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HEADLINES

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- Congress general secretary, Jairam Ramesh says it is important to protect India's diversity and safeguard democracy and expresses concern that BJP-led government will even remove Article 371A in Nagaland as it does in Jammu and Kashmir.
- Nagaland Chief Electoral Officer serves show-cause notice to BJP star campaigner, Yanthungo Patton over his remarks made during election campaign in Wokha.
- Assam's Kamrup district administration takes unique initiative to increase voters' participation in Lok Sabha polls with over 1 lakh students writing postcard letters to their parents and guardians appealing them to vote.
- External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar is visiting Mizoram today and will release BJP's manifesto and also attend 'intellectual meet.'

BJP MANIFESTO

The BJP has released its manifesto for the Assembly elections in Arunachal Pradesh yesterday and promised to transform the frontier state into a developed state in the next five years. The manifesto, named as Sankalp Patra was released by BJP national president, JP Nadda at Itanagar. Nadda claimed that the state saw a lot of positive changes in the past five years and promised to take up an Arunachal Pradesh Gati Shakti Master Plan in the next five years to further boost infrastructure and push development. Polling for the 60-member Assembly and two Lok Sabha seats will be held simultaneously on the 19th of this month. The ruling BJP has already got 10 MLAs including the Chief Minister Pema Khandu and Deputy Chief Minister Minister Chowna Mein who were elected unopposed.

CONGRESS

Congress general secretary, Jairam Ramesh has stressed that it is important to protect India's diversity and safeguard democracy. Addressing a press conference at Kohima in Nagaland yesterday, Ramesh said that the RSS and BJP have agenda for one nation-one election, one tax, one party, one leader with an aim to undermine India's diversity. He said that the BJP-led government has removed Article 370 and expressed concern that the same government will even remove Article 371A.

The Congress leader also criticized the government in Nagaland, which operates without opposition, by aligning with the NDPP as orchestrated by the BJP. He emphasised on the necessity of having an opposition in a democracy to amplify voices of the people. Ramesh also outlined five guarantees of justice promised by the Congress to the citizens and underscored that the 2024 Lok Sabha election is crucial for preserving democracy. Urging the people to place their trust in the leadership of the Congress party at the national level, he also urged the people to support the party's candidate in the state to bolster the party's efforts to safeguard democracy. The Congress manifesto called 'Nyay Yatra' was also launched.

NOTICE

In Nagaland, the Chief Electoral Officer has served a show-cause notice to Yanthungo Patton, the Star Campaigner of BJP for the 2024 Lok Sabha election in the 1-Nagaland Parliamentary constituency. The notice is related to the remarks made by Patton on the 5th of this month during the campaign held in Wokha for Dr. Chumben Murry, the consensus candidate of the People's Democratic Alliance representing the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party. The Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee has also filed a complaint with the election commission against Patton over his statement.

ASSAM

In Assam, the Kamrup district administration has taken a unique initiative to increase voters' participation in the Lok Sabha polls. The Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup has informed that over 1 lakh students have written postcard letters to their parents and guardians appealing them to vote. Students between class 8th and 12th from 526 schools have taken part in this initiative. In the next 15 days, the post cards are expected to reach their destinations and the students along with their parents and guardians will upload their selfie.

MIZORAM

Ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar is visiting Mizoram today and will release the party's manifesto. He will also attend an 'intellectual meet' besides interacting with the media. The election campaign is picking up in Mizoram as the polling day draws nearer. Major political parties and candidates are reaching out to voters across the state to seek their support. The ruling Zoram People's Movement is fielding Richard Vanlalmangaiha while the main opposition is nominating sitting Rajya Sabha MP K Vanlalvena. The Congress is fielding former police officer Lalbiakzama while the BJP is fielding its State President Vanlalhuaka. The People's Conference party is nominating female candidate, Rita Malsawmi while advocate Lalhriatrenga Chhangte is contesting for the second time as independent candidate. More than 8 lakh voters will exercise their franchise in 1276 polling stations.
