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HEADLINES:-

- Campaigning has intensified for the second phase of Lok Sabha polls.
- The Assam Government has declared public holiday on 26th April for constituencies holding second phase of the General Election.
- The Congress party has demanded re-polling in 47 polling stations in all booths of Inner Manipur and some in Outer Manipur.
- The Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party leader and Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has expressed optimism that the People's Democratic Alliance will win by a confident majority.
- The filing of nominations for the fourth phase of Lok Sabha polls is underway.
- The Border Security Force Meghalaya Frontier played a crucial role in ensuring peaceful conduct of the electoral process during the Lok Sabha elections on 19th April.
- Meghalaya recorded an overall voting percentage of 76.60 as per the final figure.
- Boys out-shine girls in the class 10 board examinations in Assam, results of which were declared yesterday.

CAMPAIGN:

After completion of the first phase of general elections, campaigning has intensified for the second phase of Lok Sabha polls. Polling will be held in 88 parliamentary seats in 12 states and Union Territories, along with the remaining part of the Outer Manipur Lok Sabha constituency, on the 26th of this month. Among the north-eastern states, five seats in Assam and one seat in Tripura are up for contest in the second phase.

HOLIDAY:

The Government of Assam has declared public holiday on 26th April for constituencies holding second phase of the General Election of Lok Sabha. Dima Hasao district will also go to polls in the 2nd phase within the Diphu (ST) parliamentary constituency along with Darrang-Udalguri, Karimganj, Silchar (SC) and Nagaon constituencies.

MANIPUR:

With the first phase of polling marred by incidents of violence in parts of Manipur, the Congress party has demanded re-polling in 47 polling stations in all

booths of Inner Manipur and some in Outer Manipur, the two parliamentary constituencies in the state. The second phase of polling for the remaining areas in Outer Manipur will be held on the 26th of this month.

CONFIDENCE:

The Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party leader and Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has expressed optimism that the People's Democratic Alliance will win by a confident majority. On the issue of Eastern Nagaland People's Organization imposing indefinite bandh over its jurisdiction and abstaining from voting in the on-going Lok Sabha election, Mr Rio said that the state government should not be blamed and added that threadbare discussions will be held. Replying to queries if the government will take any action against the legislators from Eastern Nagaland for not taking part in the election, he said, the state government as well as Government of India would also take certain action.

ASSAM:

The Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party leader and Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has expressed optimism that the People's Democratic Alliance will win by a confident majority. Yesterday was the last date for filing of nomination papers in the third phase of Lok Sabha elections.

NOMINATION:

The filing of nominations for the fourth phase of Lok Sabha polls is underway. Altogether 96 Parliamentary seats spread over nine States and a Union Territory will go to polls in this phase on the 13th of May. The last date for filing of nominations is on the 25th of this month.

BSF

The Border Security Force Meghalaya Frontier played a crucial role in ensuring the peaceful conduct of the electoral process across the state during the just concluded Lok Sabha elections on 19th April. The BSF deployed a dedicated contingent comprising six companies across Garo Hills and East Khasi Hills districts. On election day, BSF troops maintained security measures and assisted border residents, elderly, and specially-abled individuals in reaching the election booths to cast their votes without hindrance. This congenial environment facilitated in the overall conduct of the election by enhancing public confidence, a BSF statement said.

MEGHALAYA

Meghalaya recorded an overall voting percentage of 76.60 as per the final figure. The Shillong (ST) Lok Sabha constituency registered 73.78 percent and Tura (ST) Lok Sabha constituency recorded 81.37 percent voter turnout, Chief Electoral Officer BDR Tiwari said. While six candidates, including sitting MP Vincent H Pala of the Congress contested for the Shillong seat, for the Tura Lok

seat, sitting MP Agatha Sangma of the National People's Party was among the four contestants.

RESULT:

Boys outshone girls in the class 10 board examinations in Assam, results of which were declared yesterday. The overall pass percentage in the High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) examination held in February-March this year was 75.7 per cent, the Board of Secondary Education, Assam said. The total percentage was an improvement over the last two years.
