

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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- ❖ Mizoram Chief Electoral Officer Madhup Vyas expresses the hope that the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls will be peaceful.
- ❖ Commissioning of Electronic Voting Machines begins at the Umakanta Academy in Agartala amidst tight security.
- ❖ Election Commission commence the conduct of home voting in North Garo Hills of Meghalaya.
- ❖ Aaranyak, the region's foremost biodiversity conservation organisation, along with British Asian Trust distribute yarn among human-elephant conflict affected women in West Garo Hills district of Meghalaya.
- ❖ Meghalaya schools are gearing up to celebrate "School Nutrition Garden Day" on the 29th of this month.

SINGLE PHASE:

Elections for the two parliamentary seats in Arunachal Pradesh will be held on April 19 in a single phase. Six contestants are in the fray for the Arunachal East Parliamentary constituency. BJP candidate and sitting Member of Parliament from the seat Tapir Gao will face the main contest from Indian National Congress Party candidate Bosiram Siram. Bosiram Siram is a very senior congress leader and a former state cabinet minister of the state. Apart from the BJP and Congress, the newly formed party of the state, Arunachal Democratic Front has also fielded candidates for the constituency. The rest three are independent candidates. Arunachal East Parliamentary Constituency has 375310 voters, with 189740 male, 185569 female. There are 27 Assembly constituencies and 920 polling stations in the Parliamentary Constituency.

ELECTION:

In Mizoram, the Chief Electoral Officer Madhup Vyas expressed the hope that the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls would be peaceful. Speaking to Akashvani News yesterday, Madhup Vyas said that Mizoram has a history of clean, free, fair and peaceful elections. The Chief Electoral Officer said that the State Election Department is taking up all measures leaving nothing to chance for ensuring clean, peaceful, free and fair elections. Madhup Vyas said that voting will take place in 1276 polling stations across the state on April 19. He said that apart from 3000 state police personnel, 12 Companies of Central Armed Police Forces would be deployed for security purposes during the Lok Sabha elections. Meanwhile, campaigning is heating up across the state as the polling date draws nearer with all major political parties and candidates reaching out to voters to cast their votes in their favour. All together, six candidates are trying their political fortunes to win the lone Lok Sabha seat of Mizoram. More than 8 lakh voters will exercise their franchise in the first phase of polling on April 19.

COMMISSIONING:

In Tripura, the Commissioning of Electronic Voting Machines have begun at the Umakanta Academy in Agartala yesterday, amidst tight security. The EVM commissioning will take place for next two days wherein they will be made fully ready for the April 19 poll. Returning Officer and District Collector of Tripura West Parliamentary seat Dr. Vishal Kumar inspected the commissioning process of the EVMs which will be installed at 793 polling stations across the constituency, including the Ramnagar seat.

HOME VOTING:

The Election Commission on Thursday commenced the conduct of home voting in North Garo Hills of Meghalaya. It will continue till the 8th of this month. Amlarem Assembly Segment will begin on the 12th of this month and the aim is to complete by the 13th of this month. Home voting for absentee voters under South Garo Hills is scheduled for 12th and 13th of this month. Home voting scheduled for Ri Bhoi is on the 8th of this month. Home voting for absentee voters under South West Garo Hills is scheduled from 6th till 8th of this month. Home voting for Absentee voters in East Garo Hills is scheduled from 12th-13th of this month. Home voting for West Garo Hills has been fixed on the 8th and 9th of this month.

ARANYAK:

Aaranyak, the region's foremost biodiversity conservation organisation, along with British Asian Trust has distributed yarn among human-elephant conflict affected women in West Garo Hills district of Meghalaya to help them supplement income. Twenty-six such women received yarn with support from the Darwin Initiative (Biodiversity Challenge Funds). These women were earlier provided special training to hone their handloom skills under the initiative. The focus of the training was on creating unique designs that can add more value to their products and increase their profitability.

SANGOT:

U Sangot, the traditional Khasi information broadcaster, this year, has been adopted as a part of the Election Commission of India's voter awareness programme in Meghalaya. Highlighting CEO Meghalaya's Clean & Green elections, the U Sangot said every voter should compete with each other to be the first one to exercise their franchise in their respective polling stations. "Clean and green election is the primary focus of the General Election to Lok Sabha 2024 in Meghalaya," the U Sangot said, adding that a clean and green ecosystem can only lead Meghalaya towards the path of prosperity.

GARDENS:

In a bid to promote healthy living and foster environmental conditions, Meghalaya schools are gearing up to celebrate "School Nutrition Garden Day" on the 29th of this month. This innovative initiative aims to highlight the importance of School Nutrition Gardens, known as Kitchen Gardens, in enhancing both physical health and educational outcomes. These gardens transcend traditional classroom boundaries, offering immersive learning experiences that blend science, nutrition, and environmental studies.
