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## :::THE HEADLINES:::

1. Senior BJP leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi says, over 10 crore women self-help groups benefited from financial assistance.

2. Senior BJP Leader & Union Minister Rajnath Singh Says BJP's Manifesto is guarantee of creating a new, self-reliant and developed India

3. Department of Power, Nagaland cautions on power outages due to theft of tower parts.

4. And, temporary shutdown relaxed on 29th April in Dimapur and Chümoukedima for public to purchase essential commodities.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a strong pitch while campaigning for the BJP candidates in Belagavi today in Karnataka. Speaking at a public meeting the Prime Minister and BJP senior leader 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. Over 10 crore women self-help groups benefited from the financial assistance, and 70,000 crore was earned by the farmers after blending ethanol with fuel. He accused the Congress government in Karnataka of slashing

4000 rupees that were given by the previous BJP Government to the farmers through PM Krishi Samman Yojana. He charged that the law and order are deteriorating in Karnataka due to the vote bank and appeasement politics of the Congress in Karnataka. Modi said that Congress is proposing an inheritance tax on the wealth inherited by the children.



Senior BJP leader and Union Minister Rajnath Singh said, BJP's manifesto is a guarantee of creating new, self-reliant and developed India. Addressing a press conference in Ahmedabad today, Singh said, 2024 Lok Sabha polls are all set to become a standard of strong and credible democracy in the country. Singh credited BJP government for curbing corruption and taking over 25 crore people out of the shackles of poverty. After the BJP government came into power in 2014, ED has attached properties worth over one lakh crore, he added. Alleging Congress for failure in poverty alleviation, Singh said Congress had failed in eliminating poverty from the country despite being in power for over 50 years. The Minister further emphasised that BJP government is aiming to end poverty in the country within next five to 10 years.



Department of Power has informed that one tower AP No. 16 of the 132 kV Single circuit of the crucial Wokha – Sanis Transmission Line collapsed in the early hours yesterday near Riphyim Old area under Wokha District. In a release, it said, during inspection by the department along with District Administration, it was discovered that the tack welded Nuts & Bolts of the tower members were cut and removed resulting in the collapse of the tower, indicating clear intention to steal the tower parts leading to disruption in power supply by miscreants. With the collapse of this tower, the department has cautioned that in the event of any line fault or power outages on the 132 kV Transmission line between Dimapur - Kohima – Karong (Manipur), the capital Kohima along with whole of Kohima & Tseminyu districts and upper range of Wokha District including Wokha Town will plunge into complete blackout. It said, earlier

on 20th April, the 66 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line Tower collapsed near Pungro Town due to theft of tower parts and disrupting the evacuation of power from Likhimro Hydro Electric Project. The Department has already lodged an FIR and earnestly appealed to all village councils concerned, CSOs and all stake holders to cooperate and assist the Law enforcing agencies to book the culprits at the earliest.



Dimapur Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) has decided to provide a window period by opening all business establishments in Dimapur tomorrow from 12 noon to 6 pm. The DCCI said, on the request of the Naga Council Dimapur and Confederation of Nagaland Chamber of Commerce & Industry's, it has decided to provide a window period to facilitate and provide relief to the citizens of Dimapur. However, if there is no positive response from the state government to DCCI's charter of demands, then the indefinite shutter down will resume from April 30 onwards. Meanwhile, in response to the CNCCI call for an indefinite shutdown to protest ongoing issues such as multiple taxation, intimidation, and harassment faced by Business Community, Chümoukedima Chamber of Commerce & Trade Association (CCCTA) has reiterated its support. However, considering the well-being of the general public, CCCTA has decided to temporarily relax the shutdown for one day on April 29 to allow the public to purchase essential commodities. The indefinite shutdown initiated by CNCCI will resume from April 30, 2024, until further updates are provided. CCCTA expressed gratitude to residents of Chümoukedima for their support and understanding of the cause, despite inconveniences. It further urged the public to continue joining hands in the fight against injustice.



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. Senior BJP leader and Home Minister Amit Shah addressed a political rally in Kasganj district. He attacked the Opposition for not participating in the Pran Pratishtha function in Ayodhya and said that the BJP has fulfilled all its promises made in the manifesto. Meanwhile, Samajwadi Party Chief Akhilesh Yadav campaigned for Party candidate in Sambhal district. He came down heavily on the BJP and said that the people of UP have given a befitting reply to the party in the first two phases of elections and his alliance is getting tremendous support from the public.



Senior Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi accused the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of undermining democracy. Speaking at a press conference in Ahmedabad today, Singhvi highlighted the recent victory of the BJP in the Surat Lok Sabha seat as a violation of democratic principles. He alleged the BJP of misusing money, machinery, and manpower. He also pointed out that one-fourth of the total 417 BJP candidates in this election have recently defected from other parties. Former Congress President Rahul Gandhi is scheduled to begin his campaign in the State tomorrow.



The Congress party in Karnataka staged a protest against the Central Government allegedly for showing step motherly attitude in the release of calamity relief funds to the state. Addressing one such protest held in Bengaluru today, the Congress State President D K Shivakumar said that the calamity fund relief is sought by the State for the distressed farmers hit by drought and it is not the alms given to the State. He also charged that a request to approve an increase in the mandays under MGNREGA has not been honoured by the Central Government.



Election Commission of India (ECI) has directed to conduct re-polling in six Polling Stations of the Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency on the 30th of April from 7 AM to 4 PM. The ECI declared the polls conducted at these six polling stations on the 26th of April in the second phase of Lok Sabha Election, 2024 as void. The polling Stations are five in the Ukhrul district and one in the Senapati district.



India Meteorological Department has predicted heavy rainfall spell accompanied with isolated thunderstorms and lightning very likely over Northeast India till 30 April and heavy to very heavy rainfall over the Northeast from 1st May. Meanwhile, Kohima today recorded a maximum temperature of 26.2 degree Celsius with 16.4 as the minimum degree Celsius.

