

## **REGIONAL ENGLISH NEWS BULLETIN**

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned to Delhi on Saturday afternoon after concluding his two-day state visit to Bhutan. In a special gesture, King of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck accompanied by Bhutan Prime Minister accorded a warm send off to Mr Modi at the airport. In a social media post, PM Modi said he is honoured by the special gesture by the King of Bhutan. He termed his Bhutan visit as very special. He added that their talks will add even more vigour to the India-Bhutan friendship. He also thanked the people of Bhutan for their warmth and hospitality, saying that India will always be a reliable friend and partner for Bhutan.

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar on Saturday termed China's claim on Arunachal Pradesh as ludicrous. He asserted that Arunachal Pradesh is part of India and not because some other country says it is part of India. Speaking at an event in the Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, Dr Jaishankar said India has been clear and consistent on the matter. He said this is not a new issue and China has laid claims earlier also and has expanded its claims. On the rise of India and China, the External Affairs Minister said the challenge is to find a sustainable equilibrium between two rising powers who also happen to be neighbours and who have a history and population which sets them apart from the rest of the world.

The state unit of the Nationalist People's Party, NPP on Saturday announced its first list of 29 candidates for the assembly polls, scheduled for 19th April. The list of candidates includes three sitting MLAs, one former minister, and three former legislators. The president of NPP state unit, Thangwang Wangham will contest from Longding-Pumao constituency. Former minister Japu Deru will seek election from Bomdila constituency, while ex-MLA Tani Loffa and Dikto Yekar will contest from Seppa West and Daporijo constituency, respectively. Other significant candidates include sitting independent MLA Karikho Kri, who will seek re-election from Tezu constituency, and sitting MLA Gokar Basar, contesting again from Basar. Dorjee Wangdi Karma, a sitting BJP MLA from Kalaktang constituency, who was denied a ticket, will contest as an NPP nominee.

While the BJP has named its candidates for all the assembly seats, the Congress has declared 34 candidates so far, the NCP 17 and the regional Peoples' Party of Arunachal PPA has announced two candidates.

A comprehensive briefing session for micro-observers for the upcoming elections was conducted at ZPC Hall, Yupia on Saturday. Bengia Yakar, PD-cum-Nodal Officer to Observer, explained the role of micro-observers and stressed on the importance of timely reporting to the General Observer on polling day. "Micro-observers play a crucial role in ensuring the integrity and transparency of elections," she said while urging them to observe the election process at polling stations and report any irregularities or violations of the model code of conduct. Dr. Dana Unna, the Nodal Officer of the training cell, discussed vulnerabilities, critical polling stations, and the implementation of advanced technology like webcasting at key polling stations. Further, micro-observers were also reminded to utilize postal ballot facilities.

After 34 days of abduction, the Changlang Police recovered three abductees somewhere around the general area Longvi under Nampong circle. On February 19 Changlang police received a written FIR from one Sibu Pradhan, a resident of Ledo in Assam's Tinsukia district stating that on February 18 at around 1:30 AM, some unknown miscreants kidnapped his two workers namely Lekhak Bora and Chandan Narzary. During the course of investigation, it was found that one more person, namely Gyan Thapa was also abducted along with the duo. On March 22, 2024, information was received from a source that the three abductees were released. Subsequently, after a search of more than 15 hours all three abductees were found in an exhausted and dehydrated state in the jungle area.

Following further investigation in the case related to the arrest of three burglars, Naharlagun police has recovered four laptops, eight LPG cylinders, 16 local ornaments and gold jewellery worth lakhs of rupees from their possession. Earlier, police recovered 10 stolen LPG cylinders, gold and silver jewellery worth lakhs of rupees, besides a laptop, a mobile handset and a TV from their possession.

Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar organised a special programme on Saturday commemorating their recent achievement as "Best College in Arunachal Pradesh for NCC Activities". The program combined an awarded flag unveiling ceremony with a career counselling session for NCC cadets. The event was graced by Dr. M.Q. Khan, Principal of DNGC and Commanding Officer of NCC 1 APBn Naharlagun, Col. Roshan Verma. In his address, Dr. Khan highlighted the crucial role of effective communication in English for securing job opportunities.

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