

## MORNING NEWS

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Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland, Abhijit Sinha has said that all necessary preparation has been made to ensure peaceful, free and fair polling for the bye-election to the lone Lok Sabha seat in Nagaland. Polling will be held tomorrow, while counting of votes will take place on the 31<sup>st</sup> of this month. Addressing a press conference in Kohima yesterday, Sinha said all critical and vulnerable polling stations will be monitored through web-casting or videography. He said out of the 2,196 polling stations in the State, 500 have been declared as critical or vulnerable.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that people have endorsed the performance of NDA government at the Centre during the past four years and that is why they have brought BJP to power in 20 states across the country. Addressing a public meeting in Cuttack Odisha yesterday, he said the BJP-led government at the Centre is moving in right direction and the people have put their seal of approval on it. Prime Minister said, NDA government's commitment to fight corruption has sent shivers down the spines and that is why they are coming under one umbrella.

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Nagaland Minister for higher education & technical education, Temjen Imna Along has asked the Centre to provide special package to the struggling institutions in the Northeast region. He said all educational institutions in the region are still very young and struggling. The minister was addressing the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan, RUSA, phase 2 Project Approval Board meeting on Friday at the India International Centre, New Delhi. The minister highlighted that the North Eastern states depended entirely on central funding to develop its educational institutions since the institutes have no internal revenue.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people in India and abroad in his Mann Ki Baat programme on All India Radio today at 11 am. It will be the 44th episode of the monthly programme. It will be broadcast on the entire network of AIR and Doordarshan. The programme will also be streamed on the YouTube channels of the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, AIR and DD News. AIR will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast. Regional language versions of the programme will also be repeated at 8 PM.

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Responding to the ultimatum issued by Nagaland University Teachers' Association, NUTA over show cause notices issued on teachers who did not report for election duty, CEO Nagaland Abhijit Sinha said university staff can be assigned for election duty. The CEO said under Section 159 Section of the R.P. Act, 1951, election staff can be assigned for election duty and that staff of university of both centre and state fell under the category. He said from time to time ECI exempts certain categories of people but that NUTA was not under exemption category. Sinha said as per ECI's notification, IFS, doctors, compounders working in veterinary hospitals medical staff including doctors and nurses, AIR, DD, FCI and Ayush doctors were exempted. Besides them, there was no other exemption. Commissioner and returning officer, M Patton, said show cause notice was issued to certain NUTA officials for not turning up for training. He said some applied for exemption, but after verification ARO exempted six officials.

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Mon Town joined 12 other mountain states and 2 hill Districts in The Himalayan Clean Up drive yesterday at Private Station, Mon. In Mon, the Himalayan Clean up drive was organised by Walo organisation, an NGO based in Mon in documentation, health, education and various other social initiatives. It was initiated by Integrated Mountain Institute (IMI) and Sustainable Development Forum of Nagaland (SDFN). Despite the upcoming by election, the District administration also supported and took part in the

**Clean up drive. Various unions, club and association like Mon Town Student's Union, Jovinal sports and Welfare club, Konyak Union, Grace Ministry, Sunday School Department of Konyak Baptist Bumeinok Bangjum and concern individual also supported the Clean up drive.**

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**The CBSE declared the result of class 12th. Girls outshone boys with Meghna Srivastava from Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh, topping the examination securing 499 marks out of 500. The overall pass percentage is 83.01 per cent as against last year's 82.02 per cent. The top three regions are Trivandrum, Chennai and Delhi.**

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