

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Star campaigners started arriving in the state to woo the voters in Assam.
2. In Assam, a total of 61 candidates are in the fray for the second phase of polls.
3. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio reiterates to solve the Naga political issue.
4. EduRank – an independent, metric-based ranking of universities worldwide places North Eastern Hill University in the 93rd spot among the top 100 universities in India.
5. In Meghalaya, the BJP unit in Garo Hills agrees to extend support to NPP candidate and incumbent Lok Sabha member, Agatha Sangma for the upcoming elections.

CAMPAIGNERS

In Assam, star campaigners have started arriving in the state to woo the voters. Home minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah will hold a public meeting at North Lakhimpur today. Later in the evening, he will do a road show at Tinsukia where polls will be held on 19th of this month. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal and state BJP president Bhabesh Kalita are doing campaigning. Other parties are also holding meetings for their party candidates. State Congress President Bhupen Bora, MP Gaurav Gogoi and Pradyut Bordoloi are making all out efforts to garner support. Yesterday, AAP leader Atishi held road show at Duliajan for party candidate. 35 candidates are in the fray for five seats in the first phase of polls.

OPPOSITION LESS

Senior Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party leader and Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio reiterated that the state having an opposition-less government and setting the People's Democratic Alliance (PDA) is to bring about peace in the state and resolve the Naga Political Issue in order to let people thrive while also enabling investors to come forward and create opportunities and avenues. Addressing the Kohima PDA coordination meeting for the General Election to the Lok Sabha 2024 at NDPP Central Office Conference Hall Kohima yesterday, Rio exuded hope that the forthcoming election would be peaceful and the people also would support the PDA consensus candidate, Dr Chumben Murry. He also reiterated the unwavering commitment of his Government for the unresolved Naga issue and added that his party would not compromise the Christian principles. Nagaland is going to polls in the first phase on April 19.

CADIDATES

In Assam, a total of 61 candidates are in the fray in the second phase of polls. Yesterday, one candidate withdrew his nomination. Polling will be held in five seats in this phase. For the BJP, state Transport minister Parimal Suklabaidya and sitting MP Dilip Saikia and Kripanath Mallah are in the fray. On the other hand, current Nagaon MP Pradyut Bordoloi has been re-nominated by the party from the same seat. Former MP Radheshyam Biswas is contesting from Silchar seat for TMC.

NEHU

EduRank – an independent, metric-based ranking of universities worldwide, has placed North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, in the 93rd spot among the top 100 universities in India. EduRank evaluates academic institutions based on three factors: research output, non-academic reputation, and the impact of notable alumni. According to a recent database published by EduRank, the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur secured the number 1 spot as the best university in India, followed by the University of Delhi in second place, and the Indian Institute of Science (Bangalore) in third. Meanwhile, IIT Guwahati was placed 44th, and Guwahati University (GU) was placed 45th. Other Assam-based universities featured in the list include Dibrugarh University in the 94th spot and Assam University in the 95th spot, slightly behind NEHU.

SUPPORT

In Meghalaya, the BJP unit in Garo Hills has finally agreed to extend support to NPP candidate and incumbent Lok Sabha member, Agatha Sangma for the upcoming elections. The breakthrough was made possible during a reconciliation meeting between the two parties in Tura on Sunday. However, some of the BJP leaders in Garo Hills still remain distraught over the failure of NPP national president and Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma to accommodate the two BJP MDCs in the Garo Hill Autonomous District Council in the NPP-led Executive Committee. The absorption of the two BJP MDCs ,now in the opposition in the GHADC Executive Committee was one of the conditions put forward by the State BJP for extending all out support to the NPP candidate.

HEALTH

In an unparalleled achievement for healthcare excellence in the Northeast region, Bethany Hospital, Shillong, has been designated as a Centre for Quality Promotion by the Consortium of Accredited Healthcare Organisations, India. This prestigious recognition positions Bethany Hospital as the first in the Northeast and the 37th hospital nationwide to be acknowledged for its unwavering commitment to quality healthcare and patient safety. The announcement was made during a two-day international healthcare conclave held in Kolkata which was graced by Dr. C V Ananda Bose,. Governor, West Bengal and saw the participation from key leaders in healthcare in the country and the world.
