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Campaigning for the seventh and final phase of the Lok Sabha elections ended today. Leaders of various political parties participated in the last-minute rallies. Voting will be held on June 1 in 57 parliamentary constituencies spread over seven states and a Union Territory. A total of 904 candidates are in the fray in this phase. Thirteen seats each in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, 9 in West Bengal, 8 seats in Bihar, 6 in Odisha, 4 in Himachal Pradesh, 3 in Jharkhand, and one in Union Territory of Chandigarh are going to polls on June 1. Simultaneously, 42 assembly seats in Odisha will also go to the polls.

Counting of votes for the Arunachal Pradesh assembly elections will begin at 6 am on June 2 in 24 centres in the state. Counting of votes for Lok Sabha polls would start from 8 am on June 4 in 25 centres, said Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Pawan Kumar Sain. Over 2000 officials will be deployed for counting of votes on both the days. The CEO also said that this time the Election Commission has decided to conduct counting for all constituencies in a district simultaneously and they will try to announce the results by noon. Assembly and Lok Sabha elections were held simultaneously in Arunachal Pradesh on April 19. The ruling BJP has already won 10 seats in the 60-member assembly unopposed and the counting for remaining 50 seats will be conducted on June 2.

Congress today hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his recent reported remarks on Mahatma Gandhi. Briefing media in New Delhi, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said that Mahatma Gandhi's statues are in over 80 countries and the whole world knows him. He further said that the election for the 18th Lok Sabha will be remembered for a long time because in this election, every citizen of the country has come together to save democracy and the Constitution, forgetting caste, creed, religion, region, gender, language.

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh K.T. Parnaik has extended warm greetings and best wishes to the people of Goa on the occasion of 38th Statehood Day of Goa. While extending warm

wishes to the State, the Governor said that Goa is renowned for its vibrant tourism industry. Similarly, Arunachal Pradesh is distinguished for its religious, adventure, and eco-tourism. He also said that with the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, we can greatly contribute towards the progress of the nation and Viksit Bharat@2047.

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh K.T. Parnaik participated in the annual day function of Sainik School, East Siang in its campus at Niglok, 41 km from Pasighat on Wednesday. The event, held at the school's premises, was marked by a series of impressive performances and activities that showcased the cadets' talents and the school's commitment to excellence in education and character-building. In his address, the Governor said that Sainik Schools have long been synonymous with excellence, discipline, and patriotism. He advised the students to be physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. He said that they will imbibe a spirit of camaraderie, a huge sense of self-confidence and Sainik school spirit for life.

National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports, Dirang is celebrating its Raising Day today. Chief Minister Pema Khandu in a social media post conveyed his greetings and best wishes to Team NIMAS on its Raising Day. He said that the Institute's commitment to fostering a spirit of adventure & excellence in mountaineering is truly inspiring.

The body of a teenage girl, who reportedly drowned in Dikrong River near Khula Camp in Papum Pare district on Sunday, has been retrieved on Wednesday by 12 NDRF. The body of the girl aged around 14 years was found near Dahghariya village in Assam, around 45 km downstream from the incident site, the 12 NDRF informed in a release. The force launched the search operation in the river immediately after receiving a call about the incident.

The first wave of monsoon rain has lashed parts of East Siang, West Siang and Lower Siang districts and adjoining Dhemaji of North Assam. Moderate to heavy rainfall has given a respite to local residents from the scorching heat and two-week long dry spell in the region. The water level of Siang river and its tributaries, which were drying up for days, are rising to its normal level.

Arunachalee cricketer Techhi Doria has become the first from the state to receive a contract from the Wolverhampton Cricket Club in England, to play for their 2024 Birmingham and District Premier League campaign. Doria has been participating in the Ranji Trophy and in its recent matches he has amassed an impressive total of 411 runs at an average of 58.71 in his last four outings.

**That's all in this news bulletin, Namaskar.**