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The voting for the first phase of Lok Sabha elections was held today in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Uttarakhand. The polling was held at 102 Parliamentary constituencies where 11 Lok Sabha seats reserved for ST and 18 seats reserved for SC in this phase. These constituencies belong to 17 states and four Union Territories. A total of 1,625 candidates are in the fray in this phase. Polling was also held for electing new legislative assemblies in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim in a single phase today.

The polling for the simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in Arunachal Pradesh was held amidst tight security today. In Itanagar Assembly Constituency, the polling was held for the Arunachal West Lok Sabha seat contested by eight candidates, including Union Minister and BJP nominee, Kiren Rijiju, and former Chief Minister and Congress nominee, Nabam Tuki. Meanwhile, the state voter turnout is 65.79 per cent for Parliamentary election and 67.61 per cent for assembly elections till 5 PM today in the state.

Further, in the 60 seat Legislative Assembly, BJP has already opened its account by winning 10 seats uncontested. For the remaining 50 assembly seats for which the polling was held, about 133 candidates are in fray and 14 candidates for the two Parliamentary seats in the state. Meanwhile, the 8 Lakhs 92 Thousand 694 voters will decide the fate of the political parties in this election. Furthermore, the counting of votes for the assembly election will take place on 2nd June this year, two days ahead of the declaration of Lok Sabha polls results.

Chief Electoral Officer Pawan Kumar Sain has earlier briefed on the security arrangement for the first phase of the Lok Sabha election which was held today. Of the total 2,226 polling stations in the state, live web casting was done in 754 polling stations and off line video recording at 354 polling stations. To conduct a free, fair and peaceful polling, 80 companies of paramilitary forces were deployed across the state and over 50 thousand officials were engaged in the state. Further, he also informed that 615 micro-observers were deployed, out of which, 155 were stationed at the vulnerable polling stations and 417 in **critical** polling booths.

Furthermore, out of the total 2,226 polling stations, 150 polling booths were managed by women officials, 50 youth-managed polling stations, and three Persons with Disability-managed polling booths in Changlang, Longding and Aalo.

Governor Lt. General retired KT Parnaik and First Lady Anagha Parnaik have casted their votes for the first phase of Lok Sabha elections in Arunachal Pradesh at the Polling Booth in Government Secondary School building, P-Sector, Itanagar today. The Governor appreciated the people who turned up in large numbers for voting. He said that wholehearted participation of the voters reflects their consciousness and absolute trust in the democratic process in the State.

To generate awareness about the legislative enactments of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanghita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanghita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam particularly amongst the stakeholders and legal fraternity, the Ministry of Law and Justice is organizing a Conference titled "India's Progressive Path in the Administration of Criminal Justice System", at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath in New Delhi tomorrow.

Indian Railways is operating a record-breaking nine thousand one hundred 11 trips during summer season to ensure the convenience of passengers and manage the anticipated surge in travel demand during summers. Ministry of Railways said the additional trains have been meticulously planned to connect key destinations across the country, ensuring seamless travel on major railway routes.

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar has predicted that except for Tawang, the 13 districts of Arunachal Pradesh are in Yellow alert and will receive thunderstorm with lightning very likely at isolated places from 19th to 23rd of this month. The districts are East Kameng, West Kameng, Kurung Kumey, Kraa Dadi, Kamle, Lower Subansiri, Pakke Kessang, Papum Pare, West Siang, East Siang, Siang, Leparada, Lower Siang, Upper Subansiri and Shi Yomi districts. Meanwhile, Lower Dibang Valley, Anjaw, Dibang Valley, Lohit, Tirap Changlang and Longding are in both yellow and orange alert where thunderstorm with lightning and heavy to very heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places on the same dates.