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In Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly elections, 10 BJP MLAs have been declared elected unopposed after the last date of withdrawal of nominations yesterday. Arunachal Pradesh is going to simultaneous polls for its 60-seat Assembly and 2 Lok Sabha constituencies on April 19 next month in a single phase. With BJP securing 10 seats unopposed in the 60-member Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, polling will be held for the remaining 50 Assembly seats now and 133 candidates are in fray. Single nomination paper has been filed in six assembly constituencies, while in four others, opposition candidates withdrew their papers. The 10 MLAs who have won their seats unopposed are Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, Techhi Kaso, Ratu Techhi, Hage Appa, Jikke Tako, Dongru Siongju, Nyato Dukam, Mutchu Mithi and Dasanglu Pul. For the two parliamentary constituencies there are 14 candidates in fray, with 8 candidates for the Arunachal West parliamentary Constituency and 6 for the Arunachal East Constituency.

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Electoral Officer Pawan Kumar Sain said that habitual offenders or people with such track records are being identified and are bound down by the police, in order to prevent any kind of law and order situation by them on the Polling day. Talking to media yesterday evening he said that Commission is committed to the deposit of 100 percent armed licenses in the state before the polling. The state CEO said that the state has over 33,000 armed licenses and over 20,000 have already been deposited till now. He also informed that cash and other items worth over Rs. 11.46 crore has been made till March 30 this month after the announcement of the simultaneous polls. He shared that over 600 illegal arms have been seized and the process is going on. He also informed that 45 companies of paramilitary companies of forces has been deployed in the state for the simultaneous polls.

President Droupadi Murmu today honoured former Deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani with the Nation's Highest Civilian Award Bharat Ratna. The President presented the award to Mr Advani at his residence in New Delhi. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi were also present on the occasion.

President Droupadi Murmu has greeted citizens living in India and abroad, especially the Christians on the occasion of Easter. In her message, she said, this festival marks the celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection and is a symbol of love and compassion. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar also greeted people on the occasion. Furthermore, Prime Minister Narendra Modi wished everyone a joyful Easter. Mr Modi said, we hope that the message of renewal and optimism reverberates all over. He added that may this day inspire us all to come together. The festival of Easter is being celebrated all over the world today, marking the faithful belief that Jesus rose from the dead after being crucified.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that India's gross domestic product (GDP) will grow by 8 per cent or more in the fourth quarter of the current fiscal year. Addressing an Investment Summit in Mumbai, she said, the economy is expected to show the same rate of year-on-year growth for the 2023-24 financial year due to the impact of improved inflation management and macroeconomic stability. India, the third-largest economy in Asia, grew 8.4 per cent in the October-December quarter year-on-year, outpacing the 7.6 per cent growth recorded for the previous quarter. Sitharaman said that following the 8.4 per cent growth in the third quarter, various institutions have upgraded their GDP growth forecasts for India.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast isolated heavy rainfall over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura till Monday with the possibility of very heavy falls over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya today. It said, scattered to widespread light rainfall with thunderstorms and lightning will

continue to occur in Northeast India, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim till the 5th of next month.

General Observer Sunil Kumar Yadav for 16th Yachuli and 17th Ziro-Hapoli Assembly Constituencies and Western Parliamentary seat held a consultative meeting at the Golden Jubilee Hall of District Secretariat, Ziro today. Besides finalization of the randomization of the EVM's, the General Observer addressed several apprehensive issues including proper functioning of EVMs, availability of requisite EVMs, requisite police personnel during the poll, and safe transportation of the EVMs to strong room after the polls. Meanwhile, DEO Vivek H.P informed that there are 44 polling stations at 16th Yachuli Assembly constituency of which 25 are critical. The DEO further informed that there is sufficient EVMs and police personnel to conduct a fair and smooth election at Yachuli with 17th Ziro-Hapoli Assembly constituency going uncontested.

That is all in this News bulletin, Namaskar