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News Flash

EEO held a meeting free and fair election

LIKABALI, April 15:

Taking strong cognizance of the role and the demand for the situation and time, the Election Observer (Expenditure) of Lower Siang District Rohit Kumar has convened a meeting on Monday, April 15 at Likabali to take stock of the situation and seek reports from the FSTs, SSTs, Police, Liquor Monitoring Team and others engaged on implementation of MCC during the simultaneous election 2024.

He pointed out some of his personal observations and sought clarifications from the officers. He directed the officers to educate the political parties to follow MCC and appeal them to follow it in letter and spirit. And they should maintain proper records of their activities and findings and make it available to him and the DEO.

He reiterated his commitment of zero tolerance against any irregularities that would come across while discharging his duty during the conduct of the simultaneous election process.

Index Testing Campaign launched in Papumpare

ITANAGAR, April 16:

The District AIDS Control Society, Papumpare and ICR organised a Launching programme of Index Testing Campaign (ITC) 2024 on April 15 with support from NACO and APSACS for Papumpare and ICR along with the Nation.

This CAMPAIGN will be in 2 (two) rounds - 1st round from 15th April to 31st June 2024 and 2nd round from 1st July to 30th September 2024.

All the dignitaries present advised the staffs on ways for the successful completion of the campaign.

The DHS had formally launched the CAMPAIGN.

Dr. Anong Borang Joint Director BSD cum Nodal Officer give brief note on technical input regarding the ITC.

The Launching Programme was attended by Director TRIHMS, Director Health Services, Chief Medical Superintendent, Project Director AP-SACS, District AIDS Control Officer (DACO), Jt Director BSD, staffs of APSACS, DACO, TRIHMS, DTC, NGOs, Metron and Nurses of TRIHMS.

Final Randomization of Polling Officials done in Lower Siang District

LIKABALI, April 16:

The final randomization of officials, who shall officiate as the Presiding and Polling Officers of both Likabali and Nari Koyu Assembly constituencies for the upcoming simultaneous election 2024, has been successfully done in presence of the General Observer Dilip Rautrai here on Tuesday, April 16.

The Lower Siang Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Rujum Rakshap and the Returning Officers of both the Assembly Constituencies Mekar Riba and Ainstein Koyu besides others, also had taken part in the proceeding.

With the final randomization process completed, engagement of polling officials for each polling stations of the district is done now.

Governor, First Lady of the State cast their votes



ITANAGAR, April 19:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) and the First Lady of the State Smt Anagha Parnaik casted their votes at the Polling Booth in the Government Secondary School building, P-Sector, Itanagar on 19th April 2024.

Along with the other eligible voters of Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor and the First Lady of the State exercised their universal adult suffrage to elect the 1- Arunachal West Parliamentary Constituency representative

from Arunachal Pradesh in the eighteenth Lok Sabha. The State Legislative Assembly representative from 13-Itanagar (ST) Assembly Constituency has been elected unopposed.

The Governor, who has been fervently appealing to all Arunachalists cast their vote, appreciated the people who turned up in large numbers for voting. He said that wholehearted participation of the voters reflects their consciousness and absolute trust in the democratic process in the State.

The Governor and the First

Lady of the State, who were in the queue of senior citizens, were pleased with the arrangement. He expressed his hope that voter turnout will be huge and peaceful throughout Arunachal Pradesh.

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Electoral Officer Pawan Kumar Sain, Deputy Commissioner Capital Itanagar cum ARO 1- Arunachal West Parliamentary Constituency Smti Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta, SP, Itanagar Shri Rohit Rajbir Singh and Sector Magistrate Er. Debia Padang, EE, PHED were present at the Polling booth.

DEO emphasizes on utmost transparency, fairness and efficiency

PASIGHAT, April 11:

Ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha and state's Vidhan Sabha polls, DEO Tayi Taggu on Thursday, April 11 said that East Siang is fully prepared for the "biggest festival of democracy". He emphasized the importance of conducting the elections with utmost transparency, fairness and efficiency. Taggu urged all officers and employees entrusted to election duties to ensure that electoral process proceeds smoothly and without discrepancies.

He informed that he has been physically conducting inspections of the facilities available at the venues/booths and holding series of meetings centered on ensuring adequate security measures, efficient expenditure monitoring and seamless coordination among different administrative units to facilitate a successful electoral process.

During last three days -April-8 to 10 in a significant turnout, 41 voters from the 85+ age group

and 15 PwD electors across East Siang have actively participated in the home-voting process, conducted by the East Siang DEO.

For home voting, polling personnel visited the voter's residence and accepted his/her votes in ballot papers. Citizens aged 85 years and above and those with a minimum of 40 per cent disability were asked for this facility.

One 87 years old Tamur Tatak from Rani Village casted his vote from home. Retired Assam Rifle soldier Tatak who fought against China during Indo-China war 1962 was severely injured by Chinese grenade and unable to walk and hear. Tatak praised the district administration for facilitating home voting.

The active participation of elderly voters underscores the significance of democratic engagement in the upcoming simultaneous elections, opined DC cum DEO Tayi Taggu.

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General Observer urged to work in coordination

ITANAGAR, April 17:

Amit Dhaka General Observer for Papumpare urged all the sectors Magistrates, Sector Police Officers and Presiding officers to work in coordination with each other for the successful conduct of the election while mentioning that the election preparations till now are proceeding smoothly.

The General Observer highlighted the important role of presiding officers during Poll day beginning from mock poll till the completion of the voting process.

The Deputy Commissioner Capital Itanagar Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta discussed movement plan of the polling team and also held a detailed discussion with the polling team to clear any kind of query or doubt.

SP Capital Rohit Rajbir Singh also highlighted the important role of all the officials associated with election and emphasised on their coordination.

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Himachal Diwas celebration at Arunachal Raj Bhavan



ITANAGAR, April 15:

In the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' and promoting the amity amongst the people from different parts of the nation, Himachal Diwas was celebrated at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 15th April 2024.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) and the First Lady of the State, Anagha Parnaik interacted with the people from the State of Himachal Pradesh, who are serving in Arunachal Pradesh in various departments and agencies.

The Governor said that celebrating State foundation day of other States facilitates in meeting and knowing the wellbeing of the people rendering their service in the State. He said that such initiatives promote goodwill amongst the people.

The Governor conveyed Himachal Diwas greetings and expressed gratitude to the Himachali community of the State for their contributions in the developmental progress of Arunachal Pradesh. He cited many similarities of both states, including bordering Tibet,

'Sanitary pads' as a return gift to the women voters

YUPIA, April 19:

In one of its kind initiative 'sanitary pads' were given as a return gift to all the women voters who casted their votes in all women managed polling stations namely 5-DFO Social Forestry building and 45-KV Building at NERIST under 13 -Itanagar (ST) Assembly Constituency on Friday, April 19.

Around 600 women voters benefitted from the initiative.

The beautifully packed packets with a printed note saying "Thank you

for your vote, Your vote is the gateway to women empowerment" was very well received by the voters.

The initiative is an effort of District Election Office Yupia in general and RO 13- Itanagar(ST) Assembly constituency Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta, in particular.

The poll day to simultaneous election 2024 under DEO Papumpare went peacefully without any untoward incident. Voters on poll day witnessed participation of first-time voters, women and senior citizens.

Central forces deployed to oversee elections: CEO

ITANAGAR, April 12:

While 70 companies of central forces, Special Armed Police battalions and IRBn are stationed in different districts of Arunachal Pradesh, 10 companies of central forces will arrive in the state by next week, and a total of 80 companies will be in position during the general elections in the state, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Pawan Kumar Sain informed in a release.

"The deployment of such a large number of security personnel is the highest ever in the Arunachal Pradesh. The core duties of the paramilitary personnel deployed for election duty is to instill a sense of confidence and security among peo-

ple to exercise their franchise freely, without any fear.

"The additional responsibilities of the armed forces include maintaining law and order, preventing poll violence, and guarding the electronic voting machines (EVM)," Sain said.

The 10 additional companies of Special Forces have been deployed by the Election Commission of India, in coordination with the home ministry, after assessing the ground reports related to the election process in the state, the release stated, adding that the special forces would "take stern action against those who intervene or interfere in the electoral process in the state."

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DA, Police carries out Flag March



YUPIA, April 15:

More than 100 men in uniform marched across the entire stretch of Doimukh Township to instill confidence in the electoral process and ensuring that the voters can exercise their franchise without fear or intimidation in the ensuing simultaneous elections.

The flag march led by DEO Papum Pare Jiken Bomjen and SP Papum Pare Taru Gusar was carried out

from Doimukh Police Station to RGU Tinali, Saturday market and then Sopovillage.

DEO Bomjen urged all the voters to turn out in large number without fear and exercise their adult franchise.

SP Taru Gusar while informing that all necessary security arrangement has been made to ensure a safe environment for voting, urged all the voters to maintain peace during the

election process.

"However, any individual trying to create law and order problems and disrupt the peaceful environment shall be dealt with iron-hands."

He further informed that there would be certain restrictions on vehicle movement on the Poll Day and appealed all to cooperate for the successful completion of the simultaneous election.

Simultaneous General Election of West Siang conducted peacefully

AALO, April 19:

The Simultaneous General Election both Parliamentary and 3(Three) Assembly Constituencies was conducted successfully and peacefully here in West Siang District on April 19.

Till 5pm the total voters turn out of West Siang was 59.98 percent. Male voters turn out was 56.71% and female voters turnout was 63.12%. Till 5pm no any poll related incident in West Siang was reported.

The contesting candidate of 27-Liromoba (ST) Assembly Constituency is Nyamar Karbak (BJP) and Pesi Jilen (NPP), 30-Aalo West (ST) Assembly Constituency is Topin Ete (BJP) and Nyamo Ete (NPP) and 31-Aalo East (ST) Assembly Constituency is Kento Jini (BJP) and Sjarjar Gamlin (PPA).

The total numbers of Polling station of West Siang is 106.

Mamu Hage, DEO cum RO 1-Arunachal West Parliamentary Constituency thanks all contesting candidates, publics of West Siang for their cooperation during the election period.

Wordly Wise

"Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment."-Buddha

Editorial

World Earth Day

World Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 all over the world. It began in the year 1970 as a day to demonstrate the importance and support of the environment for living beings. The day afterward has grown into the massive contribution of people to the preservation of nature. Over one million people every year take part in the activities of Earth Day.

People on Earth Day come together from every part of the world to raise awareness regarding the challenges faced by our planet. To solve such challenges, a list of campaigns is set up for activities such as planting trees and picking up roadside litter, and projects on conservation are implemented. To add value to the day, people also hold rallies and concerts to increase awareness and understanding of the environment and the science of climate change.

Earth Day is an important day that helps school students learn about issues related to the environment. Many schools organize programs and set up educational camps to highlight crucial topics like pollution, deforestation, loss of biodiversity, and changes in climatic conditions. The motive of these activities is to teach and inspire the students regarding the importance and protection of the environment. One such initiative is Earth School by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and TED-Ed to take children in natural settings for 30 days.

In India, on Earth Day, schools, colleges, and universities take the initiative to teach students about the problems of the environment, such as air pollution, trash management, water scarcity, and the loss of forests. The academic institutions also organize events such as poster-making, essay writing, quiz contests, and clean-up drives in the local areas. Some environmental organizations also organise public events for discussion regarding the challenges facing India's environment and its potential solutions.

The aim of celebrating Earth Day is to educate children as well as elders regarding the real-world problems that impact the planet. Hands-on activities such as practices to keep the park and road clean encourage the students to become citizens who are environmentally aware of the problems as well as of possible solutions. With the correct information and collective actions, we can solve our problems with the environment and build a cleaner and greener future.

In conclusion, Earth Day involves people as well as countries worldwide to protect our shared planet. According to data from the United Nations Environmental Programme, approximately 1.9 billion trees are planted every year, and countries are coming up with projects as well as implementations to improve the quality of the air, reduce erosion, and absorb carbon emissions. Earth Day comes every year to bear responsibility for the present as well as build a sustainable future for Mother Earth.



SERVICE LINE

HOSPITALS

General Hospitals, Naharlagun			
Casualty wing	: 0360-2246677	CMO	: 0360-2244293
Med.Supdt.	: 0360-2244156	Ambulance	: 0360-2244479
R.K.Mission Hospital, Itanagar			
	: 0360-2212263		
Heema Hospital, Itanagar			
	: 0360-2291094		
Nika Hospital, Pappu-Nallah Hospital in Guwahati			
	: 0361-2227701/2227702/2227703		
GNRC Hospital			
Down Town Hospital	: 0361-2336906/2336911		
GMC Hospital	: 0361-2528417/2529457		
International Hospital	: 0361-2347700/2347701		
B.Barooah Cancer Institute	: 0361-2472364		

POLICE STATION

Itanagar	: 0360-2212233	Naharlagun	: 0360-2244329
Nirjuli	: 0360-2257220	Doimukh	: 0360-2277220
Banderdewa	: 0360-2266236		

FIRE STATION

Itanagar	: 0360-2212640	Naharlagun	: 0360-2244399
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APST BUS SERVICE

Sl. No.	Name of Route	Type of Service	Service Days
1.	Itanagar-Shillong	Night Service	Daily Service
2.	Itanagar-Nyapin	Night Service	Mon /Thu/Sat
3.	Itanagar-Aalo	Night Service	Daily Service
4.	Itanagar-Daporjo	Night Service	Daily Service
5.	Itanagar-Yingkiong	Night Service	Alternate Day
6.	Itanagar-Seppa	Night Service	Daily Service
7.	Itanagar-Khonsa	Night Service	Sun/Mon/Wed/Thu
8.	Itanagar-Tezu	Night Service	Tuesday only
9.	Itanagar-Koloriang	Night Service	Daily Service
10.	Itanagar-Guwahati	Day Service	Daily Service
11.	Itanagar-Aalo	Day Service	Daily Service
12.	Itanagar-Pasighat	Day Service	Daily Service
13.	Itanagar-Tirbini	Day Service	Mon/Thu/Sat
14.	Itanagar-Bomdila	Day Service	Daily Service except Fri
15.	Itanagar-Palin	Day Service	Sun/Wed/Fri
16.	Itanagar-Sagalee	Day Service	Mon/Wed/Fri
17.	Itanagar-Ampoli	Day Service	Sun/Tue/Thu
18.	Itanagar-Mengio	Day Service	Sun/Tue/Thu
19.	Itanagar-Kimin	Day Service	Daily Service except Sat
20.	Itanagar-Gerukhamukh	Day Service	Daily Service except Fri
21.	Itanagar-Balijan	Day Service	Daily Service except Sun
22.	Itanagar-Tarasso	Day Service	Daily Service except Sat
23.	Itanagar-Sonajuli	Day Service	Daily Service except Sun
24.	Itanagar-Lilabari	Mail Service	Daily Service except Sun
25.	Itanagar- Jote	Day Service	Daily Service except Sun

HELICOPTER SERVICE

Arunachal Pradesh Helicopter Non-Schedule Flight Service Local Sector (Dauphin Pawan Hans) wef 01.10.2014				
DAY.	STATION	DEP.TIME	STATION	ARR.TIME
MONDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Pasighat	10:05
	Pasighat	10:30	Pangin	10:50
	Pangin	10:55	Mechuka/Monigong	11:45
	Mechuka/Monigong	11:50	Pangin	12:40
	Pangin	12:45	Pasighat	13:05
TUESDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:15	Khonsa	10:45
	Khonsa	10:50	Longding	11:10
	Longding	11:15	Khonsa	11:35
	Khonsa	11:40	Changlang	12:00
WEDNESDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:10	Pasighat	10:40
	Pasighat	10:45	Roing	11:05
	Roing	11:10	Anini	11:35
	Anini	11:45	Roing	12:15
THURSDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:00	Maio	10:40
	Maio	10:45	Vijaynagar	11:20
	Vijaynagar	11:25	Maio	12:00
	Maio	12:05	Mohanbari	12:45
FRIDAY	Naharlagun	09:00	Mohanbari	09:45
	Mohanbari	10:30	Namsai	11:05
	Namsai	11:10	Tezu	11:30
	Tezu	11:35	Hayuliang	12:10
	Hayuliang	12:15	Tezu	12:50
SATURDAY	Namsai	12:55	Namsai	13:15
	Namsai	13:20	Mohanbari	13:55
	Mohanbari	14:20	Naharlagun	15:05
OFF DAY				
SUNDAY				

Postal ballot voting underway



West Siang Police conducts flag march at Aalo

AALO, April 13:

The West Siang district police, along with IRBn, APPBn and ITBP personnel, took out a flag march here on Saturday, April 13 to ensure safety and instill confidence ahead of the simultaneous elections.

The flag march was taken out through the main thoroughfare in the township, from Gumin Kinn to Yomgo Automobile.

Prior to the flag march, police observer Rahul Kakati briefed the police officers and personnel on their roles and responsibilities in ensuring free and fair elections.

He urged them to be vigilant and maintain neutrality during the election. Kakati said that "it is the duty of the police personnel to take care of the EVMs till counting of the votes," adding that "the police personnel should not be involved in political activities."

West Siang SP Abhimanyu

Poswal, who led the flag march, urged the police personnel to be dutiful and maintain vigilance during the election. He said that "every voter should be checked carefully before entering into the polling booth."

The SP appealed to all the contesting candidates and the public to "cooperate for peaceful, free and fair elections."

Meanwhile, casting votes through postal ballot for the officials engaged in election duties in the district started on 12 April at the government middle school here, and will continue till 14 April. Thousands cast their votes on the second day on Saturday.

The postal ballot voting is being monitored by West Siang DEO Mamu Hage, and the ROs and AROs of Liromoba, Aalo West and Aalo East constituencies.

No poll-related violence has so far been reported from anywhere in the district.

YUPIA, April 11:

Voting process under DEO Papum Pare started from Thursday, April 11 with the casting of votes through Postal Ballot and home voting

To ensure accessibility and convenience for all citizens to participate in the democratic process, home voting is being introduced in the state of Arunachal Pradesh for the first time.

A total of 13 voters under 1-Arunachal Pradesh west parliamentary constituency segments viz. 13 - Itanagar(ST) Assembly segment(13 voters), 14- Doimukh(ST) Assembly segment (10 voters) and 15- Sagalee (ST) Assembly Segment(1 voter), who are above 85 years and who

had opted for home voting in the category of Absentee voters senior citizen (AVSC) and Absentee voter PWD (AVPD) voters casted their vote today through the home voting process.

It is worth mentioning here that a dedicated team of polling officials travelled to Silsango under 15 Sagalee and Tarasso under 14 Doimukh to facilitate home voting for one PWD elector each.

The postal voting for the 5526 government employees from other districts, who are posted in Papum Pare and engaged in election duty, commenced from the Golden Jubilee outdoor stadium, Yupia. The postal voting will be held till 5.00 pm of 14th April.

RGU conducts workshop on visual ethnography

RONO HILLS, April 12:

A photography workshop titled 'Photography in visual ethnography' was organised by the anthropology department of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here on Friday, April 12.

The workshop drew a mix of students, research scholars and photography enthusiasts from different disciplines, such as anthropology, sociology, mass communication, history, music & fine arts, tribal studies, forensic sciences, etc, under the guidance of Tirtha Dasgupta, who is the founder director of New Delhi-based School of Fototechnik.

Dasgupta's works have been exhibited in international salons in over 35 countries and he has won more than 1,000 acceptances and awards. He has also received the prestigious Sahitya Kala Parishad Award in 1989 and 1992.

During the workshop, the participants explored diverse genres of photography, including land-

scape, portrait, and street photography. "Guided by the resource person, each session provided invaluable insights and practical tips, empowering the attendees to capture the essence of their surroundings with finesse and flair," the university informed in a release.

The workshop featured two sessions. In the first session, the participants learned about the application of photography in social sciences and the basics of camera, lenses, exposure and lighting. The second session featured practical demonstrations for shooting small scientific samples and handling daylight and shooting outdoors.

Later, certificates were distributed to the participants.

Anthropology Department HoD (i/c) Dr Dibyajyoti Das, Social Sciences Dean Dr Radhe Amung, Prof Sarit K Chaudhuri, and anthropology department teaching assistant Millo Pubyang were among those who attended the workshop.

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Central forces deployed to oversee...

The deployment of central forces would help in preventing post-poll violence, booth capturing, damaging of EVMs, and eventually help in eradicating the re-poll culture in the state, it added.

The release further stated that, besides the deployment of the armed forces, webcasting of polling stations will be in place. "Apart from all these, micro-observers have been appointed against the critical polling stations, who would be reporting to the general observers," it added.

On the poll day, the CAPF will be assigned duties of guarding the polling stations, poll materials, poll personnel and the poll process.

"The CAPF may be deployed in any of the following manners: (i) Static guarding of chosen polling stations solely and exclusively by CAPF; (ii) Static guarding of polling stations as part of a mixed (composite) team with local state forces;

(iii) Patrolling duty on assigned routes (election sectors) covering a fixed cluster of polling stations; (iv) Patrolling duty as 'flying squads' in a defined area with surprise element; (v) Escorting duty of polled EVMs with polling personnel back to the receipt centre/strongroom after polls are over; (vi) Any other work that is necessitated to ensure the purity and fidelity of the election process," the release informed.

DEO emphasizes on utmost transparency, fairness...

Meanwhile, according to ECI guidelines, phase wise trainings were imparted to all officials including magistrates and police personnel (entrusted to election duties). Process of commissioning of EVMs and SVEEP campaign were also completed and webcasting arrangement was made in the district. So far 868 persons applied for Postal Ballot, informed the DEO.

Expenditure Observer and General Observer assigned by the ECI are stationed at Pasighat and closely monitoring all development. Situation is absolutely under control and no untoward incident has been reported so far.

The district is fully set to host the voting process on April-19 without favour and fear, asserted the DEO. He also informed that all committees and teams constituted for smooth conduct of the ensuing elections are working sincerely and the respective nodal officers are reporting him on daily basis. The FST and SST teams along with police have seized 36,24,400/- cash and IMFL worth 7,10,556/- during Naka and surprise checking till filing of this report. According to election office source, a total of 48,946 eligible voters are set to determine the fate of three MLAs and one MP seats in the district.

General Observer urged to work...

The meeting was held today at the Auditorium of the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly to discuss the movement plan of the Polling teams and to take a final review of the arrangement for the conduct of election under 13- Itanagar Assembly segment.

Among others, SP Naharlagun Mihin Gambo, Angad Mehta ASP and SDO cum ARO Datum Gadi attended the meeting.

HELICOPTER SERVICE

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MONDAY	Naharlagun	10:45	Anini	11:40
	Mohanbari	11:10	Dambuk	12:00
	Pasighat	11:45	Roing	12:20
	Roing	12:05	Pasighat	12:40
	Anini	12:25	Mohanbari	13:30
TUESDAY	Naharlagun	10:45	Anini	11:40
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SUNDAY OFF/MAINTANANCE
NB:- Condition apply (VIP movement/ bad weather/patient evacuation/ technical snag/passengers availability and emergency etc)

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	Guwahati	12:00	Guwahati	15:15
	Tawang/Lumla	13:55	Naharlagun	15:15
	Naharlagun	13:55	Guwahati	15:15
	Guwahati	15:15	Naharlagun	15:15
TUESDAY	Naharlagun	10:05	Tawang/Lumla	13:10
	Guwahati	12:00	Guwahati	15:15
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	Naharlagun	13:55	Guwahati	15:15
	Guwahati	15:15	Naharlagun	15:15
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	Guwahati	12:00	Guwahati	15:15
	Tawang/Lumla	13:55	Naharlagun	15:15
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Security tightened to ensure free & fair elections: SP

PASIGHAT, April 16:

Tight security arrangements have been made in East Siang for the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, scheduled to be held on April 19 next. To prevent any illegal activities in the elections, security forces were deployed for traffic movement and search operation in various parts of all three constituencies including the border areas of East Siang district.

East Siang Superintendent of Police (SP) Dr. Sachin Kumar Singhal said that with elections approaching, the defense forces under his supervision are on their toes to counter the law and order besides traffic issues which are likely to crop up due to the heavy rush of people pouring in the city. The

cops have a herculean task of ahead of them even as a slew of measures have been launched to prevent any untoward incident during the upcoming polling process.

The SP threw light on measures undertaken to ensure incident-free and fair polling for the upcoming Assembly and Lok Sabha elections. Prior to elections, defense forces are fully prepared to ensure safety and instill confidence ahead of the simultaneous elections in the district. He further added that police officers and defense personnel were briefed on their roles and responsibilities in ensuring free and fair elections.

MCC will be implemented in true spirit and the cops on duty will provide assistance to the eligible vot-

ers to exercise their rights on the polling day, assured SP Singhal. He also said that along with Naka checking at various places across the district, a vigilant watch is being kept on the border areas.

After 5 pm on April 17 onwards, there will be a complete ban on election campaigning and strict action will be taken against those who violate it. He once again asserted that forces deployed will be dutiful, vigilant and maintain neutrality during the entire election process.

Before concluding his media briefing, Singhal sought cooperation from the political leaders/workers and common public as a whole for peaceful, free and fair elections.

Villagers of Bodak sensitizes various schemes of Small Savings

PASIGHAT, April 12:

Organized by the Office of Small Savings, East Siang District Pasighat, an awareness campaign on rural savings was organized on Friday, April 12 at interior Bodak village, few kilometers off the headquarters Pasighat, under East Siang district.

Field Publicity Officer Okep

Megu speaking on the occasion apprised the villagers regarding various schemes of small savings and the advantages of becoming a rural savings agent.

The village president who is also a senior citizen Tanggom Tayeng while appreciating the organizers said that more such awareness

campaigns should be organized to educate the villagers on small savings.

Treasury Officer cum Ex officio District Small Savings Officer Tigul Megu, President and Secretary of the Bodak village, SHGs and other villager members as a whole joined the campaign.

Meeting held to discuss poll preparedness

BOMDILA, April 13:

A meeting was convened by General Observer, Sajjan R on Saturday, April 13 at the Circuit House to addressed the installation of CCTV cameras in vulnerable polling stations, vehicle inspections by FST & SST teams, and checking of driving licenses to prevent misuse of vehicles. Other concerns raised encompassed voter registra-

tion issues, including names missing from the electoral roll, deceased or relocated voters still listed, and instances of multiple EPIC cards.

Vigilance around contesting candidates' residences near polling stations was emphasized to deter mass gatherings was also discussed in the meeting.

General Observer highlighting

the collaborative efforts of the district and police administrations towards ensuring a fair electoral process, urging parties to support these efforts and refrain from spreading unfounded rumours in the meeting.

Expenditure Observer, Tarun Khushwaha, and election agents from various political parties were also present in the meeting.

DEO briefs SMs on their responsibilities

LIKABALI, April 13:

Lower Siang District Election Officer (DEO) Rujjum Rakshap on Saturday, April 13 briefed the sector magistrates (SM) appointed for conducting elections in the district on their roles and responsibilities to ensure free, fair and peaceful polling in the district.

"Be ready by today, rather than waiting for the D-Day to manage poll-related works," the DEO said during a coordination meeting with the SMs here.

The DEO asked the SMs to collect as much information as they could of the polling stations falling under their respective juris-

dictions, "and coordinate with the polling teams, BLOs, local administrative officers and HGBs/GBs of the villages for developing a better working environment."

He also asked the SMs to remain in touch with the ECIL engineers and the master trainers "as a precautionary measure to avert any kind of technical complications of EVM/VVPAT that might crop up during the polling day."

He said that efforts have been made to appoint younger officers as SMs for the polling stations having no proper connectivity. "Yet, due to shortage of officers, placement of sector mag-

istrates has been done randomly," he said.

The DEO asked them to discharge their duties efficiently "and carry out compulsory recce of the allotted areas and file reports to the DEO."

He instructed the PWD, RWD, PHED, power department, etc, "to carry out immediate maintenance of roads, water and electricity supplies for convenience of conducting the elections."

Later, all the SMs participated in a hands-on training in handling EVMs/VVPATs, in order to be well-trained to support and guide the presiding officers.

DC inspects School concern over deteriorating school infrastructure

DAPORIJO, April 13:

Upper Subansiri DC Talo Potom inspected the Govt Rijo Secondary School here and expressed concern over the deteriorating state of the school buildings and classrooms.

Potom directed DDSE Pokpe Rime, who accompanied him, to take immediate steps to "either renovate

or reconstruct the damaged school buildings and classrooms without delay."

Emphasising the importance of providing an environment that is conducive to teaching and learning, the DC

stressed the urgency of addressing the infrastructural shortcomings in the school.

He said that the district administration would closely monitor the progress of the renovation or reconstruction efforts.

The DDSE affirmed his commitment to prioritising the matter of repairing the dilapidated school infrastructure.

Polling officials flagged off

LIKABALI, April 18:

Polling teams for the remaining 67 polling stations in the Nari Koyu and Likabali assembly constituencies in Lower Siang district proceeded to their respective polling stations on Thursday, April 18.

The polling teams were flagged off from the DEO office premises here

by general observer Supreet Singh Gulati and deputy commissioner-cum-district election officer Rujjum Rakshap, in the presence of Superintendent of police Gothombu Dajiangju, returning officers Mokar Riba, Ainstein Koyu and others.

The general observer, the DC-cum-DEO, SP and ROs advised them

to perform their assigned duties as per the established practice and procedure of the EC.

The polling teams for the two remotely located polling stations, Hipo in Nari Koyu and Dibe in Likabali assembly constituencies, have already left for their respective polling stations on Wednesday.

Election Training concludes

ITANAGAR, April 15:

The fifth and final training for all the presiding officers and polling functionaries of West Siang district concluded at headquarters Aalo on Monday, April 15.

With this, the district is all set for the simultaneous elections to be held on 19 April. The training was imparted by nodal officer Jumdo Jini and his team.

Meanwhile, District Magistrate (DM) Mamu Hage has enforced Section 144 CrPC from Monday, April 15 till the completion of the election process, banning gathering of more than four persons from 8 pm to 6 am in the entire district. The

DM has also banned carrying of lethal weapons, such as daos, arms, airguns, etc, during the period.

In Lower Siang district, the fourth and final phase of the training programme for polling and presiding officers for the simultaneous elections commenced in Likabali on Sunday, April 14.

The training sessions are being held in three batches, with the last batch ending on 16 April.

Training coordinator and EAC (Election) Janes Mary Tayeng, while presenting an overview of the course contents, asked the trainees to abide by the guidelines of the Election Commission of India

"and not vitiate the standing orders and practices."

ADC-cum-Returning Officer for Likabali assembly constituency Mokar Riba and the ADC-cum-Returning Officer for Nari-Koyu assembly constituency Ainstein Koyu advised the trainees to master the responsibilities they have been entrusted with.

Master trainers Tumkar Ete, Igo Tao and Dakken Riba handled the hands-on training session on EVMs and VVPATs.

Earlier, addressing the trainees, DEO Rujjum Rakshap expressed hope that the training would clear all their doubts.

SP Singhal exhorts armed forces to be professional

PASIGHAT, April 18:

East Siang SP Sachin Kumar Singhal exhorted the armed forces deployed for the simultaneous elections in the district to discharge duty with highest degree of professionalism and dedication.

"Be professional and let us feel proud to be a valuable part of the simultaneous elections," the SP said addressing the security forces here on Thursday.

Singhal informed that after assessing the ground reports, additional forces from CRPF, BSF and NDRF have been deployed in the district along with the state police



and the IRBn.

Singhal stated that the security personnel on duty shall be primarily responsible for protecting the polling stations and regulating the entry inside the polling stations.

"They must ensure that reasonable distances are maintained around the polling booths by the general public, leaders or their workers on the polling day," he added.

Upper Siang all set to conduct simultaneous elections

YINGKIONG, April 18:

Upper Siang district is all set for smooth conduct of simultaneous elections with completion of dispatching polling personnel for 57 polling stations (P-1) along with EVMs, VVPATs and polling materials for both Tuting- Yingkiong and Geku Mariyang assembly constituencies suc-

cessfully on Thursday, April 18.

Altogether 345 polling personnel and 69 polling attendants along with sector magistrates and police personnel have been deployed to manage 69 polling stations including two polling stations at Haleng and Bomi which will be all-women manned polling stations.

3 youth polling booths at Peki Modi, Mayung and Bishing will be managed by youths.

DEO Hage Lailang extended his best wishes to all polling officers and their teams for smooth and successful conduct of election on polling day.

Papum Pare all set for Poll Day

YUPIA, April 15:

As the countdown to the simultaneous elections 2024 begins, General Observer Amit Dhaka reviewed the election management on Monday, April 15 here at the DC Conference Hall.

"The last 72 hrs prior to poll day, which includes the last day of campaign period, non-campaign period (last 48 hours) and poll period are very critical in election management," the GO observed and urged the Nodal Officers to be alert and be aware of the multifarious activities and the directives issued by the Commission.

The Nodal Officers Transport, EVM, Law and Order and Webcasting attended the meeting along with RO- 13 Itanagar Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta, RO- 14 Sagalee Higio Yame and SPs of Yupia, Itanagar and Naharlagun.

Later, briefing about the poll preparedness in the district, DEO Papum Pare Shri Jiken Bomjen while highlighting the poll activities informed that the

time for the start of Poll has been set for 7.00 am of 19th April and closing at 5pm of 19th April 2024.

"150 polling stations which include 72 nos under 13- Itanagar Assembly Segment, 42 under 14 Doimukh Assembly Constituency and 36 under 15 Sagalee Assembly Segment will go on polls on 19th April. All manpower and force deployment and logistic arrangements have been made in these polling stations."

"Polling stations 5- DFO Social Forestry office building and 45-KV school building NERIST have been earmarked as all women managed polling stations and 16-NEEPCO has been earmarked as a model polling station", he further informed.

Urging all the voters to turn up on 19th to cast their votes he further informed that " Besides the EPIC card the list of documents required as valid proof of identity during voting day will also include AADHAAR card, PAN

Card, Unique Disability ID(UDID) Card, Service ID Card, Passbook with photo by Bank/Post Office, Health Insurance Smart Card(M/o Labour), Driving License(DL), Passport, Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR, Pension document, Official ID card issued to MPs/ MLAs/MLCs/, and MNREGA card."

He further requested the citizens are to follow ethical voting, be an informed voter and avoid corrupt practices like money culture.

"Efforts have been made by the District Election Office to create awareness on EVM/VVPAT through Digital outreach programme using SVEEP Van in the various locations of Papum Pare including Capital region. A helpdesk has been set up at DEO Office, Yupia to address to doubts on polling day activities and provide hands on training on EVM/VVPAT and trainings have been organized to create awareness about C-Vigil app, NGS portal, Voter helpline app etc," the DEO further informed.

Polling teams dispatched in various districts

ITANAGAR, April 17:

In Yupia, the polling teams for polling stations Habia under Sangdupota circle, 14 Doimukh AC and Kullung under Mengio circle, 15 Sagalee AC were given a warm send off by the DEO Papum Pare Shri Jiken Bomjen in the presence of RO 15 Sagalee Smt. Higio Yame from the Golden Jubilee Outdoor Stadium Yupia here on Wednesday, April 18.

DEO Bomjen wished all the officials for a successful poll and asked them to ensure all the documentations are correctly entered.

Rest of the officials will leave for their respective polling stations tomorrow.

A total of 1,03,989 voters including 51,623 male and 52,366 females will cast their votes in 150 polling stations across Papum Pare on the 19th April.

DEO Bomjen has appealed to all the denizens of Papum Pare to visit their polling stations and exercise their adult franchise.

In Daporijo, Officials engaged on election duty for P-2 polling stations of different location of district departure alongwith EVMs and other polling materials on April 17 informed by DEO Talo Potom. Other remaining P-1 of all the polling teams will move on April 18 he added.

In Yingkiong, the District Election Office, Yingkiong dispatched its first batch of Polling parties and Sector Officers of 3 (three) Polling Stations at Peki Modi, Mossing and Palling (P-2) on 17th April 2024 owing to remoteness of these polling booths and inclement weather.

As per guidelines of ECI Nodal Officer EVM management Beru Dulom alongwith staffs handed over

EVMs, VVPATs and polling materials to polling officials at dispersal center from strong room located at Tourist lodge near DC Office Yingkiong after proper checking by engineers in the presence of ERO (Elin), Election agents of contesting candidates of various political parties and security personnel.

Altogether, 69 Polling Stations have been set up across the district for smooth conduct of polls i.e., 42 at 34- Tuting Yingkiong AC and 27 at 40-Geku Mariyang AC respectively. District has total of 25,381 eligible voters which include 12,755 males and 12,626 Female voters.

Meanwhile, Polling parties and Sector Officer for Youth Polling booth at Peki Modi reported that after arduous long hours of foot march despite incessant rain the team reached the Pekimodi safely.

Police, CRPF and BSF conduct flag march in Pasighat ahead of elections

Section 144 CrPC clamped in East Siang

PASIGHAT, April 17:

As part of the confidence-building measures among voters, the defense personnel including state police, CRPF and BSF personnel had conducted a flag march under supervision of the East Siang SP Dr. SK Singhal, started from the Pasighat Police Station passing through the main town area and was culminated near the IGJ Hr. Sec School ground here on Wednesday, April 17 evening, ahead of the simultaneous Assembly and Lok-Sabha elections slated to be held on April-19.

Led by the DEO Tayi Taggu

and SP Dr. SK Singhal, the flag march was also participated by the ASP Pan-kaj Lamba, DySP, OC and senior police officials.

Addressing the security forces on the occasion, DEO Taggu said that all necessary arrangements have been made to ensure a safe environment for voting, however, any individual trying to create law and order problems or disrupt the peaceful environment should be dealt with iron hands.

The flag march was conducted to instill confidence in the electoral process and ensuring that the voters

could exercise their adult franchise without fear or intimidation, added Taggu.

Meanwhile, Taggu who is also District Magistrate has clamped Section 144 CrPC within the jurisdiction of East Siang district, prohibiting assembly of more than five persons in a group from 7 pm to 6 am from 17 to 21 April.

The order bans carrying of knives, daos, any lethal weapon, firearms, arrow, bow, catapults, explosive materials, etc, within the territorial jurisdiction of the district till the completion of the election process.

DC appeals to citizens to vote

ITANAGAR, April 17:

Itanagar Capital Region (ICR) DC Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta has appealed to the citizens of the ICR to "participate in the largest festival of democracy on 19 April."

Mehta, who is also the ARO of the Arunachal West parliamentary constituency, appealed to all eligible voters to turn up in large numbers to exercise their adult franchise for the Lok Sabha elections.

Besides EPIC, documents that can be used as proof of identity

at polling stations include Aadhaar card, PAN card, unique disability ID card, service identity card, passbook issued by bank/post office with photo, health insurance smart card issued under the scheme of the labour ministry, driving licence, passport, smart card issued by the RGI under the NPR, pension document, official identity card issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs, and MNREGA job card, she said.

The DC has further appealed to the citizens to cooperate with the officials engaged in election duty, and

to refrain from accepting bribery in exchange of vote, and "impersonation or obstruction of any kind to the polling team in performing election duties."

Stating that no mobile phones will be allowed within a 100-metre radius of the polling stations on the poll day, she advised the people to not bring with them their mobile phones when they come for voting.

The ICR administration has declared 17, 18 and 19 April, and 2 and 4 June as dry days.

Longte festival celebrated



ITANAGAR, APR 15:

The Nyishi community of the state celebrated Longte festival on Monday, April 15.

In the Itanagar Capital Region, the celebration took place at the Nyikum Niya ground in Nirjuli, and at the Nyokum Lapang ground here. The Longte flag was hoisted by Itanagar Municipal Corporation Executive Engineer Yumlam Take, in the presence of a mammoth gathering.

Addressing the gathering, Nyishi Festival Council (NFC) secretary Amith Bengia said that "Longte is the lone unique bloodless festival among

all festivals celebrated by numerous Abotani tribes of Arunachal Pradesh."

Highlighting the aims and objectives of the festival, the NFC secretary said that "the main philosophy behind the celebration is to place a barricade between the domains of evil spirits and human beings."

This year's Longte celebration was partially affected by the upcoming simultaneous Lok Sabha and assembly elections. However, people still turned out in good numbers to participate on the ceremonial day at the Nyokum Lapang ground here and the Nyikum Niya ground in Nirjuli.

The NFC secretary appealed to all the participants to "maintain the true spirit of Longte festival by maintaining peace and tranquillity during the ongoing festival of democracy."

He also appealed to one and all to come out and exercise their adult franchise "to elect the best and competent leader(s) to strengthen our democratic process."

Traditional games and sports, food stalls' exhibition and the cultural extravaganza will be held from 24 to 28 April as part of post-Longte celebration, celebration committee chairman Chera Siro informed.

Former Apatani director Koj Tajang passes away

ZIRO, April 13:

Former director and renowned Apatani octogenarian Koj Tajang Anthony passed away after a prolonged age-related illness yesterday and his last rites were carried out at his native village Dutta on Saturday, April 13.

A large number of well-wishers and relatives paid their last respects and offered condolences during the funeral.

Tajang had been a thorough gentleman, honest and upright first-generation officer from Apatani community. He was one of the visionary pioneers who always stood for the cause of the society from his youth days as a student leader.

Born on 9th April 1958 in Dutta village, Tajang started his schooling from the then Govt. Middle School Hija, passed Pre-University course from JN College Pasighat in 1976 and graduated from St. Anthony College Shillong with Economics Honours in 1978.

As founding General Secretary of Dutta Students Union, Tajang was among the pioneers who played a key role in the establishment of Dutta village school in the early seventies. He was recognised and felicitated dur-

ing the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Govt. Dutta School in February 2024 for his significant contributions to Apatani society.



Tajang also became the General Secretary of then Govt. Higher Secondary School Ziro during the undivided Subansiri District in 1972-73. During his tenure, he successfully led the remarkable movement against the discriminatory policy of granting hostel stipends to students based on illogical distances of villages from the school.

Koj Tajang also got the opportunity to attend the All India Youth Fo-

rum in New Delhi in the early 1970's. Inspired by this event, he became the founding General Secretary of the Apatani Youth Association (AYA) in 1974. Tajang is well known for his contribution towards modernisation of Apatani society as the first AYA General Secretary. He successfully led revolutionary campaigns and reforms including ban of child marriage and orthodox customs of defacing the faces with tattoos and nose plugs by Apatani men and women. Tajang also initiated the widening of village roads and generated awareness campaigns on hygiene and sanitation through social services in the villages of Apatani plateau.

After completing his higher studies, Tajang joined Govt. service as a Statistical Officer in 1978. He served the State Govt. in various capacities for about 38 years with a distinguished service career record. He retired as the Director of Economics and Statistics Department in 2016.

Post-retirement, Tajang devoted his time to family and farming related activities. Though he left for his heavenly abode, Koj Tajang will always be remembered by his family, friends, and well-wishers.

Delegates from Arunachal visit Gujarat under Yuva Sangam programme



RONO HILLS, April 16:

A 47-member delegation from Arunachal Pradesh toured various places in Gujarat from 8 to 12 April as part of the Yuva Sangam-Phase IV – an initiative of the government of India to strengthen people-to-people contact between youths belonging to different states and UTs.

The tour was aimed at exposing the youths of Arunachal to the growth, development, tourism potential and cultural richness of Gujarat.

They visited Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology (SVNIT) in Surat and its important units; the Hari Krishna Exports Pvt Ltd, which is known for its diamond polishing and exports from Surat to overseas; the Dumas beach and the Surat Fort, the Amul Dairy plant in Anand, Dandi Kutir, the Space Applications Centre in Ahmedabad (a lead centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation), the river front and Atal Bridge in Ahmedabad, and the Statue

of Unity in Kedavi village in Ekta Nagar.

They also visited many textile units, food plazas, and temples such as Akshardham temple and Neelkanth Dham Narmada temple in Poicha.

On the return journey, the team visited the India Gate in New Delhi and experienced a metro train ride.

During the valedictory ceremony, SVNIT Students Welfare Dean Dr Sanjay R Patel said that "more such initiative is needed to bring diverse people of the country together, and to stand together in unity."

SVNIT Registrar Dr Pramod Mathur expressed appreciation for the efforts of different ministries of the government "for executing such initiatives of bringing youths of different cultures together and for choosing SVNIT Surat to be paired with RGU in Arunachal Pradesh."

RGU Joint Registrar Dr David Pertin, who escorted the team, expressed appreciation for the SVNIT

and the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, for hosting the team.

The participants and the escorts from Arunachal were presented with appreciation certificates by the students welfare dean and the registrar of the institute.

"The valedictory ceremony was a vibrant celebration of cultural exchange, with delegates from Arunachal Pradesh treating their hosts to a mesmerising folk dance, a diversity walk showcasing the rich tapestry of Arunachal's rich culture through their attires, and also the state song 'Hamarara Arunachal,' Dr Pertin said.

The Garba dance to the tune of 'SanedoSanedo Lal Sanedo' by young Gujarati artists mesmerised the Arunachali delegates.

Earlier, on 8 April, the team was welcomed by the SVNIT fraternity, led by its Director Prof Anupam Shukla.

The team had been flagged off by RGU Vice Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha on 5 April.

General Observer Routay takes stock of MCMC activities



PASIGHAT, April 16:

After attending the fourth and final randomization process, held at the DC's conference hall, the Election General Observer, Dilip Routay on Tuesday, April 16 visited the Media Cell constituted by the East Siang DEO. The GO Routay while interacting with the MCMC member this morning reiter-

ated that it is mandatory for all to take prior approval from the MCMC for posting poll-related advertisement in print media, electronic or on the social media platforms.

Stating that the MCMC plays a crucial role in electoral process, Routay further said the MCMC committee must keeping a close watch on

the election-related posts being put up on all the platforms. The committee assigned by the DEO is responsible for keeping check on the poll-related activities and monitoring print as well as electronic media during the electoral process aiming to prevent paid & fake news/information from getting played/published.

The candidates from all political parties and independent candidates are broadcasting election-related advertisements through electronic media including TV channels, radio, print, social media and other audio-visual media outlets are covered by the MCMC and therefore must be pre-certified by MCMC.

Any paid news published in any media comes to the notice of the committee, will have to be informed to the candidate(s) and also the expenditure of the paid news shall be added to the poll expenses of the candidate(s), the GO added. He commended the hard work of the East Siang Media Cell for necessary and wide publicity (related to upcoming elections).

Itanagar Assembly Constituency polling team send off

ITANAGAR, April 18:

The polling teams for polling stations under 13- Itanagar Assembly Constituency were given a warm send off by RO 13- Itanagar AC Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta from the Golden Jubilee Outdoor Stadium Yupiaon April 18 in the presence of ARO Datum and others.

RO Nagarkoti wished all the officials for a successful poll and asked them to ensure that all the procedures are properly followed and the docu-



mentations are correctly entered. She has also appealed the eligible citizens

of Capital itanagar to cast their valuable votes.

RGU conducts lecture series

RONO HILLS, April 15:

The Centre for Development Studies (CDS) of the economics department of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) heretofore organised three special lectures recently as part of its lecture series.

"The 16th special lecture of CDS was delivered by former director of Mumbai (Maharashtra)-based Indira Gandhi Institute for Research & Development, Prof S Mahendra Dev on the topic 'Regional dimensions: Growth, inclusion and sustainability,'" the university informed in a release.

Prof Dev "highlighted that there has been increase in regional disparity, as indicated by the divergence in per capita income across the states. However, he said that there is convergence in indicators of human development across the states of India," the release stated, adding that "he showed that important determinants of growth are investment in social and physical infrastructure, human capital, capital expenditure, financial inclusion, and credit deposit ratio."

The release further quoted Prof Dev as saying that "the challenges of inclusive development are low capital formation in agriculture, incidence of malnourishment, and increase in inequality, and there is a need to expand productive employment, structural transformation, improvement in women work participation and employment condition, promotion of skills, and train-

ing to improve employability of youth employment and promote MSMEs."

"Prof Dev stated that reducing interpersonal and regional inequality are the key to achieve the status of a developed nation by 2047, and the states have to play an important role as they control 60 percent of the total government expenditure," the release quoted him as saying.

It said that the 17th lecture was delivered by New Delhi-based Institute for Human Development Director Prof Alakh N Sharma on 'Growth and employment in India'.

"He presented the employment situation in India and stated that, as per India Employment Report-2024, youth unemployment rate in India is 21 percent, which is very high. However, the overall unemployment rate in the country is only 4 percent," the release said. "He viewed that the high youth unemployment rate indicates that the country has not been able to capture the benefit of demographic dividend. High youth unemployment is due to lack of decent employment opportunity, as well as due to employability problem," the release quoted him as saying.

It further said that the professor "argued that it is a matter of serious concern for the country and hence called for policy intervention to generate employment opportunities for the educated youth, as well and promote education and skills.

"He also highlighted the deterioration in employment conditions in some states of India and called for remedial measures," it added.

The 18th lecture was delivered by former director of Delhi University's School of Economics Prof Pulin B Nayak on 'A brief review of thoughts, it said.

"In his lecture, he highlighted the progress of economic thoughts since the time of Adam Smith. He mentioned that economic ideas of Smith were highly remarkable and relevant. He pointed out that his idea on division of labour and its impact on labour productivity was a huge contribution to the economic thought.

"Prof Nayak stated that Ricardo also made a significant contribution. The theory of comparative cost advantage on trade was the masterpiece contribution of Ricardo and is highly relevant even today," it said, adding that the professor also "highlighted the contributions of Robert Malthus, Karl Marx and Keynes, as well as of Indians like Mahatma Gandhi, Dadabhai Naoroji, and Amartya Sen to economic thoughts."

RGU Economics HoD Prof SK Nayak and CDS coordinator Prof Vandana Upadhyay also spoke, it said, adding that the lectures were attended by PG students, scholars and faculty members of the university's economics and other departments.

PASIGHAT, April 19:

Long queues were seen outside all the booths since Friday, April 19 morning as polling was underway for three assembly seats and one Lok Sabha seat in the district.

Polling station under three assembly constituencies i.e. Pasighat East, Pasighat West and Mebo in which 48,946 voters are eligible to vote.

Altogether, there are 78 polling stations in the district out of which 18

are critical and 33 are vulnerable in nature. One Pink and one Youth Polling Stations were set up for every constituency by the election department.

East Siang DC cum DEO Tayi Taggu visited many critical and vulnerable polling stations and observed that people were coming out in a large number. People's spontaneous participation will strengthen democracy, opined the DEO.

He also informed that the day

DEO held Press Briefing on Election Preparedness and SOPs

TEZU, April 16:

Shashvat Saurabh, DC District Election Officer Lohit on Tuesday, April 16 briefed all the Sector Magistrate, Presiding officers, Polling officers regarding the various election related preparation, with special focus on dos and don'ts of the polling team. He presented the ideal scenario and approach that should be followed by the polling team; a mock drill was also conducted in this regard.

Also, a briefing of political parties was done by the DEO Shashvat Saurabh with regards to the SOPs that has to be followed in the next 72 hours and during the polling day. He cautioned anyone from violating the SOPs. Then he had a review meeting with FST/SST teams and also discussed the movement plan of the polling team.

Lastly, he gave a press briefing on the various aspects of election related preparation, general



rules, regulations and the SOPs. He

appealed to all the citizens, Political Parties and stakeholders of Lohit to maintain peace, harmony and mutual respect during the process election, he also appealed to each and every electorate to come out

and vote.

The meeting was attended by the Sr. SP Tumme Amo, IPS, ADC Kunal Yadav, IAS, Asst. Commissioner, Kamaleswar Rao, IAS and all the other officials engaged in election duties.