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Campaigning has intensified for the third phase of general elections with top leaders of major political parties making strong pitch to woo the voters through rallies and road shows across the country. 95 Parliamentary Constituencies across 10 States and two Union Territories will go to polls in this phase on the 7th of May. One thousand 351 candidates are in the fray in this phase.

Prime Minister and Senior BJP leader Narendra Modi while campaigning at Belagavi in Karnataka today informed that in the last 10 years, his government helped small farmers through the Farmers Producers Organisation to cut input costs and open the market for agri produce. He also said that the Supreme Court has given a tight slap on EVM doubters. He accused the Congress of weakening democracy through false narratives created by them. He criticized Rahul Gandhi for allegedly blaming Rajas and Maharajas for confiscating wealth from the citizens and for committing atrocities.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has said that his party would fulfill all promised 5 Nyay and 25 guarantees for the people. He was addressing the media persons in Guwahati. He criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi for failing to fulfill the promises made to people during the last 10 years. The Congress president slammed the BJP government for failing to provide two crore jobs every year and doubling the income of farmers.

The Election Commission of India has directed to conduct re-polling in six Polling Stations of the Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency on the 30th of April. The ECI declared the polls conducted at these six polling stations on the 26th of April in the second phase of Lok Sabha Election, as void. The polling stations are five in Ukhrul district and one in Senapati district.

Arunachal Pradesh Lokayukta Chairperson Justice (Retd) Prasanta Kumar Saikia passed away on Saturday in New Delhi. Governor Lt. General (Retd.) KT Parnaik has also condoled the demise of the State Lokayukta Chairperson. In a message, he said that in the sudden passing away of Justice Saikia, Arunachal Pradesh has lost a conscientious ombudsman and a crusader against

corruption. The Governor, on behalf of the people of Arunachal Pradesh, conveyed condolence and prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul. Chief Minister Pema Khandu, in a social media post, has mourned the demise of Saikia. Mr. Khandu said that the Justice Retired PK Sakia was a versatile personality and his contributions to the society shall always be fondly remembered. Justice Saikia, a retired judge of Gauhati High Court, was sworn in as the first chairperson of the Arunachal Pradesh Lokayukta on June 27, 2019.

In Tawang, Indian Army organized an ex-servicemen rally for Veterans and Veer Narees of Tawang District at Tawang Military station today. The event commenced with Wreath Laying at Tawang War Memorial, wherein the Veterans paid homage to valiant martyrs of 1962 war. Over 150 Veterans, and Veer Narees, among others from all over the District attended. As part of the rally, stalls were set up by various departments like Medical Camps, Veteran Suvidha Kendras, Banks, Aadhar Biometric Updation Centre and others to cater on-the-spot services to the participants. On the occasion, staffers from Record Offices of various Regiments were also present to facilitate and resolve any pension related issues for the veterans.

The two-day Silver Jubilee celebration of Itanagar Rongali Bihu Sanmilan-2024 concluded today. The event was organized by the Assamese Association Itanagar at DK Convention Centre. The Assamese community residing in and around the ICR region enthusiastically participated in the programme. The second day of the celebration saw the conduct of various competitions. Several cultural troupes also presented Bihu dance on the occasion.

The Indian contingent has won eight medals including 5 Gold, 2 Silver and a bronze so far at Archery World Cup in Shanghai. The Indian trio of Dhiraj Bommadevara, Tarundeep Rai and Pravin Jadhav won the fifth gold in Recurve Men's Team event by defeating Olympic champions of South Korea. Meanwhile, in the finals of women's recurve individual event, India's Deepika Kumari went down to Asian Games champion Lim Sihyeon of South Korea and settled for the silver.

Arunachal Pradesh Veterinarian's Association, Tezu unit, in collaboration with Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary celebrated World Veterinary Day at District Veterinary Hospital, Tezu on Saturday. The theme for this year's WVD celebration was

Veterinarians are essential health workers. Livestock awareness camp and free anti-rabies vaccination of pets were also organized on the occasion.

That's all in this news bulletin, Namaskar.