

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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2. The Centre has extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in eight districts of Nagaland and three districts of Arunachal Pradesh with effect from 1st of next month.
3. Altogether ten candidates, including six in Shillong and four in Tura are in fray for the April 19th Lok Sabha elections in Meghalaya.
4. The scrutiny of nomination papers for the 60 Legislative Assembly and two Lok Sabha seats in Arunachal Pradesh were done yesterday.
5. The Chief Electoral Officer of Meghalaya, BDR Tiwari chaired a meeting yesterday with officers of government departments, police and other security forces.
6. The Sub Divisional Magistrate of Sohra yesterday promulgated section 144 CrPC prohibiting assembly of four or more persons, carrying of arms and engaging in provocation actions within the Sohra Sub Division.
7. Good Friday is being observed by the Christian faithful all over the world today.

NOTIFICATION

The notification for the second phase of Lok Sabha elections has been issued. The elections will be held in 89 seats in 12 States including one Union Territory in this phase. Twenty Lok Sabha seats of Kerala, 14 seats of Karnataka, 13 seats of Rajasthan, eight seats each of Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, seven seats of Madhya Pradesh, five seats each in Assam and Bihar, three seats each of West Bengal and Chhattisgarh and one seat each in Manipur, Tripura and Jammu and Kashmir will go to polls in this phase. Nominations can be filed till the 4th of April. Voting for this phase will be held on the 26th of April.

AFSPA

The Centre has extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in eight districts of Nagaland and three districts of Arunachal Pradesh with effect from 1st of next month. It has also been extended to 21 police stations in five other districts of Nagaland and three police stations in another district of Arunachal Pradesh.

MEGHALAYA

Altogether ten candidates, including six in Shillong and four in Tura are in fray for the April 19th Lok Sabha elections in Meghalaya with the scrutiny of nomination papers having been completed yesterday. Sitting MP Vincent H Pala of the Congress is seeking re-election for the fourth consecutive term from the 1-Shillong

Parliamentary Constituency. Other candidates vying for the Shillong Lok Sabha seat include state cabinet minister Mazel Ampareen Lyngdoh of the National People's Party, Ricky Andrew J Syngkon of Voice of the People Party, Robertjune Kharjahnin of the United Democratic Party besides two independent candidates, Lakhon Kma and Peter Shallam. While sitting MP Agatha K Sangma of the National People's Party is seeking re-election for the third consecutive term from the 2-Tura parliamentary constituency, others contesting for the seat are legislator Saleng Sangma of the Congress, Zenith Sangma of the Trinamool Congress and independent candidate Laben Marak.

ARUNACHAL

The scrutiny of nomination papers for the 60 Legislative Assembly and two Lok Sabha seats in Arunachal Pradesh were done yesterday. In total 168 nominations were found valid for 58 Assembly Constituencies. There are eight candidates for the Arunachal West Parliamentary Constituency including BJP candidate and Union Minister Kiren Rijiju and INC candidate Nabam Tuki. Arunachal Pradesh is going to simultaneous polls on 19th April to elect a new 60-member Legislative Assembly and two Members of Parliament from the Arunachal West and East Lok Sabha seats.

POLLS

The Chief Electoral Officer of Meghalaya, BDR Tiwari chaired a meeting yesterday through video conferencing with officers of government departments, police and other security forces. In the meeting, the CEO sought information from all the Central agencies, State and district administrations on seizures of cash, alcohol, drugs and freebies during the ongoing Model Code of Conduct in the State. The districts have informed that the Flying Squads and the Static Surveillance Teams have already been put in place. He also assured that vigilance will be enhanced to curb the use of money and alcohol for the smooth conduct of the ensuing Lok Sabha Election 2024.

PROBE

The Sub Divisional Magistrate of Sohra yesterday promulgated section 144 CrPC prohibiting assembly of four or more persons, carrying of arms and engaging in provocation actions within the Sohra Sub Division. The only exception to this is meetings/processions relating to the upcoming election to the Lok Sabha. Police probe is on into the killing of two persons in the bordering village of Ichamati, East Khasi Hills district in Meghalaya.

FRIDAY

Good Friday is being observed by the Christian faithful all over the world today. It is the Friday before Easter, the day on which Christians annually observe the commemoration of the Crucifixion of Lord Jesus Christ. Special sermons on salvation and partaking in the 'Lord's Supper' marks Good Friday.
