

Filing of nominations for 3rd phase of LS polls ends today

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Filing of nominations for the third phase of Lok Sabha elections will end on Thursday evening. The scrutiny of nominations will take place on Friday and 8 April is the last date for withdrawal of candidature. 115 seats, spread over 12 States and two Union Territories, will go to polls in this phase on the 23rd of April. All parliamentary constituencies of Gujarat, Goa, Kerala, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu will go to polls in the third phase. Besides this, voting will also take place for 14 seats each in Maharashtra and Karnataka, ten in Uttar Pradesh, seven in Chhattisgarh, six in Odisha, five each in Bihar and West Bengal, four in Assam, and one seat in

Jammu and Kashmir in this phase. Congress President Rahul Gandhi filed his nomination from Kerala's Wayanad parliamentary constituency Thursday. Mr Gandhi will also be contesting the Amethi Lok Sabha seat in Uttar Pradesh. In Gujarat, 133 candidates filed their nominations for the third phase of 26 Lok Sabha seats on the penultimate day of filing of nomination papers yesterday. With this, the total number of nominations filed for this phase has gone up to 260. In Assam, 38 nomination papers have been filed for the third phase of general elections. The four constituencies that will go to polls in this phase include Guwahati, Dhubri, Barpeta, and Kokrajhar. Maximum 12 candidates filed nomination papers for Guwahati constituency.

In Bihar, 30 candidates filed their nominations for the third phase of Lok Sabha polls yesterday. With this, the total nominations for this phase in the state have reached 57. Constituencies going to the polls in this phase include Jhanjharpur, Supaul, Araria, Madhepura, and Khagaria. Meanwhile, Congress today released a list of two candidates for Lok Sabha polls in Gujarat. Party has fielded Babubhai Katara from Dahod and Sher Khan Abdul Shakur Pathan from Bharuch seat. BJP has released a list of one candidate for Lok Sabha elections. The party has fielded HS Patel from Ahmedabad East constituency in Gujarat. Rashtriya Lok Samta Party (RLSP) released the names of remaining four candidates. RLSP Chief

Upendra Kushwaha will contest from two constituencies — Ujjainpur and Karakat. BJP president Amit Shah will address public meetings at Narasaraopet and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Union Textiles Minister and BJP leader Smriti Irani will begin a two-day visit to Amethi today. Mrs Irani will address a Kisan Rally in Jamshepur under the Amethi parliamentary constituency. Mrs Irani is the BJP candidate for Amethi, where she is pitted against Congress President Rahul Gandhi. Rahul Gandhi will also address an election rally at Nagpur in Maharashtra. Along with the Lok Sabha polls, 42 seats of Odisha assembly will also go to polls in the third phase. In this phase, by-polls will also be held for three assembly constituencies of Goa and four assembly seats in Gujarat.

Chandel District Kuki CSO to extend support to BJP Candidate

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The Chandel District Kuki Civil Society Organisations (CSO) has extended support to the BJP Candidate for the II-Outer Manipur (ST) Parliamentary Constituency in the forth coming 17th Lok Sabha Election. In a joint statement, the Kuki CSO expressed to support H. Shokhopao (Benjamin) Mate, Bharatiya Janata Party's Candidate for the II-Outer Manipur (ST) Parliamentary Constituency in the forth coming 17th Lok Sabha Election.

The decision to extend support for the BJP Candidate was unanimously taken by the Kuki CSO in a joint meeting held at the Office of the Kuki Chiefs' Association (KCA), Gunpi Block located at M. Munpi Village in Chandel District yesterday. The joint meeting was attended by the leaders and representatives of Kuki Chiefs' Association (KCA) Chandel District, KCA Khengjoi Block, KCA Gunpi Block, KCA Kana Block, Kuki Women for Human Rights (KWHR) Chandel District, United Zou Organisation (UZO) Chandel District, Zou Mothers' Association (ZOMA) Chandel District, Thadou Student's Association (TSA) Gunpi Block and Zou Sangnaupang Pawlpi (ZSP) Chandel District, added the CSO. In the statement, the Kuki CSO also appealed all the Village Chiefs and general public of the District to extend full support to the BJP Candidate in the coming parliamentary election.

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Rahul Gandhi Files Nomination From Wayanad



The Congress chief was received at the airport by former Kerala chief minister Oommen Chandy and other leaders of the Congress-led alliance in the state. Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi spent the night at a guest house in Kozhikode. The Congress president's decision to contest from a second seat bolstered the BJP's charge that Rahul Gandhi is "running away" because he is unsure of his prospects in Amethi, where he has been challenged by Union Minister Smriti Irani for the second time. On Tuesday, he explained that he was fighting from

Wayanad because: "South India feels hostility from Narendra Modi; I wanted to send message that I am standing with you." He was responding to PM Modi saying at a public rally in Maharashtra that the Congress was "afraid" because it had insulted Hindus by using the term "Hindu terror" and knew it would be punished by the community. He implied that was the reason why Rahul Gandhi had decided to contest in Wayanad, where "the majority is in a minority". Wayanad, a relatively backward region, is home

to Kerala's largest tribal population. Eighteen per cent of the district's vote share is that of tribals. The Congress says by choosing Wayanad, Rahul Gandhi will be contesting from a seat that, in a way, represents three southern states. Wayanad shares borders with Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The NDA coalition has fielded Thushar Vellappally of the Bharat Dharma Jana Sena to take on the Congress president. Wayanad will vote on April 23 and Amethi on May 6. The counting of votes in the staggered national election will be held on May 23.

AAP, Congress Resume Talks to Discuss Seat-sharing Formula for Delhi

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The Congress and the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) have resumed talks to discuss the seat-sharing formula for the seven Lok Sabha seats in the national capital, sources said on Thursday. The speculation of a tie-up between both the parties got a boost with AAP's Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh meeting All India Congress Committee

(AICC) in-charge of Delhi PC Chacko on Wednesday evening. The ruling AAP has proposed to give two seats to Congress which has instead demanded three - New Delhi, Chandni Chowk and North East Delhi, sources in both the parties claimed. "The two leaders discussed the seat-sharing formula with AAP offering two seats to the Congress," said a source. Chacko will convey the offer from the AAP to Congress president Rahul Gandhi who will take a final call on the issue in next few days, the source said. The rationale behind an alliance between the two parties is that together they polled more votes than the BJP which swept the 2014 Lok Sabha elections winning all the seven seats in Delhi. The AAP has been battling

for a tie-up with Congress citing the need to defeat the BJP and replace the Modi government in the national interest. However, Delhi Congress is a divided house, with its president Sheila Dikshit and her three working presidents along with some other leaders opposing a tie-up with the ruling party. Dikshit met Gandhi over the

issue twice and conveyed her message to him. After a meeting with Gandhi last month she claimed there was "unanimity" in the party against an alliance with the AAP. Rajesh Lilothia, working president of Delhi Congress said that alliance will "ruin" the party in Delhi and this stand was clearly stated by Dikshit in her meeting with Rahul Gandhi on April 2.

Tripura Drug worth Rs 8 cr destroyed at Bodhjungnagar

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The drug disposal authority of Tripura police yesterday destroyed a huge quantity of contraband items seized during Neshu Mukta Tripura campaign initiated by the state government at Bodhjungnagar. The SP narcotics control ML Das

said that the market value of destroyed contraband items was more than Rs 8 Crore. The seized items included 1.5kg Heroin, 7025 kg Ganja, three lakhs Yaba tablets and 35000 bottles of banned cough syrup. The drug disposal drive was carried out by the State Level Drug Disposal Committee based on the guidelines of Supreme Court. Das added.

Construction Of Water Storage Tank By Assam Rifles

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As part of the continued endeavor of the Assam Rifles towards improving standard of living and providing basic facilities, Sajak Battalion of 28 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) constructed a water storage tank of 5000 liters capacity at Phaisi village, Chandel District, Manipur on 31st Mar 2019 under OP SADBHAVANA Project 2018-19. The water storage tank will alleviate the problems faced by the villagers due to the prevalent socio-economic conditions and remoteness of the location where even the basic amenities of drinking water do not exist. Construction of the storage tank was well received by the local populace and expressed their heart felt gratitude for the efforts taken by Assam Rifles to improve their lives.

AMAND's Paothang releases



**IT News
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The Association of Manipuri Diaspora (AMAND), Pune, a registered non-profit, non-government community organization formed by the Manipuri professionals working in/retired from the Central Government or Maharashtra Government or other

reputed Institutions based in and around Pune released its first ever Newsletter, PAOTHANG on March 31. A statement said that AMAND has been executing a fairly good number of mission mode as well as event based projects based programs on cultural activities, educational programs, social outreach programs, community welfare programs etc each

year successfully. Chief Editor of the newsletter is Ch. Kulabidhu Singh, Anju Arambam is the proofreader and David Huirongbam is the designer. The newsletter is available in the website of this association (<https://amandpune.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/AMAND-NewsLetter-Paothang-Issue-1.pdf>)

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