

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Re-polling at eleven polling stations under Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency held peacefully with voters' turnout of 81.61 percent.
- Fresh polls will be held at 8 polling stations of 4 Assembly constituencies in Arunachal West Parliamentary Constituency tomorrow.
- Last day for withdrawal of nomination papers for third phase of Lok Sabha polls in Assam ends; nomination papers of 52 candidates found valid in this phase while nominations of 8 candidates including sitting Kokrajhar MP Naba Sarania rejected.
- Election Commission constitutes task force to monitor heat wave conditions before every phase of Lok Sabha polls for mitigatory measures.
- In Arunachal Pradesh, two people trapped in 50-meter deep well at Pasighat in East Siang District rescued after arduous rescue operations for over four hours.
- In Meghalaya, BSF will verify video regarding stone pelting incident allegedly involving people from Jaflong, Bangladesh targeting Indian tourists at Umngot river in Dawki.
- Central Administrative Tribunal, Guwahati Bench will hold Circuit Court of Central Administrative Tribunal in Shillong with effect from 1st May to 3rd May; all cases pertaining to Meghalaya will be taken up during Circuit Bench sitting.

RE-POLLING

In Manipur, the re-polling at eleven polling stations under Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency was held yesterday peacefully and registered a voters' turnout of 81.61 percent. The re-polling was conducted at these polling stations from 7 AM to 5 PM amid tight security. The voting on April 19 in the first phase saw riots, violence and proxy voting. The CEO of Manipur submitted a report to the ECI and accordingly the re-polls were held yesterday. Meanwhile, the election campaign for the second phase Lok Sabha polls has been intensified in Manipur. The polls for 13 assembly segments under Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency will be held on the 26th of this month. The election campaign of the NPF candidate for Outer Manipur seat was organised in Tamenglong district yesterday.

ARUNACHAL

In Arunachal Pradesh, fresh polls will be held at 8 polling stations of 4 Assembly constituencies in Arunachal West Parliamentary Constituency tomorrow. The Election Commission of India has declared null and void the polling held on the 19th of this month at these polling stations for Parliamentary and Assembly elections and fixed a new day for fresh poll. The polling will be held at one polling

stations each in Bameng and Nyapin assembly constituencies, two in Rungong and four in Nacho Assembly Constituency. The timing for the polling has been fixed from 6 am to 2 pm. Scrutiny of Form 17A of these polling stations will be done immediately after the poll on the same day.

ASSAM

In Assam, yesterday was the last day for withdrawal of nomination papers for the third phase of Lok Sabha polls. Four seats will be covered in this phase. Nomination papers of 52 candidates were found valid in this phase while the nominations of 8 candidates including sitting Kokrajhar MP Naba Sarania were rejected. The BJP is contesting from Guwahati seat in the third phase while its ally Asom Gana Parishad is contesting from Barpeta and Dhubri seat. Another BJP ally, the UPPL has fielded its candidate from Kokrajhar seat. The Congress has fielded candidates in all the four seats. The AIUFD, Bodoland People's Front, CPI-M are also contesting in the third phase.

HEAT

The Election Commission has constituted a task force to monitor heat wave conditions before every phase of the Lok Sabha polls. The task force comprises of officials from the Election Commission, IMD, National Disaster Management Authority and Ministry of Health. They will review the impact of heat wave and humidity, five days before each phase of polling for any concerning developments and mitigatory measures. The Commission will also hold a separate review with State Chief Electoral Officers to ensure adequate arrangements at polling stations including shamiyana, drinking water, fans, and other assured minimum facilities. The Director General of IMD has informed that there is no major concern with regard to heat wave for the second phase of the polling scheduled on the 26th of this month. The weather forecast is normal for the 13 States and Union Territories that are going to the polls in this phase. NSD = 15

RESCUE

In Arunachal Pradesh, two people were rescued from a 50-meter deep well at Pasighat in East Siang District yesterday. East Siang District Disaster Management Officer, Tsangpa Tashi informed that the two men were trapped in the well unconscious by poisonous gas while cleaning it. As soon as the information was received, the SDRF team was pressed into action. Tashi informed that one AAPDA Mitra Volunteer, George Pazing went into the well carrying oxygen cylinder and successfully rescued both the persons. The arduous rescue operation lasted for over four hours. The DDMO said that it was a successful joint operation by the SDRF and police. Both the victims were reported to be in critical conditions and have been hospitalized in Pasighat Bakin Pertin General Hospital for necessary medical treatment.

BSF

In Meghalaya, the BSF will verify a video regarding a stone pelting incident allegedly involving people from Jaflong, Bangladesh targeting Indian tourists at Umngot river in Dawki. The video showed atleast three Indian tourists complaining about stones pelting by the Bangladeshi residents. When contacted, a

BSF official said the force too received the video but it was not sure whether the video was an old incident or recent one.

COURT

The Central Administrative Tribunal, Guwahati Bench will hold a Circuit Court of Central Administrative Tribunal in Shillong with effect from 1st May to 3rd May at the Court Room of the State Commission, Meghalaya Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, Administrative Building, Lower Lachumiere, Shillong from 10.30 A.M onwards. All cases pertaining to the State of Meghalaya will be taken up during the Circuit Bench sitting. Advocates appearing for their parties and the parties in person are requested to appear before the Circuit sitting of the Tribunal.
