

THE HEADLINES : -

- **All arrangements in place for Koridang Assembly bye-election tomorrow; enhanced security in place**
- **United States and Iran agree to two-week ceasefire; India welcomes move**
- **Nagaland sets up State High Level Committee for Chief Minister's Technology Hub**
- **RBI keeps repo rate unchanged; Projects India's real GDP growth for current fiscal at 6.9 per cent**



All arrangements are in place for the bye-election to the 28 Koridang Assembly Constituency in Mokokchung tomorrow, with enhanced security in place. Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer Ajit Kumar Verma said, the district Election Machinery along with Security Forces are fully prepared for a free, fair and peaceful by-election. Highlighting the arrangements, he said teams dispatched from the DC Office are in place at all the 30 Polling Stations. He noted that additional security forces have been deployed at vulnerable locations, besides one Coy of CAPF along with state armed police force in all Polling Stations. He said that the Interstate Border with Assam has been sealed. The DC added that two polling stations will be completely manned by women polling personnel. Koridang Assembly Constituency will go to polls tomorrow, with over 22,300 voters. Six candidates are in the fray for the bypoll, including BJP's Daochier I. Imchen, T. Chalukumba A of the Congress, NPP candidate I. Abenjang, and Independent candidates Imchatoba Imchen, Intiwapang, and Toshikaba.



Polling for all 126 Assembly constituencies in Assam, 140 in Keralam, and 30 seats in Puducherry will be held in a single phase tomorrow. Meanwhile, in Chumoukedima, the district administration has declared tomorrow as a paid holiday to enable eligible voters from Assam to cast their votes. The paid holiday is applicable to all registered voters of Assam who are employed in any business, shops or other establishments within Nagaland, including those on shift basis, daily wage, or casual employment. However, the provision will not apply to electors whose absence from duty could cause danger or substantial loss at their workplace. All employers have been directed to comply to ensure voters can participate in the democratic process.



The United States and Iran have agreed to a two-week ceasefire, halting weeks of direct military confrontation. The agreement, brokered through intermediaries, calls for an immediate halt to strikes on both sides and the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz to international shipping. Oil prices fell sharply on the news, dropping from above 115 dollar per barrel to below 95 dollars. US President Donald Trump confirmed the deal in Washington, calling it a win for diplomacy and a big day for World Peace. On the other side, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi also announced that for a period of two weeks, safe passage through the Strait of

Hormuz will be possible. Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel supports the United States' decision to suspend strikes against Iran, but clarified that the pause does not extend to Lebanon, where fighting with Hezbollah continues.



India has welcomed the ceasefire reached between the United States and Iran. In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs expressed hope that it will lead to a lasting peace in West Asia and unimpeded freedom of navigation and global flow of commerce through the Strait of Hormuz. The Ministry stated that India has continuously advocated de-escalation, dialogue and diplomacy, essential to bringing an early end to the ongoing conflict. Meanwhile, in view of the rapidly evolving situation, the Indian Embassy in Iran has advised Indian nationals currently in Iran to expeditiously exit the country, in coordination with the Embassy and using its suggested routes.



The Reserve Bank of India has kept interest rates unchanged at 5.25 percent. Announcing the first bi-monthly monetary policy for the current fiscal, RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra today said that, the Monetary Policy Committee has unanimously decided to retain the repo rate at 5.25 per cent with a neutral stance.

The Monetary Policy Committee has also expected that, GDP for last financial year will be at 7.6 per cent while for current fiscal it will be at 6.9 per cent.



Former Programme Executive of Akashvani Kohima, N. Lotha passed away today. He was 84. N. Lotha joined Akashvani Kohima as Assistant Editor tribal dialect, and continued his service with dedication before retiring as Programme Executive in 2001. On behalf of Akashvani Kohima, Cluster Head and Deputy Director General (Engineering) K.K. Rengma has conveyed condolences on the demise of N. Lotha, and prayed for solace for the bereaved family during this difficult time.



The Department for Information Technology and Communication has informed the setting up of a State High Level Committee for the Chief Minister's Technology Hub (CM Hub). The CM Hub will serve as a high-level platform to drive adoption and innovation in IT, electronics and new age niche technologies in the state. More from our correspondent...

The Department for IT & Communication will be the nodal agency for the execution and monitoring of the CM Hub in Nagaland.



Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, NSCPCR, organised a one-day awareness programme on “Child Rights & Child Protection” at Zunheboto today. The initiative, held in collaboration with the District Child Protection Unit, aims to strengthen community participation in the protection and welfare of children in the district. Delivering the keynote address, NSCPCR Chairman, Alun Hangsing stressed that children are the backbone of the nation and called for

stronger groundwork to ensure their protection and development. Mr Hangsing further urged all stakeholders to take child rights seriously, especially in the present technological era where both positive and negative influences are easily accessible through the internet. District Child Protection Officer, Ruzonuo Rita Aye presented a report on child protection and juvenile justice activities in Zunheboto for the period March 2025–2026. She said, under the Childline 1098 service, the district received a total of 41 calls and 22 cases were registered and addressed. According to the report, the district presently has four Child Care Institutions, two NGOs, one home designated for juveniles in conflict with law, and one Specialized Adoption Agency. The programme concluded with an open house discussion.



The state Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) conducted a water testing training programme at Government High School and Government Higher Secondary School at Tening today, under the DPDB Peren adoption initiative. The programme aimed at creating awareness among students and staff on the importance of safe drinking water and imparting practical knowledge on basic water testing methods. Officials from PHED demonstrated simple water testing techniques and highlighted the significance of maintaining water quality for health and hygiene.

