

## Morning News Script

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Polling for Lok Sabha 2024 in Nagaland concluded peacefully in 2342 polling stations across the districts of the state. L Addressing a press conference in Kohima last evening, Chief Electoral Officer Nagaland Vyasan R said the state witnessed by and large peaceful polling with no report of any major untoward incident. He said, the state had a fairly uniform polling throughout the day and at the close of polling at 4 PM, the voting percentage was tentatively recorded at 56. Vyasan said, the end of poll numbers would be made available today after scrutiny of Form 17(A). Vyasan said, since the enforcement of Model code of conduct from March 16, the combined efforts of all enforcement agencies were able to seized 490.56 lakh worth of illegal cash, drugs and liquor and increasing to 8.2 crores. The CEO said, about 14400 polling parties were deployed across the districts while 8800 vehicles used for polls. He maintained that the state was entirely self sufficient in terms of vehicle requisitioning for polling party dispatched, adding that no other vehicles were requisitioned from outside the state. To this, Vyasan thanked the efforts of all the Deputy Commissioners and District Election Officers, and those government employees who willingly sacrifice their official vehicles. The CEO also added that many of the polling stations were managed by all women and PWDs, stating that in 10 Northern Angami- 1 Assembly Constituency which has 28 polling stations were all manned by women. Counting of votes will take place on June 4.

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State Police Nodal Officer for Lok Sabha Poll, IGP ( Range) Limasunep Jamir reiterated that no major incidents were reported throughout the polling period. Informing this to media persons yesterday at Kohima, he said, a total of 22,954 security personnel were deployed for the entire state, of which 13,850 personnel were placed in six Eastern districts. These included 48 companies of CAPF, 46 companies of IRB and NAP, 600 personnel of Home Guards, 5721 personnel of District Executive Force and services of 9583 Village Guards. Jamir informed that no

formal complaints were received from any part of the districts except in Wokha, three criminal cases have been taken into cognizance pertaining to impersonation. In connection of this, three people have been arrested, he added. Jamir expressed hope that, with the pre-poll and polling process being peaceful in the state, it is not anticipating any post poll violence as of now.

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As the polls to the 18th Lok Sabha election 2024, for 1 Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency came to an end on April 19, the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) said that the electoral battles are contested by responsible political parties to ensure the victory of their chosen candidates, but it is the voice of the people that enable those parties and candidates get elected. The Party asserted that today the electorates of Nagaland have once again ensured that democracy has emerged victorious. The NDPP said that the government machinery and the Election Commission of India, led by the CEO and the State Election Department for successfully conducting the most peaceful elections. The party congratulated all section of the electorate of Nagaland who have come out in huge numbers to exercise their universal adult franchise especially the first-time voters. It also appreciated to other candidates who were also in the fray and urged them and all the political parties to respect the mandate of the people, irrespective of whatever may be the final result, so that they can collectively work towards the all-round progress and development of Nagaland. The NDPP reiterating its aims has always been to strive for unity, said, they will continue to overcome the forces of division and polarisation. The NDPP further urged all to make Nagaland stronger and ensure that every citizen of Nagaland is a member of Team Nagaland.

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The Eastern Nagaland People's Organization, ENPO, has said that the main goal of its public notice issued on 18th April was to reduce the possibility of disturbances in the Eastern Nagaland region and the risk linked with gatherings of anti-social elements. Responding to the show-cause notice issued by Chief Electoral Officer, CEO Nagaland Vyas R, the ENPO clarified that it had earlier communicated to the Election Commission of India of its intention to abstain from participating in the Lok Sabha elections 2024. It further stated that Sub-Section (1) of Section 171 (c) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 is not applicable in this

context as no offence related to undue influence at any election has been committed. It may be mentioned that the CEO had issued a show-cause notice to the president of ENPO asking why action should not be initiated as per Sub-Section (1) of Section 171 (c). The CEO said that the public notice issued under the authority of the Eastern Nagaland Public Emergency regarding the indefinite total shutdown was viewed as an attempt to exert undue influence during elections

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