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Campaigning for the third phase of Lok Sabha Elections ended today. Political leaders held back to back rallies in favour of their party candidates to woo the voters in their favour. Voting in this phase will be held in 93 constituencies spread over 10 states and the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu. The third phase of voting is scheduled for May 7. The first two phases of voting were held on April 19 and April 26. In Uttar Pradesh, high-pitched political battle was seen today for the third phase of elections, with candidates and star campaigners holding road shows and door-to-door campaigns. Electioneering has intensified for the other phase of elections also. 10 constituencies of the state will go to polls on Tuesday.

4 Lok Sabha seats of Assam will also go to poll in the third phase. A total of 47 candidates are in the fray in this phase. Poll parties in some remote areas were despatched today morning with polling materials. Boats, bullock carts, and tractors are being placed in services at far flung areas in Nalbari district. Over 81 lakh voters will vote in the third phase of polls.

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar today gave an overview to seventy-five international delegates of various facets of the gigantic election exercise in the world's largest democracy. Kumar addressed the international visitors from Election Management Bodies of 23 countries in New Delhi this afternoon. The delegates arrived in India yesterday to witness the Lok Sabha elections. They are attending the International Election Visitors Programme of which the inaugural session was held today.

In Jammu and Kashmir, security has been tightened after an Indian Air Force convoy was attacked by the terrorists on Saturday. One soldier of the Indian Air Force martyred while four others were injured when two vehicles, including one of the Indian Air Force came under firing from terrorists in the Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir. Indian Air Force today paid condolences to the family of martyred Corporal Vikky Pahade who lost his life during the gunfight.

India Meteorological Department has predicted heavy to very heavy rainfall spells accompanied by thunderstorms and gusty

winds over Northeast India today and tomorrow. The IMD also said that light to moderate rainfall accompanied by isolated thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds are very likely over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura during the next five days. The weather department also forecasts a 2 to 4 degrees Celsius rise in maximum temperatures over many parts of Northwest and Central India during the next five days. However, IMD said that no significant change in maximum temperatures is likely over the remaining part of the country.

The 5-days Faculty Development Programme on entrepreneurship concluded at Govt. College Yachuli yesterday. The programme was organized by the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship Guwahati and was sponsored by North Eastern Council. The Faculty Development Programme is designed to train and develop professionals in the area of entrepreneurship, innovation and incubation in which they can act as resource persons in guiding and motivating the entrepreneurs, farmers, unemployed youth and students of the district to take up entrepreneurial careers.

Rajiv Gandhi University conducted a panel discussion on mental health and wellbeing at its university premises on Friday. The panel discussion aimed at promoting students' health, welfare, psychological and emotional wellbeing. The resource persons in the panel discussion emphasized that mental health comes hand in hand with physical health and are essential in human life and they both cannot be compromised. The panel discussion was a part of the Two-Day Workshop on Sensitization of Departments for Capacity Building on Specific Learning Disabilities which concluded on Friday.

In East Siang district, Siang Trust conducted a Free Health Consultation camp in the interior Mer Village today. The village is unconnected by road till today due to the Taro Tamak River. This was the second such Camp in Mer village carried out by Siang Trust. Pressure tests, Sugar tests and others were carried out in the camp along with the provision of free medicines. Over 70 needy patients from Mer, Gadum and Tinali villages were benefited from the health camp. Siang Trust has been regularly conducting free health consultation camps in remote villages of the area.

India's Tejaswin Shankar clinched victory the men's High Jump event at the USATF Festival in Tucson, Arizona, USA on Sunday. The National record holder Tejaswin cleared 2.23 metres in his first

attempt to secure the top spot at the World Athletics Continental Tour – Silver event. With this jump, he equaled his season-best effort. Earnie Sears of USA finished second, while Roberto Vilches of Mexico was third.