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Senior BJP leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that today the entire country is working on the resolution to become a developed nation. In the last 10 years, his government has fulfilled the basic needs of the common man, which were pending for decades. Addressing a public meeting in Churu of Shekhawati region of Rajasthan this afternoon, he said that in the last 10 years, the foundation of a developed India has been prepared. Today the whole world is surprised as to how India is progressing so fast. After coming to power, his government worked honestly and today the country is progressing rapidly. Describing the work done in the last 10 years as a trailer and an appetizer, Modi said that many big works are yet to be done in the country in the coming times.

Governor Lt General (Retd) KT Parnaik said that Arunachal Pradesh is a blessed land of numerous tribes who have maintained their customs and traditions over the years. They have been zealously preserving their indigenous cultural heritages, he said while participating in Mopin Festival celebration at Itanagar today. Besides greeting the Galo community on the festive occasion, the Governor offered prayers to invoke the blessings of Mopin Goddess, Anyi Pinku Pinte for better crops, proliferation of domestic animals, and preservation of nature. The Governor urged upon the Galo community to contribute in the nation building through concerted effort in the sphere of health, education, infrastructure, communication, and empowerment of women and girl child.

Senior BJP leader and Chief Minister Pema Khandu has said that with the BJP government at the Centre, the Northeastern states, including Arunachal Pradesh are developing very speedily in terms of infrastructure, connectivity, etc. "Now we are focusing on more development in the villages along the Indo-China border and the central government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi fully supports us and even guides us," Khandu said in an election rally at Hollongi on Thursday. He informed that the party manifesto will be released on April 10 by BJP national president JP Nadda, who will be visiting the State.

Elections for the two parliamentary seats in Arunachal Pradesh will be held on April 19 in a single phase. Six contestants are in fray for the Arunachal East Parliamentary constituency. BJP candidate and sitting Member of Parliament from the seat Tapir Gao will face

the main contest from Indian National Congress Party candidate and former minister Bosiram Siram. Apart from the BJP and Congress, the newly-formed Arunachal Democratic Front has also fielded its candidate for the seat. The rest three are independent candidates. Arunachal East Parliamentary Constituency has 3,75,310 voters, with 1,89,740 male, 1,85,569 female electorates and one transgender voter. There are 27 Assembly constituencies and 920 polling stations in the Parliamentary Constituency.

The election machineries deployed in poll-bound Arunachal Pradesh have confiscated more than Rs 1.38 crore while engaged in vehicles checking on Thursday. "The flying squads and static surveillance teams along with police seized a whopping amount of Rs 1 crore at Kanubari check post in Longding, Rs 22.20 lakh in Itanagar Capital Region, and another Rs 16.10 lakh at Seppa during vehicle checking," an election official said. With this, the total cash seized so far since the model code of conduct (MCC) came into force rose to Rs 5.48 crore, while the cumulative figure of cash and monetary value of other seized items including liquor, drugs, precious metals and freebies stood at Rs 14.05 crore.

The Arunachal Pradesh Government has on Thursday ordered that issuance of import permits of packaged liquor, bulk spirit and export permits for packaged liquor shall remain suspended with immediate effect till the completion of election process. This step was taken in the wake of reported incidents of cross border transportation of illicit liquor across the inter-state borders as well as storage of liquor in unauthorized places during this election period. It was also reported that liquor is used to influence the voters which may vitiate the proper and fair conduct of the elections. The 'order' by Chief Secretary Dharmendra, however, said that liquor permits in respect of military and paramilitary units may continue to be issued.