

## BJP claims NLFT campaigning in favour of Congress in state

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Agartala April 22,

The BJP on Sunday claimed that the outlawed National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) was campaigning in favour of the Congress in the East Tripura Lok Sabha constituency, where polling was rescheduled from April 18 to April 23. The saffron party has also filed a complaint with the Election Commission in this regard.

"NLFT's self-styled secretary Utpal Debbarma alias Uthai has asked people to vote for the Congress. We have got records of his appeal," BJP spokesperson Nabendu Bhattacharya told a press conference here. Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sriram Taranikanti said his office has received a complaint from the BJP on the issue, and necessary action would be taken after scrutinising the documents. Bhattacharya also alleged that state Congress president

Pradyot Kishore Debburman was spotted with Ranjit Debbarma, a former underground leader and supremo of the banned All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF) during poll campaigns. Pragna Deb Burman, sister of the TPCC president, is contesting from the constituency for the first time. The EC had postponed voting in the constituency to the third phase on April 23, saying the prevailing law-and-order situation there was not conducive for holding free

and fair polls. Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Arindam Nath said that a general diary (GD) was registered at Champahower police station in Khowai district about threats issued from a self-styled insurgent leader, which was telecast on a local channel. When contacted, Congress vice-president Tapas Dey said, "The allegations are completely baseless, fictitious and aimed at maligning the Congress, because the BJP is certain that it would be defeated. These are all signs of frustration.

## Chowkidar chor hai : Rahul Gandhi says sorry to Supreme Court for using its name



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Congress president Rahul Gandhi has expressed regret for attributing the 'chowkidar chor hai' remark against Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the Supreme Court. Rahul Gandhi said the comment was made in the heat of campaigning. "The statement was made in the heat of political campaigning," Rahul Gandhi said in his reply to the Supreme Court. Rahul Gandhi apologised in his reply to the Supreme Court notice in connection with a contempt petition filed against him by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on the Rafale controversy. The BJP had filed a petition in

the Supreme Court after the Congress president hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a rally with 'chowkidar chor hai' remark. After the Supreme Court announced its decision to allow leaked Rafale documents to review a previous judgment, Congress chief Rahul Gandhi had claimed a moral victory and said the court has made it clear that Prime Minister Narendra Modi "committed theft". "The Supreme Court has made it clear that chowkidarji (watchman) has committed a theft," Rahul Gandhi had told reporters during his rally in Amethi. The SC bench had issued a clarification that it had not made any remarks regarding

the Prime Minister's role in the Rafale deal. BJP MP Meenakshi Lekhi had filed the criminal contempt petition in the Supreme Court against Rahul Gandhi and pleaded that the Congress president had deliberately misinterpreted the court's April 10 order which allowed "leaked" Defence ministry documents to be taken on record. "He is representing his personal statements as a Supreme court order and is trying to create a prejudicial image in the minds of the public," Meenakshi Lekhi had said. The bench had then asked Rahul Gandhi to give "an explanation" for his statement by April 22.

## Congress fields former CM Sheila Dikshit from North East Delhi Lok Sabha seat, Ajay Maken from New Delhi

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Former Delhi chief minister Sheila Dikshit is the Congress candidate from North East Lok Sabha constituency and the former Delhi unit chief Ajay Maken will contest from New Delhi, according to the list of six candidates announced on Monday. This announcement caps months of speculation over the party's possible alliance with the Aam Aadmi Party. The two were in talks for weeks but at the last minute the talks failed over AAP's demand for alliance outside Delhi. "I have contested from here (North East Delhi) earlier, I know the people and they know me. We had started Metro from here, our reputation is of working for the people," Sheila Dikshit was quoted as saying by news agency ANI. Other Congress candidates in Delhi are JP Aggarwal from Chandni Chowk, Arvinder



Singh Lovely from East Delhi, Mahabal Mishra from West Delhi and Rajesh Liloitha from North West Delhi, a reserved seat. The party is yet to announce its candidate for the South Delhi seat. "We agreed and then...": AAP on failed alliance talks with Congress. The Aam Aadmi Party had blamed the Congress for not

forging an alliance for 18 Lok Sabha seats of Delhi, Haryana and Chandigarh. Senior AAP leader and Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia had said the Congress "wasted time" in the name of discussion over alliance against the Bharatiya Janata Party-led ruling coalition in the Lok Sabha elections. The AAP had named six candidates from Haryana on Sunday and said six of their Delhi

candidates will file nominations on Monday. The BJP also announced the list of four candidates for Delhi on Sunday. The party retained all its sitting MPs with Harsh Vardhan contesting from Chandni Chowk, Manoj Tiwari from North East Delhi, Ramesh Bidhuri from South Delhi and Praveesh Verma from West Delhi. In the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, BJP won all the seven seats in Delhi.

## Sri Lanka: Death toll in serial blasts rises to 290

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The death toll in yesterday's serial blasts in Sri Lanka has risen to 290, with more than 500 people injured. As many as 32 foreign nationals, including five Indians, are among those killed. Sri Lankan government has said that a local religious group National Tawheed Jamaath is behind the attack. Addressing a press

conference, Cabinet Minister and Government spokesman Rajitha Senarathne said the international support behind the attacks is being investigated and they are trying to ascertain how suicide bombers were prepared as such a small local group cannot organise attacks at such a level. The minister said there were inputs from international intelligence agencies earlier warning of such suicide attacks and expressed regret that it

could not be avoided. He said that there was a circular issued by DIG police on 11th of this month advising security agencies to be vigilant. The minister also added that detailed security checks out is being carried out at all sensitive places across the country as there are inputs of more such attacks. Twenty-four local suspects have been arrested across the country. President Maithripala Sirisena announced the appointment of a special committee, led by a retired Supreme Court judge to investigate the attacks and submit its report within two weeks. An Improvised Explosive Device was detected and defused near the departure area of Bandaranaike International Airport last evening. Security has been tightened at all sensitive places. Police Curfew will be in place from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. tomorrow. Schools are closed till tomorrow while Universities have been instructed to close down till further notice.

## Assam Rifles celebrates easter sunday with locals



The endeavor by the Assam Rifles to reach out to the villagers to further reinforce the existing cultural bonding with the local populace and extend warm wishes on the eve of the most fondly celebrated festival of the Christian community was appreciated by all. The locals expressed profound gratitude and promised their contribution on the auspicious day to work hand in hand with the Assam Rifles for maintaining peace and harmony in the region.

IT News  
Imphal April 22,

The Battalions of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR(South) celebrated Easter Sunday with locals at various parts of the Imphal Valley on 21 April. As part of the celebrations of Easter by Keithelmanbi Battalion, Regimental Medical Officer paid a visit to the EMA foundation located at Keithelmanbi and celebrated the day with the children of the orphanage. She cut the cake with the children and distributed Easter gifts and cakes to them. The Andro Company Operating Base (COB) celebrated the day at the village church where prayers were offered. Lilong COB also organised the Easter

Sunday at Waithou Chiru where over 250 locals attended the event. Mantripukhri Battalion organised an Easter Sunday mass at Lamlai Khunao village Baptist Church. The community service was organised by Yangpokpi COB and witnessed an attendance of over 150 locals of the area. As part of the event, prayers were offered and locals were served with tea and refreshments. Various COBs of Thoubal Battalion also celebrated the Easter Sunday at various places of its area of responsibility. Upper Khoripok COB celebrated the day at Lungthoram Baptist Church of Lungthoram village whereas Yairipok COB celebrated the day at the Sacred Heart Church,

Yairipok. Over 200 locals including the Village Chief, Pastor, village authorities, ladies and children participated in the celebrations. Tulihal Battalion celebrated Easter with locals at Baptist Church, Changangei and Sneha Bhavan Orphanage at Sangai prou. The troops of Tulihal Battalion joined the locals at Baptist Church, Changangei during special church services to celebrate Easter. Cake, sweets and warm greetings were exchanged. Over 150 locals including children attended the celebrations. As part of Easter greetings, cakes and gifts were presented to children of Sneha Bhavan to bring happy smiles on their faces.

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