

IED detected in Assam, 10 pc turnout till 9 am

Agency Guwahati, April 11,

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security forces have rushed to the spot, a police officer said. There are reports of EVM glitches in a few booths under Lakhimpur and Kaliabor constituencies, delaying the beginning of polls, an official said, adding, district election offices are looking into the matter. Voters, majority being women, queued up since early morning even before polling began at 7 am, and a general atmosphere of enthusiasm is prevailing in most of the booths of Tezpur, Kaliabor, Jorhat, Dibrugarh and Lakhimpur. Security has been tightened in all the 9,574 polling booths and there are no reports of any untoward incident from anywhere so far, police said. Prominent personalities to

exercise their franchise in the early hours were former chief minister Tarun Gogoi, accompanied by his wife Dolly and son Gaurav Gogoi, who is the sitting MP and Congress candidate from Kaliabor constituency. The trio exercised their franchise at Devicharan Girls' High School at Jorhat. Lakhimpur Congress candidate Anil Borgohain was among the first to cast his vote at an all-woman polling booth, while his BJP rival and sitting MP Pradan Barua exercised his franchise at Dhemaji. Polling in Assam will take place in three phases on April 11, 18 and 23, while the counting of votes will be on May 23.

An EVM That 'Votes' Only For BJP Stun Locals In Tezpur!

Courtesy TNT (Amal Nath) Tezpur, April 11,

An electronic voting machine (EVM) raised many eyebrows in Assam's Tezpur on April 11, 2019. As per reports, every time a button was pressed by the voters, the vote went in favour of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The first phase voting is underway in five Lok Sabha seats in Assam - Tezpur, Kaliabor, Jorhat, Dibrugarh and Lakhimpur Lok Sabha constituencies. The incident took place at the polling booth in Rangajan, Godamghat Miri Gaon School of the Tezpur district.



replace the EVM at the earliest.

After the voters took up the issue with the polling officials, the voting was suspended. The officials assured to

appear.

An EVM consists of two units, a control unit, and the balloting unit, on top of which each candidate and his or her election symbol

The two units are joined by a five-meter cable. Balloting unit facilitates voting by a voter via labelled buttons while the control unit controls the ballot units,

stores voting counts and displays the results on 7 segment LED displays. The voter selects his candidate by pressing the blue button.

Tezpur is considered to be one of the most important Lok Sabha seats with a maximum number of rural voters. The Gorkha population plays a pivotal role in this constituency followed by tea workers. The constituency covers Dhekiajuli, Barchalla, Tezpur, Rangapara, Sootea, Biswanath, Behali, Gohpur and Bihpuria.

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10.6 per cent voting till 9 am in Telangana

Agency Hyderabad, Apr 11,

Telangana registered 10.6 per cent voting till 9 am as polling in the first of the seven-phased general elections began on Thursday, according to an official communication. People queued up at polling booths as voting was underway in the all 17 Lok Sabha constituencies of Telangana, where Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao's daughter K Kavitha, former Union Minister Renuka Chowdhary and AIMM president Asaduddin Owaisi are among the prominent candidates in the fray. Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Governor ESL

Narasimhan and K Kavitha were among the prominent people who cast their vote in their respective constituencies early. "Polling process is going on peacefully across Telangana. According to reports, there was 10.6 per cent polling," Telangana Chief Electoral Officer Rajat Kumar said. Polling in 16 constituencies began at 7 am, while voting process in Nizamabad started at 8 am. Over 2.97 crore voters would decide the fate of 443 candidates in the state. In 13 Left Wing Extremism (LWE)-effected Assembly segments under five parliamentary constituencies, polling would be held from 7 am to 4 pm. In Nizamabad Lok Sabha

constituency, where 185 candidates, including more than 170 farmers, are in the fray, voting began from 8 am as mock polling took more time compared to other constituencies in view of the large number of candidates. The farmers have entered the fray in large numbers to highlight their demand for remunerative price to turmeric and red jowar. The Election Commission decided to conduct polling in Nizamabad with EVMs despite the large number of candidates and made arrangements accordingly. As many as 145 companies of central paramilitary forces, besides over 55,000 state police have been deployed for security arrangements.

Assam Bomb scare in Dibrugarh amidst polls

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BSF 'Forcing' People to Vote for BJP, Congress Button Not Working in Some EVMs, Allege PDP and NC

Agency Jammu April 11,

The National Conference and the PDP on Thursday alleged that uniformed personnel coerced people to vote for the BJP and EVMs malfunctioned in some places with the Congress button not working during the first phase of polling in Jammu's Poonch area.

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti tweeted a video showing voters raising anti-BJP slogans after they were purportedly roughed up by the BSF for not voting for the BJP.

"A voter at polling booth in Jammu was manhandled by the BSF because he refused to cast his vote for BJP. Using armed forces at polling stations to coerce people to vote for the BJP shows their desperation & hunger to usurp power by hook or crook," she said in her tweet.

The National Conference's Jammu provincial president Davinder Singh Rana also registered his protest on the issue. According to him, a uniformed officer coerced voters in Poonch's Arai Malka area to vote for the BJP. A local administration official reached the spot and the uniformed officer has been removed following complaints by the voters, he said.

National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah posted a video of presiding officer from Poonch area explaining the malfunctioning of an EVM button.

Warm morning in Delhi, heat wave condition predicted

Agency New Delhi, April 11,

It was a warm Thursday morning in the national capital with the minimum temperature settling at 23 degrees Celsius, two notches above the season's average. Relative humidity was 61 per cent at 8.30 am, a MeT department official said.

The mercury is predicted to soar and touch 40 degrees Celsius mark, triggering heat wave, the official said. Under heat wave conditions, the maximum temperature are markedly above the normal, 5.1 degrees Celsius or more.

On Wednesday, the maximum temperature was recorded at 38.7 degrees Celsius, three notches above the season's average, while the minimum settled at 20 degrees Celsius.

Uttarakhand: Polling for all 5 Lok Sabha seats begins

Agency New Delhi, April 11,

In Uttarakhand, polling for all the five Lok Sabha seats began at 7 this morning. Polling is in progress in the 11 thousand 235 polling stations across the State to decide the political fate of 52 candidates.

Union Minister of State and BJP leader Ajay Tamta and

Congress General Secretary Harish Rawat are among the prominent candidates. As per reports in early hours about 5 percent votes were cast.

Long queues of voters have been seen at some polling stations in Haridwar, Dehradun and Udham Singh Nagar districts. Polling is going on smoothly across the State.

Twelve-year-old delivers baby after being raped by stepfather

Agency Chandigarh, April 11,

A twelve-year-old rape victim delivered a baby boy in Chandigarh on Monday. The girl was reported to have been raped by her stepfather on multiple occasions. The torture and physical exploitation came to light this January when the teachers from the victim's school noticed an unusual growth of her belly. The school called the victim's mother, who took her to a hospital in Mohali, where medical examinations revealed that

she was pregnant. Counseling revealed that the 12-year-old was raped by her stepfather, who used to drink and then rape the child in her mother's absence. The ordeal had been going on for some time after the victim's mother lost her husband and married the accused. On the basis of a complaint lodged by the victim's mother, police registered a case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The accused was arrested immediately after the case was registered. He confessed that he raped the

girl in a drunken state. The Mohali district administration had handed over the girl to the protection home, who got her admitted to the hospital for medical care.

In order to save the girl's life, doctors had suggested her to have a premature delivery. The girl was then admitted to the hospital a week before her due date, where she was kept under medical supervision till her delivery on Monday night.

The baby will likely be put up for adoption. However, the state government authorities are yet to take a decision for the victim's rehabilitation.

Lok Sabha polls 2019 in Tripura-11.02% recorded so far

Agency Tripura APRIL 11

The polling for the 1ST phase Lok Sabha Elections 2019 began today at 7 am and is underway in Tripura. The phase 1 polling session is underway in the eight states of Northeast India along with other states. The voting process commenced at 7 am in the morning and will end at 5 pm in the evening on Thursday. In Tripura, 13 candidates are contesting in 1 constituency. Main

parties are BJP, Congress, CPM and TMC. For phase 1 Lok Sabha election on April 11, number of polling centers are 1679. 13,47,381 voters including 6,82,044 male and 6,65,327 female voters are eligible to exercise their franchise in 1679 polling stations of the constituency. Altogether, 13 candidates including BJP's Pratima Bhowmick, CPI(M) nominee Shankar Prasad Datta and Subal Bhowmick of the Congress are in the fray.

Elections for 91 seats in 20 states and Union Territories began since Thursday morning. The general election will take place in seven phases. The polling dates for national election 2019 are: April 11, April 18, April 23, April 29, May 6, May 12 and May 19. This election will choose the 17th Lok Sabha. Elections 2019 result will be announced on May 23. Meanwhile BSF has sealed 856 km long Indo-Bangla international border in Tripura so that no untoward elements could enter into Indian territory to carry out any untoward incident. However, 21 polling stations were identified as vulnerable and 111 as critical in West Tripura constituency. Tripura has two Lok Sabha seats - West Tripura and East Tripura. Election to the East Tripura seat will be held on April 18 during

the second phase Tripura 10:39 am 11.02% voters turnout recorded in Tripura till 9:00 am

10:33 am CPI(M) candidate Sankar Prasad Datta casted his vote before at Abhoynagar.

10:15 am Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb casts his vote

09:30 am Tripura's Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Debbarma casts his vote TPCC President Pradyot Manikya Debbarma said: "I would like to appeal to all the people of the state to go out from their houses and vote fearlessly. I would also like to ensure everyone that don't be afraid of few hooligans as they might try to threaten the voters from voting but I have already talked with the SP's along with BSF and CRPF. We have also informed the election commission about few hooligans who will arrested by today."

Bru voters from relief camps in Tripura line up at border village of Kanhmun, Mizoram.

Name changed

I, the undersigned, Kareiba Daniel, a residence of Katomei Village, Manipur, do hereby declare that I have wholly renounced, relinquished and abandoned the use of my old Name Karaiba Daniel Hingba as I have assumed my new Name as Karaiba Daniel.

Sd/-
Karaiba Daniel
of Katomei Village