

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

- ❖ All preparations are made to hold smooth polling in five Lok Sabha Parliamentary Constituencies in Assam.
- ❖ In Manipur, the election authorities have taken up all measures to conduct the second phase Lok Sabha polls today.
- ❖ In Nagaland, all shops and business establishments in Dimapur downed their shutters to protest the harassment meted out to business community.
- ❖ Meghalaya State Food Testing Laboratory, in collaboration with the Commissionerate of Food Safety, Department of Health & Family Welfare conducted a one day “Technical Session cum Food Awareness Safety” in Shillong.
- ❖ Meghalaya police recovered 340 numbers of anti-aircraft live ammunition from a forest in South Garo Hills.

### **POLLING:-**

In Assam, all preparations are being made to hold smooth polling today covering five Lok Sabha seats. Over 77 lakh voters will decide the political fate of 61 candidates. Polling will be held at 9 thousand 133 polling stations. The Lok Sabha seats are Silchar, Karimganj, Nagaon, Diphu and Darrang- Udalguri. The State Police Nodal Officer P.K. Bhuyan said that central armed police forces and micro observers have been deployed at critical polling stations. He said that at least 50 percent of booths are being monitored by live webcasting. Bhuyan further said that as per ECI's minimum assured facilities including drinking water, waiting shed, toilets are being provided at polling booths. Our Correspondent reports that the BJP, Congress, AIUDF, TMC and Bodoland People's Front are in the fray in the second phase.

### **NEWS:-**

In Manipur, the election authority has taken up all measures to conduct the second phase Lok Sabha polls today. The polling personnel along with EVM, VVPAT and security forces have reached their designated polling stations. Polling in thirteen assembly segments of Outer Manipur Parliamentary Constituency spread across eight districts started from 7 AM and will continue till 4 PM. A total number of four lakh eighty four thousand nine hundred forty nine voters will exercise their franchise in 848 polling stations. Among these polling stations, two hundred and two polling stations will be completely managed by all women polling personnel. Nine special polling stations have been set up additionally in the second phase Lok Sabha polls in Manipur for five hundred twenty nine Internally Displaced Voters. Among these special polling stations, one polling station has been set up in Tengnoupal district for only one voter. Over three thousand four hundred polling personnel are being deployed for free and fair polls today.

### **SHUTTER DOWN**

In Nagaland, all shops and business establishments in Dimapur yesterday went into an indefinite shutter-down. Initiated by Dimapur Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), the shutter down has been called to protest against harassment meted out to the business community by Naga Political Groups in the form of

multiple taxation, intimidation and summon letters. The DCCI said, the shutter down will be enforced until the grievances of the business community are redressed. In Kohima, shutter down of all business establishments were witnessed, except pharmacies, hotels and bakeries were exempted from the purview. Meanwhile, petroleum outlets in Dimapur, Chumoukedima, Niuland and Kohima have also joined in the protest by closing all its outlets yesterday.

**RECOVERY:-**

Meghalaya police recovered 340 numbers of anti-aircraft live ammunition from four ammunition boxes from a forest in South Garo Hills. According to a statement by the Superintendent of Police Shailendra Bamania, an information was received that some ammunition boxes were kept hidden by suspected militants somewhere in the jungle of Chibokgre village under Chokpot Police Station, South Garo Hills District. A team led by Sub Divisional Police Officer Chokpot accompanied by other police officers proceeded to the area to conduct search for the hidden ammunition and unearthed the ammunition and boxes from Chibokgre jungle. The recovered items were seized by Officer-in Charge Chokpot in the presence of witnesses. The police is investigating on the matter.

**TESTING:-**

Meghalaya State Food Testing Laboratory, in collaboration with the Commissionerate of Food Safety, Department of Health & Family Welfare conducted a one day “Technical Session cum Food Awareness Safety” at the Conference Hall of the State Food Testing Laboratory, Pasteur Hill, Shillong yesterday. The inaugural function was graced by Dr. Joram Beda, Commissioner of Food Safety as Chief Guest and Dr. D Mishra, NFL, Kolkata as Guest of Honour. Speaking at the inaugural programme, Commissioner & Secretary Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Joram Beda said that there is a need to advocate food safety as an important component of public health. He expressed appreciation to the Enforcement Wing of the Commissionerate of Food Safety who is putting its best efforts to bring to light the importance of food safety.

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