

# **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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## **HEADLINES**

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- In Assam, several star campaigners from different political parties are holding rallies to woo the voters.
- With a view to ensuring free, fair and peaceful conduct of the General Election to the Lok Sabha to be held on the 19th of this month, district administrations across Meghalaya have declared the 17th, 18th and 19th April, 2024 as Dry Days.
- The Returning officer of 1st Shillong (ST) Parliamentary Constituency, SC Sadhu yesterday met with leaders of political parties in connection with the General Election to the Lok Sabha.
- The BJP has directed its party workers in Meghalaya to vote for the NDA candidates in both Shillong and Tura seats.
- The Meghalaya Human Rights Commission yesterday asked the State director general of police to submit an Action Taken Report within 15 days regarding the killing of a daily wager in Shillong.
- In Manipur, three persons sustained bullet injuries when armed miscreants fired several rounds in Heirok village in Thoubal district.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has expressed his personal readiness to ban polygamy in the state if recommended by the apex bodies of all tribes and community-based organizations.

## **ARUNACHAL**

The Election Commission of India, in coordination with the Union Home Ministry has made an assessment of all aspects of the election process in Arunachal Pradesh. The Commission has sent special forces of additional 10 companies to take stern action against those who will intervene or interfere with the peaceful and fair electoral process in the state. The chief electoral officer of Arunachal Pradesh said the deployment of such a large number of security personnel is the highest ever in Arunachal Pradesh.

## **ASSAM**

In Assam, several star campaigners from different political parties are holding rallies to woo the voters. Senior BJP leader and Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma attended Vijay Sankalp Sabha at Chabua and Dhemaji and Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal conducted meetings at Lakhimpur and Jorhat. Punjab Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party leader Bhagwant Mann addressed a meeting at Dibrugarh. Assam State Congress president Bhupen Bora also held rallies for party candidates at various places.

## **ORDER**

With a view to ensuring free, fair and peaceful conduct of the General Election to the Lok Sabha to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month, district administrations across Meghalaya have declared the 17th, 18th and 19th April, 2024 as Dry Days. All liquor shops/Bars/Canteens, out-still stalls shall remain closed on these dates. Violation of the order will amount to punishment as per Excise Rules and Acts, official notifications said.

## **MEET**

The Returning officer of 1<sup>st</sup> Shillong (ST) Parliamentary Constituency, SC Sadhu yesterday met with leaders of political parties in connection with the General Election to the Lok Sabha, 2024. Addressing the meeting, Mr Sadhu requested the leaders of political parties to maintain law and order. He urged all the political parties to request their supporters not to create havoc in the public meetings of others.

## **BJP**

The BJP has directed its party workers in Meghalaya to vote for the NDA candidates in both Shillong and Tura seats. BJP spokesperson M Kharkrang said that directions have also been issued to party workers to go all out and support the NDA candidates in both the seats. The BJP Meghalaya recently decided not to field any candidate in Meghalaya and instead support its partners of the National People's Party (NPP).

## **RIGHTS**

The Meghalaya Human Rights Commission yesterday asked the State director general of police to submit an Action Taken Report within 15 days regarding the killing of a daily wager in Shillong on the 10<sup>th</sup> of this month. The mortal remains of 52 years old Arjun Ray, a daily wage worker, who died after being attacked in an under-construction private house at Mawlai Mawroh in Shillong, were cremated yesterday. On 27<sup>th</sup> of March, two daily wagers were killed in Ichhamati village close to the India-Bangladesh border in the East Khasi Hills district. The Shillong All Faiths Forum has expressed grave concern over the killings and has urged the government and state machineries to protect the citizens and prevent such violence in Meghalaya.

## **MANIPUR**

In Manipur, three persons sustained bullet injuries when armed miscreants fired several rounds in Heirok village in Thoubal district. Police report said that three persons sustained bullet injuries and were hospitalized. Unknown persons also set ablaze a sawmill in the Pallel area in Manipur yesterday. Police intensified combing operation and six suspected culprits along with arms and ammunition were nabbed.

## **POLYGAMY**

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has expressed his personal readiness to ban polygamy in the state if recommended by the apex bodies of all tribes and community-based organizations. Responding to the Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society's appeal to the Governor to ban polygamy and bigamy in the state, Mr Khandu stated that he is personally against the practice and believes it should end. Clarifying that his comments were personal and not official, the chief minister urged the apex bodies of all tribes and community-based organizations in Arunachal to take the initiative. He asked them to discuss the issue involving intellectuals and send recommendations to the government.

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