

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Election Commission of India urges political parties to verify before amplifying any information and also cautions against dissemination of false narratives.
2. Election Commission directs Electronics and IT Ministry to immediately halt delivery of Viksit Bharat messaging over WhatsApp.
3. Three Expenditure Observers appointed by Election Commission of India arrived in Manipur in connection with the upcoming Lok Sabha Election 2024.
4. Arunachal Pradesh Chief Electoral Officer, Pawan Kumar Sain convenes a meeting with all the political parties in connection with Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the state.
5. The Commissionerate of Customs (Preventive) destroys 1019.490 kgs of Ganja and 2.437 kgs of Heroin valued at 19.17 Crore rupees which were seized under the NDPS Act, 1985.
6. In Meghalaya, vehicular traffic will be either completely blocked or partially allowed from March 31st to April 8th on Umiam bridge on the busy Guwahati-Shillong Road to undertake repair works of the bridge.

ELECTION

As the General Election edges closer, the Election Commission is all prepared to combat the challenge of misinformation that has the potential to cripple the democratic process. The Commission has issued stern directives and has urged vigilance and responsibility from all stakeholders. Highlighting the gravity of the situation, the poll body has urged political parties to verify before amplifying any information, thereby cautioning against dissemination of false narratives. The Election Commission has urged all political parties to exhibit responsible behavior on social media platforms. The Commission has also appealed for a discourse that inspires unity rather than division. It has urged parties to abstain from hate speeches and refrain from exploiting caste or religious sentiments for electoral gains.

DIRECTION

The Election Commission has directed Electronics and IT Ministry to immediately halt delivery of Viksit Bharat messaging over WhatsApp. The Commission said, it has received several complaints that such messages are still being delivered on citizens' phones despite the announcement of the General Elections. In response, the Ministry had informed the commission that although the letters were sent out before Model Code of Conduct came into force, some of them could have possibly been delivered to recipients with a delay because of systemic and network limitations.

OBSERVERS

Three Expenditure Observers appointed by Election Commission of India arrived in Manipur in connection to the upcoming 18th Lok Sabha Election 2024. Speaking to Akashvani News exclusively, the Joint Chief Electoral Officer of Manipur N. Ramananda said that three Expenditure Observers arrived in Manipur

are stationed in the State to monitor the election campaigning. Three Police Observers and another three General Observers appointed by Election Commission of India will also arrive in the State very soon. He said that the training for poll personnel including security forces have been going on in every district of the State.

ARUNACHAL

Chief Electoral Officer, Arunachal Pradesh Pawan Kumar Sain yesterday convened a meeting with all the political parties of the state in Itanagar to discuss various issues pertaining to the simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the state. During the meeting, the Chief Electoral Officer highlighted the progress of Model Code of Conduct enforcement in the state, like seizure of money and other valuable items seized at Naka check gate and requested all stakeholders to adhere of ECI guidelines.

WORKSHOPS

Workshops on the voice culture and language articulation were held in Akashvani Jowai and Akashvani Shillong for programme presenters in Jaintia and Khasi in Akshvani and Doordarshan. The Akashvani Jowai for Jaintia was held on the 20th and the one on Khasi was held in Akashvani Shillong on 21st of this month. These workshops were conducted by the National Academy of Broadcasting and Multimedia, New Delhi in conjunction with regional academy of broadcasting and multimedia Shillong to sensitise the programme presenters of Akashvani and Doordarshan in the language of broadcast and to enhance the effectiveness of communication through usage, intonation, scripting and pronunciation.

DRUGS

The Commissionerate of Customs (Preventive) destroyed 1019.490 kgs of Ganja and 2.437 kgs of Heroin valued at 19.17 Crore rupees which were seized under the NDPS Act, 1985 in Shillong yesterday. The drugs destruction drive was carried out by incineration in the presence of Drug Disposal Committee consisting of officers of Customs and DRI.

BRIDGE:

In Meghalaya, vehicular traffic will be either completely blocked or partially allowed from March 31 to April 8 on Umiam bridge on the busy Guwahati-Shillong Road to undertake repair works of the bridge. According to an official communique, vehicular traffic will be completely blocked for at least six hours from 8 am to 2 pm on March 31 except ambulance services. After the work is completed on March 31, half of the road will be opened from downstream of the bridge, but only for vehicles upto 4 tons weight till 7 a.m. of April 8. Vehicles up to weight of 15 tons will be allowed to ply from the bridge from 7 a.m. of April 8 and onwards.
