

HEADLINES:-

- Postal ballot voting for polling personnel engaged in Dharmanagar by-election in Tripura being held today.
- Union Home Minister and BJP Leader addressing public meetings in Assam run-up to assembly elections.
- Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addressing voters in poll-bound Assam.
- Preparations for upcoming Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council elections underway.
- Meghalaya State Election Commission prepares to conduct Special Intensive Revision.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu chairs 5th Governing Body Meeting of Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission.
- Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla inaugurates maternity ward at Community Health Centre Ningthoukhong of Bishnupur district.
- Good Friday being observed today, commemorating crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

POLLING

Postal ballot voting for polling personnel engaged in the Dharmanagar by-election is being held at the Bir Bikram Institution today. A total of 152 polling personnel are eligible to cast their votes over the next two days. Polling for the regular voters is scheduled on 9th April and counting will take place on 4th May.

CAMPAIGN

Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah arrived in Assam yesterday on a two-day visit to campaign for Bharatiya Janata Party and other National Democratic Alliance candidates ahead of the assembly elections. He addressed a rally in the Kaliabor constituency of Nagaon district, in support of AGP candidate Kesab Mahanta. The Union Minister said that BJP is against infiltrators but not against the original Muslim inhabitants of Assam. Mr. Shah will address several election meetings across Assam, which goes to the polls on 9th April.

CONGRESS

Senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, yesterday promised to implement Article 244 (A) in Karbi Anglong if his party returns to power. The Article empowers Parliament to establish an 'autonomous state' within Assam for certain tribal areas listed under the Sixth Schedule. Mr. Gandhi is on a tour of Assam to campaign for party candidates in Karbi Anglong and Jorhat ahead of the ensuing assembly elections.

Addressing a rally at Bokajan in Karbi Anglong district, he said the Indian National Congress believes in decentralisation of power.

## EVM

As part of preparations for the upcoming Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council elections, around 3,500 Electronic Voting Machines were brought to Umakanta Ground in Agartala from Madhya Pradesh yesterday. The machines will be transported under strict security cover and under the supervision of the respective District Election Officers. Polling is scheduled on 12th April and counting will take place on the 17th.

## SIR

The Meghalaya State Election Commission is all geared up and prepared to conduct the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in the state. Chief Electoral Officer BDR Tiwari said the election department was awaiting the schedule for SIR from the Election Commission of India. Meanwhile, preparations are underway for the Shillong parliamentary bye-election. Mr Tiwari informed that around fourteen lakh and sixty-four voters will exercise their right to franchise and the numbers are expected to increase further. The by-election election has to be held within six months following the demise of Shillong MP Ricky AJ Syngkon recently.

## FRIDAY

Good Friday is being observed today, commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Mount Calvary. Good Friday is observed as a day of sorrow and penance, with the faithful attending special prayers in churches. Church leaders remind the faithful of the message of Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for humanity's betterment.

## NEIGRIHMS

The director of the North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Shillong, Dr Nalin Mehta has said infant and maternal mortality rates in Meghalaya have significantly declined. Referring to the recently launched 'Mission 1000 Days' by the Meghalaya government, he stressed the need for proper nutritional and emotional support for mothers and infants during the first three years. The initiative focuses on the critical period from conception to a child's second birthday, using technology, community participation and targeted interventions.

## CONVOCATION

The Indian Institute of Management Shillong, yesterday held its 17th Annual Convocation, awarding degrees to 477 students across various programmes. Degrees were conferred on PhD scholars, MBA graduates, executive and working professionals.

## MBOSE

The Meghalaya Board of School Education will declare the SSLC (Class 10) Results, 2026 on 7th April at 11 AM. Students can check their results online via the official websites. The complete result booklet will also be available for download. Results will not be displayed at MBOSE offices in Tura or Shillong.

## LAW

The National Law University of Meghalaya has opened admissions for the 2026–27 academic session, offering interdisciplinary law programmes aimed at preparing students for future careers. Officials informed that 50 percent of seats are reserved for Meghalaya domicile candidates to promote local participation. The application process is open and will continue until 16th May.

## ARUNACHAL

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu chaired the 5th Governing Body Meeting of Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission, yesterday. The focus is on improving market linkages for Self Help Group products, promoting digital and financial literacy, encouraging youth to take up rural enterprises, and strengthening value chains in agriculture, horticulture, and forest produce. Chief Minister Khandu said when women are empowered, families grow stronger. Strong families lead to strong villages, and strong villages build a strong state, he underscored.

## AIRPORT

The Donyi Polo Airport has received the ‘Best Airport under RCS–UDAN’ award for boosting regional connectivity in Arunachal. Additionally, it has earned a GRIHA 4-Star Rating (Provisional) for its eco-friendly infrastructure initiatives, the airport authorities said.

## NEEPCO

The North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited celebrated its 51st Foundation Day at its Corporate Office in Shillong yesterday, marking over five decades of dedicated service to the nation’s energy sector. NEEPCO’s remarkable journey and its significant contributions to the power sector, particularly in the North Eastern Region was highlighted during the anniversary function.

## MATERNITY

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla yesterday inaugurated a maternity ward dedicated to the Community Health Centre Ningthoukhong of Bishnupur district. The maternity ward - Khwairakpam Krishnagopal Memorial Building was constructed by a local NGO within the premises of the CHC and handed over to the Manipur Government to support the expansion and upgradation of the centre and strengthen maternity healthcare. Governor Bhalla stated that inauguration of the new facility was a significant step towards strengthening hope, dignity and care for the people, particularly women and mothers who form the backbone of society. He highlighted the enduring strength, resilience and moral leadership of the Ima community and observed that the initiative reflected a broader vision of strengthening healthcare infrastructure through collective effort.

## IIM

The Indian Institute of Management Shillong celebrated its 17th Annual Convocation yesterday. Degrees were conferred on 469 graduating students under various batches. Five scholars were also honoured as Doctors of Philosophy, PhD in diverse subjects.

## LAKE

In the past week, more than 100 migratory birds belonging to nine species were observed roosting at Siikhe Lake at Ziro in Lower Subansiri district, Arunachal Pradesh. The recorded species include Mallard Duck, Northern Shoveler, Ferruginous Duck, Eurasian Wigeon, Tufted Duck, Gadwall, Northern Pintail, Garganey, and Great Crested Grebe. More species are expected to arrive in the coming weeks. Since 2019, a team from Ziro Birds Walk in support with the Siikhe Multipurpose Society has been actively monitoring bird migration and conducting waterbird population counts during the peak season from November to May.

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