

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Prime Minister and senior BJP leader Narendra Modi to address election rallies in Assam today.
2. BJP releases manifesto ahead of Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council elections.
3. Meghalaya government initiates efforts to address large-scale impact of coal mining across state
4. Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh says Prime Minister Narendra Modi has safeguarded Manipur's boundary.
5. Commissioning of Electronic Voting Machines for Assam elections completed across all 126 assembly constituencies.
6. Fresh weather warnings and travel disruptions reported across North Sikkim.
7. Easter Sunday celebrated, marking resurrection of Jesus Christ.
8. Galo community of Arunachal Pradesh celebrate Mopin festival.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

PM

Prime Minister and senior BJP leader Narendra Modi will address three election rallies in Assam today as part of the party's campaign for the upcoming Assembly elections. Mr. Modi will begin his campaign at Bhawanipur-Sorbhog in Bajali district. He is scheduled to subsequently address rallies at Hojai and later in Dibrugarh, covering key regions of the state in a single day. The Prime Minister's visit is seen as a significant push to bolster the ruling BJP's campaign in the final phase ahead of the April 9 polling in Assam.

CAMPAIGN

Campaigning in Assam has picked up pace with just a couple of days remaining for the assembly elections on 9th April. Political parties are making a final push to connect with voters. Union Minister and senior BJP leader Sarbananda Sonowal has alleged that previous Congress governments had consistently permitted illegal immigration and allowed settlers to occupy land within the state. Addressing an election rally in Dhemaji yesterday, Mr. Sonowal asserted that since coming to power in Assam, the BJP has prioritized the welfare of indigenous communities. Over the last ten years, the BJP government has distributed eight lakh land pattas (land titles) to the state's indigenous people to secure their land rights, he

highlighted. Chief Minister and BJP leader Himanta Biswa Sarma addressed election rallies in Bongaigaon, palashbari and Goalpara yesterday.

CONGRESS

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and leader of opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi held election rallies in Assam. Addressing the public at Biswanath and Golaghat yesterday, Mr. Gandhi alleged that the BJP government has failed to fulfil several key promises made during the previous election, including granting Scheduled Tribe status to six communities. He stated that if voted to power, the Congress would ensure ST status for these six communities. He promised to create jobs for the youth, better healthcare, and women empowerment. Mr Gandhi also promised to increase the daily wages of tea garden workers to 450 rupees if the Congress is voted to power in Assam.

SINGH

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had safeguarded Manipur's boundary. He was addressing an election rally in support of BJP candidate at Rongpur in Udharbond constituency of Barak valley in Cachar District of Assam yesterday. Mr Singh said that Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has made Manipuri, an associate official language of Assam. He urged the Manipuri people of Assam to keep their trust in the Himanta Sarma-led BJP Government. During the long Congress rule, the North East states had been neglected leading to disturbances, the chief minister said. He said Congress always gave step motherly treatment to the North East while the BJP has been working for the welfare of the region. Mr Singh also campaigned for the BJP candidate at Jaribon under Hailakandi constituency. The Chief Minister said that BJP is the only party which says that without North East, India cannot develop.

TRIPURA

Ahead of the 12th April Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party released its election manifesto, titled 'Sankalp Patra' in Khumulwng yesterday. The manifesto was unveiled in the presence of Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha and other party leaders and workers. The Chief Minister said the manifesto focuses on ensuring economic, social, cultural, and linguistic development across the tribal areas. He highlighted that special emphasis has been laid on education, skill development, and creating new avenues for employment. Reaffirming to the party's commitment, the Chief Minister said that the BJP remains dedicated to fulfilling every promise made to the people. He added that the party's core objective is to ensure the holistic welfare and empowerment of tribal communities in the State.

EVM

The commissioning of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) with candidate sets for the general election to the Assam legislative assembly has been completed across all 126 assembly constituencies. A total of 41,320 Ballot Units, 43,975 Control Units, and 43,997 **Voter verifiable paper audit trails (VVPATs)** have been commissioned for use in the forthcoming polls. These include reserve machines to be utilised, if required, across 31,490 polling stations in Assam. The commissioning exercise was carried out from 31st March to 4th April at designated premises notified by the respective District Election Officers.

MINES

The Meghalaya government has initiated efforts to address the large-scale impact of coal mining across the state, with nearly 50,000 coal mines identified for restoration, reclamation, or closure. Naba Bhattacharjee, Technical Advisor (Environment and Natural Resources) to the state government, stated that the Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited has prepared a Detailed Project Report for the restoration and reclamation of coal mining-affected areas. Mr Bhattacharjee said the DPR is currently under examination by the state government. Once the review process is completed, the government will move forward by inviting bids for the implementation of the reclamation work.

MANIPUR

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh has underscored that every community wants peace and emphasized the need to remove trust deficit. Mr Singh also expressed his government's will to develop Jiribam into a model district. The Chief Minister was speaking to media persons at the proposed development site of Inter State Truck Terminus at Jiribam District yesterday.

ARUNACHAL

Arunachal Pradesh Health & Family Welfare Minister, Biyuram Wahge, along with Basar MLA Nyabi Jini Dirchi, held a meeting at Todak Basar Hospital in Lepa Rada district yesterday. They also visited Menjwk Meqkok Rwgau Gurukul School and interacted with students. The Gurukul School, Basar, one of the Gurukuls under the Donyi Polo Cultural & Charitable Trust and supported by Galo Indigenous Faith & Cultural Council, was established in 2021. The school currently has 114 students from Class I to V.

SIKKIM

Fresh weather warnings and travel disruptions have been reported across North Sikkim and other parts of the state following heavy rainfall and unstable conditions. The District Administration of Mangan has issued a public advisory for tourists stranded in Lachen. They have been urged to remain in place and avoid movement due to safety concerns and adverse weather conditions.

EASTER

Easter was celebrated yesterday, marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his crucifixion on Good Friday. President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan and Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted the nation on the occasion. In her message, President Murmu urged citizens to renew their commitment to harmony, peace, and brotherhood and to work collectively towards a better future. Prime Minister Modi said, the teachings of Jesus Christ encourage kindness and strengthen the spirit of togetherness in society. Easter Sunday was celebrated across the north-eastern region of the country with the faithful attending sunrise services in cathedrals, churches and chapels. Governors and chief ministers of the various states greeted the people and called for imbibing the values of love and compassion.

NAGALAND

Nagaland celebrated Easter Sunday with prayers, sunrise services, and messages of hope, as people from the Christian community across the state marked the resurrection of Jesus Christ with deep spiritual fervour. Governor Nand Kishore Yadav emphasized on hope, renewal and peace among the people. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said Easter is a time to rejoice in the risen Christ and the promise of redemption and new beginnings.

FESTIVAL

The Galo community of Arunachal Pradesh celebrated the Mopin festival yesterday. Chief Minister Pema Khandu participated in the Mega Mopin Celebration in Namsai. Mr Khandu said that it was inspiring to see the coming together of different tribes, reflecting the unity in diversity and the strength of shared heritage.
