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The Enforcement Agencies have made a record seizure of over four thousand 650 crore rupees before the first phase of polling for the 18th Lok Sabha elections commences on Friday. Election Commission has said, this marks a sharp increase over three thousand 475 crore rupees seized during the entire Lok Sabha election in 2019. The Commission said, 45 per cent of the seizures are of drugs and narcotics. It said, the seizures have been possible by comprehensive planning, scaled-up collaboration and unified deterrence action from agencies and proactive citizen participation. The Election Commission stated that one hundred crore rupees seizure was made each day since 1st March of this year.

The Supreme Court on Monday granted no relief to Delhi CM and Aam Aadmi Party national convenor Arvind Kejriwal in the excise policy scam case. The top court issued a notice to the Enforcement Directorate regarding Kejriwal's plea challenging the Delhi High Court order on his arrest and remand. The matter has now been scheduled for April 29. Arvind Kejriwal is currently lodged in Tihar jail. Kejriwal moved the Supreme Court on April 10, a day after the Delhi HC dismissed his petition, saying that he "conspired with others" in the case and was "actively involved in generating the proceeds of crime." Arvind Kejriwal was arrested by the ED on March 21, hours after the high court refused to grant him protection from coercive action by the federal anti-money laundering agency.

In the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' and promoting the amity amongst the people from different parts of the nation, Himachal Diwas was celebrated at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on Monday. The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh KT Parnaik and the First Lady of the State Anagha Parnaik interacted with the people from the State of Himachal Pradesh, who are serving in Arunachal Pradesh in various departments and agencies. The Governor said that celebrating State foundation day of other States facilitates in meeting and knowing the wellbeing of the people rendering their service in the State. He said that such initiatives promote goodwill amongst the people.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu appealed to the people of the state to restrain from violence during the election. Replying to a question by media persons at Tezu regarding the death of person at West Kameng district in election related violence CM Khandu

condemned it and said that the law enforcement agency is investigating the case. He also said that he already spoke to the DGP regarding the death of a youth, identified as Tenzin Libasow, who died in a violent clash that broke out at 14th Mile labour camp in Khagok village near Tenga in West Kameng district at around midnight of Saturday. Khandu reiterates that Arunachal Pradesh is a peace-loving state and elections should be held peacefully. He also said that Arunachal Pradesh is known for peaceful coexistence of all communities and youths of the state should take the election in a positive way refraining from violence.

Assamese people residing permanently or temporarily in Arunachal Pradesh will get PRC from Assam Government. Addressing media at Tezu, Lohit District after an election meeting Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarmah said that he was requested by Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu and DCM Chowna Mein about the PRC issues faced by Assam origin people in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam Cabinet has already decided that PRC will be provided to all Assamese people residing in Arunachal Pradesh. Sharmah also said that Assamese people of Arunachal Pradesh will get all the benefits of Assam Government.

Twenty-one retired judges of the Supreme Court and high courts have expressed concern regarding the escalating attempts by certain factions to undermine the judiciary through calculated pressure, misinformation, and public disparagement. In the letter, the retired judges of the Supreme Court and high courts said that such actions not only disrespect the sanctity of the judiciary but also pose a direct challenge to the principles of fairness and impartiality that Judges have sworn to uphold.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu appealed to the parents and family members of drug addicts to treat the addicts as patient and not to look down as an isolated part of the society. Replying to a question about the drug addiction problem in the state after an election meeting in Tezu, Khandu said that drug addiction should be treated as a disease and proper rehabilitation should be provided. He also assured that if such families have financial issues in getting treatment for drug addicts, the government will provide financial help. He also requested all the parents to come forward to fight against drug addiction in a unified way.