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Election Commission has changed the date of counting of votes for Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim assembly polls to 2nd June instead of 4th June. EC said in a statement that there will be no change in respect of schedule for Parliamentary constituencies of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim. Election Commission had yesterday announced the poll schedule for assembly polls in Sikkim, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh along with the schedule for General Elections. The 32 member Sikkim assembly and 60 members Arunachal Pradesh assembly will go to polls in single phase along with the first phase of Lok Sabha elections on 19th April. The election for 175 members Andhra Pradesh assembly will be conducted in single phase on 13th May and polling for 147 member Odisha assembly will be held in four phases on 13th, 20th, 25th May and 1st June along with the Lok Sabha polls.

Election Commission today uploaded the data received in digitized form from the registry of the Supreme Court on electoral bonds on its website. The data can be accessed at www.eci.gov.in/candidate-politicalparty. EC said in a statement that political parties had filed data on Electoral Bonds in sealed cover as directed by Supreme Court. The data received from political parties was deposited in Supreme Court without opening sealed covers. In pursuance of the apex court's order on 15th March this year, the Registry of the Supreme Court has returned physical copies along with a digitized record of the same in a pen drive in sealed cover.

After the announcement of Lok Sabha Elections and Assembly Elections in four States, the Election Commission has issued directions for effective enforcement of provisions of Model Code of Conduct. In a letter to Cabinet Secretary, Chief Secretaries of all States and Chief Electoral Officers, the Commission said that all wall-writing, posters, papers or defacement in any other form on government property shall be removed within 24 hours from the

announcement of elections. All unauthorized political advertisements displayed at private property shall be removed within 72 hours from the announcement of elections. The Commission also informed that a total ban on use of official vehicles by any political party, candidate or any other person connected with election except officials performing any election-related official duty, for campaigning, or electioneering subject to certain exception. It also said that no advertisements shall be issued in electronic and print media highlighting the achievements of the Government at the cost of public exchequer.

The Lower Subansiri District police have seized a huge cache of cash amount of Rs 59.02 lakh during a random naka checking at Ziro on Saturday evening. The cash amount was seized during a random naka checking from Boa Terry, a resident of Boa Simla from Kamle District. Reportedly, the vehicle carrying the seized amount was heading from Ziro to Kamle District. Meanwhile, congratulating the district police team for the seizures, Lower Subansiri District Election Officer Vivek H.P advised them to constantly remain vigilant at all strategic places in view of the upcoming elections.

With the implementation of Model Code of conduct, a meeting regarding election preparedness was convened today by the Deputy Commissioner cum RO 13- Itanagar (AC) Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta along SP Itanagar Rohit Rajbir Singh, SP Naharlagun Mihin Gambo, EACs, all sector magistrates, Flying Squad Team (FST) and others. Chairing the meeting, the DC asked all to render exemplary services with dedication and devotion to maintain peace and order in Capital Itanagar. She informed that Sector Magistrates, FST, VST, SST and VVT have already been deployed round the clock in the Capital Region and urged them to monitor any possible violation of MCC ahead of the Election to the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly. She also directed the Media Certification and Monitoring Cell to carry out social media monitoring along with paid news and other advertisements in print and electronic media.

Dr Temin Payum, Associate Professor of Botany, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat has concocted a herbal healing tea for curing a number of ailments. Payum has prepared the special tea using rhizome and leaves of black turmeric (*Curcuma caesia*), which is an abandoned seasonal plant available in natural vegetation. Interacting with media on Saturday, Dr Payum informed that he has already completed a series of biochemical experiments on the nutritional and medicinal properties of black turmeric tea and confirmed a most beneficial ingredient in comparison to other tea products available in the market.

That's all in this news bulletin, Namaskar