

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Voting for Assembly elections in Assam, Keralam, and Puducherry begins; voters stand in long queues from early morning to cast their vote.
- Polling for bye election to Dharmanagar Assembly constituency in Tripura and Koridang Assembly constituency in Nagaland is in progress.
- Foreign delegation witnesses Assembly poll process in Assam as part of Election Commission's International Election Visitors' Programme.
- Voting through postal ballot concludes for officials engaged in upcoming Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council elections.
- Manipur Chief Minister chairs Combined Security meeting at CM Secretariat in Imphal in view of prevailing law and order situation in the State.
- Three militants arrested after deadly bomb attack in Manipur's Bishnupur district which claims lives of two children and left their mother injured.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma leads delegation to Union Minister Kiren Rijiju in New Delhi and discusses concerns over proposed FCRA Bill.
- Union Cabinet approves Investment Proposal for construction of 1200 MW Kalai-II Hydro Electric Project in Anjaw District of Arunachal Pradesh.
- India Meteorological Department forecast heavy rainfall over Northeastern states.
- Sikkim Chief Minister, Prem Singh Tamang meets Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman.
- Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Speaker, Thomas A. Sangma, conducts high-level inspection of new Assembly building construction site at Mawdiangdiang.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

VOTING:

Voting for Assembly elections in Assam, Keralam, and the Union Territory of Puducherry began at 7 AM today. The single-phase polling is being held for all 126 Assembly seats in Assam, 140 seats in Keralam and 30 seats in Puducherry. Long queues of voters were seen outside polling stations from early morning in Assam. All arrangements are in place to ensure free, fair, and peaceful polling. A total of 883 candidates are in the fray in Keralam and 294 candidates are contesting the elections in Puducherry. Assam has a total of 722 candidates in the fray. Chief Electoral Officer of Assam, Anurag Goel, has appealed to all eligible voters to exercise their franchise. Counting of votes will take place on the 4th of May.

BY POLL:

The polling for the bye election to Dharmanagar Assembly constituency in Tripura and Koridang Assembly constituency in Nagaland is in progress. All arrangements are in place for the bye election with enhanced security. A total of 46,142 voters will decide the fate of six candidates in the bypoll. Out of 55 polling stations in Dharmanagar constituency, 11 have been designated as model polling stations, being managed entirely by women. The Koridang bye election is necessitated following the demise of sitting MLA Imkong L. Imchen. The constituency has a total of 22,390 eligible voters, including 11,013 women who will decide the fate of six candidates.

DELEGATION:

A foreign delegation arrived in Assam on a two-day visit to witness the Assembly poll process as part of the Election Commission's International Election Visitors' Programme. Polling in Assam is being held today. The 15-member delegation comprised representatives from the election management bodies of Angola, Egypt, Portugal, Sri Lanka, Mexico, Benin and Croatia, as well as three representatives from the Election Commission of India.

POSTAL VOTING:

The voting through postal ballot for officials engaged in the upcoming Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council elections concluded yesterday. Polling personnel, security staff, and other associated officials exercised their franchise through the postal ballot system. The voting was conducted across facilitation centres set up in all 16 subdivisions of the State. State Election Commission Secretary, Anurag Sen informed that 67 percent voter turnout was recorded on the first day of postal ballot voting. The polling for 28 seats of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council will be held on the 12th of this month and counting of votes on 17th of this month.

SECURITY MEETING:

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh yesterday chaired a Combined Security meeting at the CM Secretariat in Imphal. The meeting deliberated on the prevailing law and order situation in the State and it was attended by Home Minister, Govindas Konthoujam, Security Advisor, Chief Secretary, DGP, 3 Corps Commander and other high-ranking officers from the Army, Assam Rifles, BSF, CRPF, ITBP, SSB, other central security forces and intelligence agencies. Meanwhile, the ban on broadband internet connection in five valley districts has been lifted but the ban on mobile data service remains active in these districts. On the other hand, the residence of MLA, Sapam Nishikanta was vandalized by miscreants. Timely intervention by security forces stopped further damages to the house. Curfew is still in place in the five valley districts.

ARREST:

A day after a deadly bomb attack in Manipur's Bishnupur district claimed the lives of two children and left their mother injured, security forces, in a joint operation, arrested three militants belonging to the United Kuki National Army in neighbouring Churachandpur district yesterday. According to a police official, during the operation, security forces recovered a cache of arms and ammunition from the cadres. In subsequent operations carried out in the Molphei Tampak area of the same Churachandpur district, security personnel recovered additional weapons, including one MP-9 automatic rifle, one pistol with a magazine, two Lethode tubes, one Pumpi (a locally made cannon), and five 70 mm cartridges.

FCRA-MEETING:

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma, accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong, met Union Minister Kiren Rijiju in New Delhi yesterday and discussed the concerns over the proposed FCRA Bill. The delegation highlighted the role of institutions supported by foreign contributions in delivering education, healthcare, and social services in remote areas. Concerns were also raised over provisions such as property seizure. The Union Minister assured that stakeholders' concerns would be examined before finalising the amendment. The Chief Minister expressed hope that dialogue would ensure a balanced law protecting national interests while supporting charitable institutions.

UNION CABINET:

The Union Cabinet has approved Investment Proposal for construction of 1200 MW Kalai-II Hydro Electric Project in Anjaw District of Arunachal Pradesh with an outlay of 14 thousand 105.83 crore rupees, and completion period of 78 months. Additionally, the cabinet has also approved Investment Proposal for construction of the 1720 MW Kamala Hydro Electric Project in Kamle, Kra Daadi & Kurung Kumey Districts with an outlay of over 26 thousand crore rupees and completion period of 96 months.

EVACUATION:

In Sikkim, the Indian Army, Border Roads Organizations, in coordination with the District Administration, District Disaster Management Authority and stranded tourists in Lachen are being safely transported from Lachen through Dongkya La - Shiv Mandir - Zero Point - Yumthang - Lachung route. The evacuation of tourists from Lachen began yesterday morning in a coordinated manner in batches to ensure smooth passage along the challenging terrain. Meanwhile, District Collector Mangan, Superintendent of Police Mangan were present at the spot to oversee the evacuation process. The District Administration, Army, BRO and tourism stakeholders have earned appreciation from the tourists and the people closely monitoring the situation over the past few days.

IMD:

The India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy rainfall over Northeastern states today. Thunderstorms and hailstorms will prevail over Assam and Meghalaya for the day. It has also predicted thunderstorms and lightning over Odisha, Jharkhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Sub Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim until tomorrow. Similar conditions will also prevail over Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gangetic West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand today.

SIKKIM CM:

Sikkim Chief Minister, Prem Singh Tamang met Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman yesterday. Tamang extended his gratitude for the inclusion of Part-X, "Pride of Hills: Special Development Assistance for the Hill States," under SASCI 2026-27, and lauded for the recognition of the unique challenges faced by hill states and for the continued support extended by the Government of India, under which Sikkim is set to receive an additional allocation of 820 crore rupees. Tamang also invited the Union Minister to visit the Vibrant Villages in the state.

SPEAKER:

Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Speaker, Thomas A. Sangma, yesterday conducted a high-level inspection of the new Assembly building construction site at Mawdiangdiang. Accompanied by senior officials and technical experts, the Speaker personally assessed the quality and pace of work as the landmark project

nears its final stages of completion. During the site visit, Sangma expressed satisfaction with the steady progress, noting that the construction is moving smoothly in accordance with established timelines. The Speaker's team focused on several critical components of the site, including the main hall's structural work and the integration of essential utilities.
