

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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3. Sikkim Chief Minister and SKM supremo Prem Singh Tamang will contest from Soreng-Chakung and Rhenock constituencies instead of Poklok-Kamrang constituency.
4. In Meghalaya, Regional Democratic Alliance releases its manifesto at a Press Conference in Shillong.
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NEWS IN ORDER:-

EC:

The Election Commission said that 1,210 candidates are in the fray for the second phase of Lok Sabha polls across 13 States and Union Territories. A total of 2633 nominations were filed for 88 constituencies. After the scrutiny, 1428 nominations were found to be valid. Voting for this phase will be held on the 26th of this month. In the second phase, Kerala has a maximum of 500 nominations from 20 Parliamentary Constituencies, followed by 491 nominations from 14 Constituencies in Karnataka. A minimum of 14 nominations were received from one constituency in Tripura.

PLEDGE

In Assam, 40 lakh women will take pledge today across the state to ensure more voting in the Lok Sabha polls. Participating in an Akashvani talk show, senior officials of the Chief Electoral Office informed that women folks would help them to promote ethical voting. Our Correspondent reports that cash, liquor and other goods amounting to 127 crore rupees have been seized so far in the state. The officials further said that flying squad and static surveillance teams have

been deployed across the state to prevent movement of unauthorized items. They added that all basic facilities including ramp, drinking water to be provided to voters on the day of voting and some of the polling booths are to be exclusively managed by the divyang officials.

CONTEST

Sikkim Chief Minister and SKM supremo Prem Singh Tamang is contesting from Soreng-Chakung and Rhenock constituencies instead of Poklok-Kamrang constituency which he won in 2019. Elections to the 32-member Sikkim Assembly and the lone Lok Sabha seat in the Himalayan state will be held on the 19th of this month.

SUSPENSION

In Tripura, the state Government has suspended three state government employees including a staff working under the Tripura State Rifles from service. Official sources said the charges of violation of the election model code of conduct lodged against the three employees were found authentic after an enquiry and recommendation of the election department. Officials said of those employees, one was a graduate teacher working under the primary education department, while the other, was employed as a class-four staff under the Madhya Shiksha education department. The third employee is a staff under the 7th Battalion of Tripura State Rifles. Earlier in the last week, two state government employees, who had been charged with participating in political party activities, were suspended for violation of MCC.

MANIFESTO

In Meghalaya, the Regional Democratic Alliance comprising the two parties, the United Democratic Party and Hill State People's Democratic Party released its manifesto at a Press Conference in Shillong yesterday. Releasing it, the UDP President, Metbah Lyngdoh said that the RDA candidate for Shillong Parliamentary Constituency, Robert June Kharjhrin will take up the issues seriously, when elected. Reading out the manifesto, Metbah Lyngdoh said the RDA will leave no stone unturned to strengthen the Autonomous District Councils in the state. There is an urgent need for an effective National Youth Policy and National Sports Policy to promote the talents of the youth, Metbah Lyngdoh said. On education, Metbah Lyngdoh said the RDA will examine

matters concerning the National Education Policy, the three-language formula, CUET, increase reservation of seats in Technical and Higher Education, setting up Engineer and Medical colleges, setting up top-notch Coaching Institutes for competitive examination and Skill Development Centre at every district.

PLAYER

Assam's veteran Badminton player Arup Buragohain will participate at the 106th All England Senior (Masters) Badminton Championship 2024 to be held at Hertfordshire Sports Village, London from 12th to 14th April. He will participate in Men's Doubles 50+ category. Gujrat's Unnikrishnan Verma will be his Double's partner in the prestigious tournament. Both the players won bronze medal in December last year in Vietnam in the senior Asia Badminton championship. Mr. Buragohain who hails from North Lakhimpur presently working as senior officer at AG office ,Arunachal Pradesh. He is the youngest son of late Karneswar and Kanmai Buragohain and younger brother of NIS coach Rup Kumar Buragohain.
