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The Election Commission, today, said that over 90 per cent complaints have been disposed by it, since, the enforcement of Model Code of Conduct, and no major complaint is pending from political parties except Congress and BJP. In a statement, the Commission informed that 425 major complaints have been filed by various political parties and candidates. Of these, action has been taken or matter disposed in 400 cases. ECI further informed that 170 complaints were filed by Congress, while 95 by BJP and 160 complaints by other parties. A few complaints of Congress and BJP against each other are pending alleging violation of Model Code of Conduct, the Commission added.

Today was the last date for filing nomination for Seventh and last phase of Lok Sabha polls. Elections will be held in fifty seven Lok Sabha seats in seven States and one Union Territory in this phase. Thirteen seats each in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, nine seats of West Bengal, eight seats of Bihar, six seats of Odisha, four seats of Himachal Pradesh, three seats of Jharkhand, and one seat in Union Territory of Chandigarh will go to polls in the seventh and last phase. Scrutiny of the nominations will be done tomorrow. Friday is the last date for withdrawal of candidature. Voting for the 7th and last phase will be held on 1st June.

India has set up its pavilion for the first time at the World Hydrogen Summit 2024, currently underway in the Netherlands' Rotterdam. It showcases the country's progress in the field of Green Hydrogen. Around fifteen thousand delegates from around the world are expected to attend the Summit. India had launched its National Green Hydrogen Mission in January last year with a target to achieve green hydrogen production capacity of Five Million Metric Tonnes by end of the year 2030.

Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt. General K.T. Parnaik, yesterday, suggested the Armed Forces for their collaborative contribution in developing border villages under the Vibrant Border Village programme. He said this during a "call on" by Major General Akaash Johar, General Officer Commanding, fifty six Infantry Division at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. They discussed the overall security scenario in the Line of Actual Control, development of Vibrant Border Village and strengthening the bonhomie between

civilian population and the troops stationed in Arunachal Pradesh. Earlier, Major General Akaash Johar assured to reinforce the effort to reach out to the ingenious population and cement goodwill amongst them for the armed forces.

The Apatani Women Association Ziro, has strongly condemned the recent case of human trafficking of minors and sexual racket at the ICR region. In a statement, the association lauded the capital police for the commendable act and pointed out that human trafficking is prohibited under the Constitution of India. It stressed that the case should be dealt with utmost priority and sensitivity and appealed for recuperation and rehabilitation of the victims to be administered innocuously in a safe environment. The association further urged the need for creation of a dedicated special cell to register the complaints of the victims with 24 by 7 helpline number and assistance, trauma-focused cognitive behavioural therapy centre.

Assam Rifles, India's oldest Paramilitary Force, will host an Ex-servicemen Rally titled "Serving Those Who Served Us" at Kalimpong on 18th of this month. The event aims to honour and support veterans from West Bengal, Sikkim, and neighbouring North Eastern states. Lt. Gen. P.C. Nair, DG Assam Rifles, will preside over the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi funded Multistate Project on Suicide Risk Reduction and Improving Mental well-being was launched at Rajiv Gandhi University, yesterday. The duration of the project is for three years in its first phase and will be carried out in 8 states and union territories simultaneously including Arunachal Pradesh. For Arunachal Pradesh, RGU's Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies has been made the nodal centre.

The 1st Edition of the Siang Biodiversity Meet - 2024 is underway at Gobuk village and Ramsing village, Yingkiong, Upper Siang District. The weeklong biodiversity meet which began on May 12 will continue till the 18th of this month. The event is being organized by Gobuk Welfare Society in collaboration With Epum Sirum Welfare Society with the support of Titli Trust and Mouling National Park cum Wild life Division.

In Upper Siang District alone, 10 new species of moth were discovered in the recent years and was published in the international scientific journal Tropical Lepidoptera Research. These

discoveries of new species opened the door for the “Siang Biodiversity Meet” in the district. A release stated that the discovery and recording of these species is a result of community-led conservation initiatives since 2022 conducted by the Titli Trust-Royal Enfield project for Responsible Tourism. Apart from the moth varieties, the 65 day-survey was also conducted in the last two years and recorded more than 250 butterfly species, 650 moth species, 200 bird species, and numerous species of odonates.