

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- ❖ Election Commission directs Chief Secretaries and Director General of Police of all States and Union Territories to keep strict vigil along inter-state and international borders to plug inflow of illicit liquor, cash, drugs, arms and freebies.
- ❖ Filing of nominations for second phase of Lok Sabha elections will end today; five seats in Assam and one seat each in Manipur and Tripura will go to polls in second phase of voting to be held on 26th of this month.
- ❖ With less than fortnight for first phase of polling, electioneering gains momentum in Tripura West parliamentary constituency.
- ❖ Meghalaya's Lakadong Turmeric gets prestigious Geographical Indication tag.
- ❖ IIM Shillong holds its 15th Annual Convocation at Umsawli campus in New Shillong Township.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

ECI:

The Election Commission has directed Chief Secretaries and Director General of Police of all States and Union Territories to keep a strict vigil along the interstate and international borders to plug the inflow of illicit liquor, cash, drugs, arms and freebies. The Election Commission held a meeting with all States and Union Territories in New Delhi yesterday to review and assess the law and order situation. In a statement, the Commission said, the purpose of the combined review meeting was to bring all concerned stakeholders together for seamless coordination and cooperation amongst officials along with central agencies guarding the borders. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar underscored the Commission's commitment to ensuring free, fair, peaceful and inducement-free elections. He called upon all stakeholders to work together seamlessly to uphold the integrity of the electoral process and ensure a level playing field. Every voter should exercise their right to vote without fear or intimidation.

NOMINATIONS:

Filing of nominations for the second phase of Lok Sabha elections will end today. The elections will be held in 88 Lok Sabha seats in 12 States and Union Territories along with the remaining part of the Outer Manipur Lok Sabha constituency in this phase. A part of the Outer Manipur constituency will go to polls in the first phase. Five seats in Assam and one seat each in Manipur, and Tripura from the North Eastern States will go to polls in the second phase of voting to be held on the 26th of this month. Scrutiny of nominations will take place tomorrow except in Jammu and Kashmir which will be held on Saturday.

TRIPURA:

In Tripura, with less than a fortnight for the first phase of polling to be held on the 19th of this month, electioneering has gained momentum in Tripura West parliamentary constituency. There are nine candidates in the fray including former

Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb and Congress' Ashish Kumar Saha. All preparations have been made to conduct the polls in the Tripura West parliamentary seat in a free, fair, transparent and peaceful manner. The constituency has a total of over 14 lakh 61 thousand voters with more than 7 lakh 33 thousand male voters and 7 lakh 28 thousand female voters. The Tripura West constituency is an unreserved seat, but over 25 per cent of the voters are tribals. The constituency is witnessing a bipolar fight between the ruling BJP-led NDA alliance and the Congress-led INDIA alliance. The sitting MP from Tripura West seat is Union Minister Pratima Bhoumik but the BJP has given the ticket to Biplab Kumar Deb. Meanwhile, home voting will also begin for eligible Divyang voters and 85 years old and above.

GI TAG:

The Meghalaya Farmers' (Empowerment) Commission has informed that the Lakadong Turmeric Cooperative Union Limited, Jowai, supported by the Directorate of Horticulture, Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Govt of Meghalaya, has been awarded the prestigious Geographical Indication tag for Lakadong Turmeric on 30th March. Overall, the GI status serves as a valuable tool for protecting and promoting Lakadong Turmeric, ensuring its continued significance in both local and global markets while supporting the livelihoods of the communities involved in its production. With the award of the GI tag, a new chapter unfolds for Meghalaya's Lakadong, marking a significant milestone in its journey.

CONVOCATION:

In Meghalaya, IIM Shillong held its 15th Annual Convocation at its Umsawli campus in New Shillong Township yesterday. The event was graced as the chief guest by Narayanan Kumar who is the Chairman Group Corporate Board, the Samar Group, Chennai and Honorary Consul General of Greece in Chennai. Delivering the convocation address, Kumar highlighted that India has been fortunate to have been globally growing with initiatives such as Digital India contributing to the country's growth. He urged the students of IIM Shillong to leverage their education to contribute towards the country's progress and make a positive impact on the society. The Director of IIM Shillong said that IIM Shillong has taken various initiatives this year, from bridging the global perspective to local impact and 22 MoUs have been signed with the Global Management Institutions and B-Schools.
