 9 to 12. Lend A Hand India, which works at the

intersection of education and livelihoods, partners with state governments to integrate vocational education into mainstream schooling, including setting up vocational labs, training educators, facilitating internships, and strengthening assessment and certification systems.

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has announced Daochier I Imchen as its candidature for the bye-election to Koridang Assembly Constituency under Mokokchung district. The decision was taken at a meeting of the party's Central Election Committee held yesterday chaired by party national president Nitin Naveen and attended by senior leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, and Home Minister Amit Shah, along with other committee members. The nomination of Daochier I Imchen signals the BJP's bid to retain the constituency. Daochier I Imchen is the son of Imkong L Imchen, a veteran Nagaland politician who represented the seat for nearly 25 years and was serving as a BJP legislator in the PDA government at the time of his death. Meanwhile, the party ticket was officially handed to Daochier I Imchen today in the presence of state officials, PDA alliance partners, the District President of NPF, BJP district officials, party karyakartas, and well-wishers.

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General Observer Dr. Neeraj Shukla today reviewed preparations and security arrangements for the forthcoming bye-election to the 28 Koridang Assembly Constituency. Deputy Commissioner Ajit Kumar Verma briefed on the election machinery, while Senior Superintendent of Police Vesupra Kezo outlined measures to ensure law and order during polling. Key officials, including sector magistrates, flying squad members, and media monitoring teams, attended the review.

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In view of the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct during ongoing elections in Assam, the Dimapur Police has advised citizens traveling to the state to remain vigilant and comply with election-related rules to avoid legal complications. The advisory, issued by the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime), Dimapur, comes as law enforcement agencies and election authorities have intensified checks at inter-state borders and strategic locations to ensure free, fair, and transparent

elections. The official noted that many otherwise law-abiding travelers have faced difficulties due to lack of awareness about restrictions during the election period. We have a report:

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A state-level workshop on strengthening animal welfare was organised by the Nagaland Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services in Kohima today bringing together government agencies, Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), civil society organisations, and experts on a common platform. Speaking at the programme as special guest, Advisor for Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Zaleo Rio emphasized that animal welfare should not be viewed in isolation, stating that it is equally linked to human welfare. The advisor highlighted the need for designated areas for meat sale and improved slaughtering practices, pointing out that these measures are vital for both animal welfare and public health.

Mr Rio further announced that an abattoir machine will be commissioned in Kohima within the next one month to streamline slaughtering processes. Advisor of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Kazheto Kinimi called on farmers and youth to take up livestock and dairy farming, noting that improved veterinary care, better breeding practices, and modern technology can generate sustainable employment and enhance production. The daylong workshop deliberated on the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and discussed the roles and challenges in promoting animal welfare in Nagaland.

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Deputy Commissioner of Chumoukedima, Polan John, has reassured the public that there is sufficient availability of LPG and POL (Petroleum, Oil & Lubricants) products across all outlets in the district. In a public advisory, the DC emphasized that there is no need for panic buying or hoarding, as the District Administration is closely coordinating with Oil Marketing Companies and distributors to regularly monitor stock and ensure steady availability. Residents have been urged not to believe or circulate unfounded rumours regarding fuel shortages. Mr Polon further warned that strict action will be taken against any individual or entity found hoarding LPG or POL products or selling them at exorbitant rates, in accordance with the relevant provisions of law.

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The State Art & Culture Department has announced that nominations are now open for the Governor's Award for distinction in the fields of Arts, Music, and Literature for the year 2026. According to an official notification, nominations must be submitted in accordance with the prescribed guidelines and procedures laid down by the department. Applicants are required to duly fill in the personal information form as part of the submission process. In addition, six copies of the recommendation or citation, each duly signed by the recommending authority must be submitted along with the application. The department also informed that all required documents should reach the designated office on or before 5th of May. The recipients of the award will be announced on the occasion of Independence Day 2026.

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