

MORNING NEWS

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Adding further momentum to the clamour for resolution before election+in the State, Chief Minister, T.R. Zeliang yesterday moved a resolution in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly urging the Centre to resolve the vexed Naga political issue before the Assembly polls scheduled early next year. The resolution, moved on the first day of the two-day Winter Session also called upon the Election Commission not to announce election schedule before a final solution was arrived at on the matter. The House further resolved to call upon all civil societies, tribal hohos, church and other organizations to cooperate with the State government on the matter. The Assembly also called upon all political parties and Independent candidates to take the demand for resolution before election+to the field to present a united stand before the Centre and Election Commission of India.



Winter Session of Parliament will begin today. The session which will end on 5th of next month will have 14 sittings. During the session, the Muslim Women Right on Marriage Bill related to triple talaq and legislation on granting Constitutional status to the Backward Class Commission are among the important bills which will be taken up for discussion and passage. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ananth Kumar said the Supplementary Demand for Grants and three ordinances including GST compensation to states will be taken up. In a message, Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu has appealed to the government to give opportunity to the opposition to raise their issues.



Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee Vice President, Ayangba Aonok said under NPF government, Nagaland has become a failed state with no proper roads or developmental activities, while salaries of government employees and scholarships of students are not being paid. Addressing a public rally organized by the Kohima District Congress Committee in Kohima yesterday, accused the NPF legislators of being rampantly engaged in corruption and putting the people of the State in shame with their continued infighting for power and leadership. Addressing the rally, Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee Treasurer and former Minister, Seyiekuolie Kesiezie said Naga people are fed up with corruption and mis-governance of the NPF government in the State for last 15 years. Stating that the people need a change, he said Congress Party can put back the state in the map of development and progress.

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Polling has come to an end for the second and final phase of Assembly elections in Gujarat. About 68.7 per cent voter turnout has been recorded. Briefing reporters in New Delhi last evening, Deputy Election Commissioner, Umesh Sinha said the polling was peaceful. That fate of 851 candidates will be decided in this phase. BJP has fielded 93 candidates, and Congress has fielded 91. Counting of votes will take place on Monday, alongside the Himachal Assembly which went to polls on 9th of last month.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation INS Kalvari, the first of the six Scorpene-class submarines, at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai yesterday. Terming it as a historic achievement, the Prime Minister congratulated the Navy on the country's behalf. He called it an excellent example of Make-in-India. Modi also said,

