

# Poll Star And E-Atlas Training At Kangpokpi

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Kangpokpi, April 5,

In connection with the ensuing Lok Sabha Elections, training for polling personnel including women for use of Poll Star and e-Atlas mobile app was held at DC Office Complex, Kangpokpi District.

The training was conducted by SDO Chungliemang, SDO S. Imoshana, SDC HQ Jotin Sapam, SDC Julia Khurajam, SDC Ngangbam Romia and Nodal Officer ICT Muan Tombing.

The trainees were asked to download the applications and were allowed to use them as they will be using on the poll day. They were also asked to explain about the details for the use of the

app by forming groups. SDO Chungliemang stated that the poll parties will be getting IVR calls at different timings provided at the manual and should respond to it without fail and in case if they miss any call, they should immediately call back as it is monitored by the CEO directly.

SDC Julia also instructed the trainees that the applications should be login by using their respective user id and password and should compulsorily click the close poll button before logging out.

Poll Star is an innovative and versatile platform for quick and error-free collection of polling statistics from presiding officers in polling booths and for visual presentation of the



acquired data for online monitoring and analysis while eAtlas will give instant updates about the polling station every hour. Besides, second round of training for polling personnel of three ACs- Saitu, Saikul and Kangpokpi also continued in three different halls of the DC Office complex by their concerned AROs and security

master trainers. E V M / V V P A T commissioning of three assembly constituencies of Kangpokpi district also completed on Thursday and the Strong room was sealed successfully in presence of DEO, Dy. DEO, AROs, Election Officer, micro observers, political parties, DNOs and security

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## Lest The North-East Fall Asleep

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2. Veteran BJP leader L.K. Advani had remarked ... "the recurrence of emergency cannot be ruled out." He further clarified that the arrogance of leaders leads to authoritarianism, taking a dig at Prime Minister Modi's style of governance. . . Advani spent 18 months in jail for opposing the emergency. To snub Advani for his forthright comment, BJP did not invite him to an event where it honoured those who went to jail during the emergency" (Nagaland Post).

3. Atal Bihari Vajapaiye was the moderate face of Hindu nationalism, admired even by prominent political leaders. . . Vajapaiye was one of the leaders of the BJP to express anguish when hundreds of Muslims were killed in rioting in 2002 in Gujarat, which Modi governed. Vajapaiye called the 1992 destruction of a 16<sup>th</sup>-century mosque on a disputed site in Hindu fanatics India's darkest hour (Morung Express).

Vajapaiye spent months in prison when Indira Gandhi imposed Emergency rule in June 1975 and put her political opponents in jail (Morung Express). Speech of late PM A.B. Vajapaiye in Kohima, October 28, 2003 (reprinted in Nagaland Post) . . . This is the time for reconciliation and peace-making. This is also the path that Mahatma Gandhi and . . Jayaprakash Narayan wanted us to follow. Both were true friends of the Naga people. It is true that, of all the States in India, Nagaland has a unique history. We are sensitive to this historical fact.. . We do not wish to impose any external customs on you. India has a long tradition of tolerating diverse customs and ways of life. You have nothing to fear.. . I wish to assure you on another score. India is a secular nation, both because of our Constitution and, more importantly, because of our civilizational ethos.

As we know, India is home to all the faiths in the world. India has respected and protected all faiths. Indeed, Christianity came to India - to the Southern State of Kerala - before it spread to most parts of Europe. And it was a Hindu king who donated land for a church to be built.. . I thank you for this warm reception. . . My best wishes to the peace process. I assure you that you will find a trustworthy partner in my Government in reaching

the cherished goal of peace in Nagaland with dignity and honour for its people."

4. Arun Shourie (former BJP Minister under Vajapaiye) on Mainstream Media quoted a Zulu proverb, "A dog with a bone in its mouth can't bark" (Morung Express). "There is no doubt that there is also an attempt to intimidate the media. ABP news sacked some of its journalists. . . NDTV is also facing pressures. The strategy is to kill the chickens to frighten the monkeys. You don't have to do it to everybody. . . My advice to readers is that you should support The Wire. There are only a few publications like Scroll, Altnews, The Wire and one newspaper, The India Express, which are telling the truth. . . Mahatma Gandhi used to say that the hands of copyists are our printing machines. Today you have the internet. If some story is blocked by a court order, let us all circulate it and it will reach all across India."

5. Biswadeep Moitra, "India's Silent Majority and the Battle for 2019" (Morung Express). "A threat similar to 1977 stares back at us. Will the present generation of Indians, far more educated in numbers, reasonably more resourceful than before, rise up again eight months from now to reclaim liberty? . . The 2019 elections bear similarities to the elections of 1977. The people of India in 2019, like in 1977, will have to valiantly fight back to reclaim what was lost once before: liberty. 'Hindu Rashtra' is no longer a hidden agenda. The mask of a moderate BJP slipped a long time ago; the cremation rituals of the symbol have been performed as well.. . The fight to save India from becoming a country for Hindu, Hindu and Hindustan is a fight similar to the one our mothers and fathers had fought against the Emergency. Can the long-term raging mutinies of today be harnessed into one J.P.-like movement before 2019? Or will we reject an India based on the ideals Nehru and Ambedkar stood for and embrace fascism?" (Morung Express).

6. . . .the saffron brotherhood has nurtured an anti-minority outlook for decades, regarding Muslims as 'internal enemy No. 1' and Christians as 'internal enemy No.2' according to Golwalkar" (Nagaland Post).

7. Sitaram Yechury, CPI-M leader: "After weakening the Election Commission, CBI, CVC

and other Constitutional bodies, PM is now interfering with court proceedings which is extremely dangerous. . . Modi government had truncated Parliament proceedings and was brazenly undermining the judiciary, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), the RBI and other Constitutional and autonomous bodies."

8. Yashwant Sinha, the former union finance minister under Atal Vajapaiye. . . He urged the people of the Northeast to be united to ensure that the saffron party does not get a single seat in the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls in the region. . . 'The people of the north-eastern states are objecting and protesting as they are facing an existential threat due to the Bill (CAB)', he said, extending his support to the agitation against the Bill. . . "Sinha said 'the current BJP government at the Centre has been challenging all the constitutional conventions and destroying all democratic institutions of the country.. Referring to the status of the current Cabinet, Sinha said that in the current dispensation everything is decided from the Prime Minister's office. . . (Nagaland Post).

9. Rajat Ghai: "Dalit activists, leaders decry Prime Minister's 'Christ-like' act" (Nagaland Today) - - Prakash Ambedkar, grandson of Babasaheb Ambedkar:

"This tradition, of washing the feet of the lowest of the low exists in Christianity, not in the ideology that the Prime Minister believes in. Has he become Christian?" he asked Down To Earth magazine.

10. Kapil Sibal, "Democracy endangered by government and media: Misinformation is now treated as reliable information, a reflection of the turn our democratic institutions have taken" (Nagaland Today). "If the government and the four estate are on the same page, democracy is truly in danger. It is, therefore, important for the people of our country, especially those who have the capacity to articulate, to stand up and speak their mind. For if they don't, untruths will go unchallenged and truth will be buried deep.

Institutions, given a special responsibility under our constitutional framework, are accountable to the country and not to the government. They too must speak their mind and not become fiefdoms of the government. Investigating agencies, both at the centre and the states, must pursue the wrong doers no matter who they are. What we see is selective persecution and prosecution of those opposed to the government and the protection of those who

are either part of the government or its affiliates. The judiciary must also realize that unless it protects those targeted unjustly, it may also be perceived to be partisan."

(Courtesy: The Telegraph). 11. Yashwant Sinha, former BJP leader, Minister of Finance (1998-2002), Minister of External Affairs (2002-2004): "The Modi-Shah combine is practicing a brand of politics which is suicidal for the future of India. Their politics is exclusive and selfish. They have no use for the institutions of democracy, its conventions and practices, its norms and standards.

The alliances they are building are purely for winning the elections and wielding power once again. They will go back to their old ways as soon as the elections are over. . . The Modi-Shah duo must be defeated decisively in 2019 in order to save the country. Nothing less will do" (Nagaland Today).

12. John Peter: "The political party of Narendra Modi subscribes to a virulent version of Hindu nationalism. He largely soft-peddled this nationalism four years ago when the BJP won a commanding parliamentary majority. Once in power, however, he has fallen back on what worked for him as the chief minister of Gujarat: inflaming the passions of more militant followers."

13. Writes Max Frost in The National Interest: "Indian politicians have normalized hardline Hindu nationalism through draconian cow protection laws, the renaming of cities with Muslim names, and the appointment of extremist Hindu nationalists to powerful positions. These shifting priorities explain Modi's 2017 appointment of a firebrand Hindu monk, Yogi Adityanath, as chief minister of India's most populous state. Adityanath has claimed that Hindus are 'preparing for religious war' and has called Muslims 'a crop of two-legged animals that has to be stopped'" (Morung Express). Today nobody questions that the RSS is a Hindu religious, cultural and nationalist organization. Its primary goal is to make India one Hindu nation, with one Hindu religion, and one Hindi language. Also nobody questions that BJP is the political wing of RSS to carry out the latter's Hindutva agenda; the current government's Hindu theocratic cultural ideology will disintegrate the great country of India sooner than later; only a secular democratic government at the Center can keep India together. What's happening all around us should be the concern of even the Hindus, let alone Muslims, Christians, Dalits, and other minorities throughout India.

"Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins" (The Bible: James 4:7)

## Mamata Banerjee, Yogi to go head to head in state today

Agency  
Guwahati April 5,

The chief minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee and Uttar Pradesh chief minister, Yogi Aditya Nath will be in Assam to kick off the campaign for their respective party on Friday. While the Trinamool Congress chief will

campaign for her party from Muslim-majority Dhubri, Yogi will campaign at Hojai. Both have a strong connect with All India United Democratic Front chief Badruddin Ajmal — who represents and is contesting Dhubri, and Hails from Hojai. BJP MLA from Hojai, Shiladitya Dev, in a Facebook post wrote the

"Hindu saint" will address an election rally at Hojai Bihutoli. More than 400 km apart, Mamata will address a rally at Dhubri. Trinamool's Assam unit chief Gopi Nath Das said, "Didi will address the rally immediately after the Jumu'ah namaz. The rally will begin at around 1 PM and we are expecting a turnout of about 1 lakh at

the rally". The Jumu'ah is the congregational prayer that Muslims hold every Friday, just after noon. AITC has fielded nine candidates in the state, of which two are in the Bengali-majority Barak Valley, Karimganj and Silchar.

Besides Dhubri, the party is also contesting Kokrajhar, Barpeta, Guwahati, Mangaldoi, Nagaon and Jorhat. "People have voted all the other parties in Assam to power and being betrayed. So, we have urged the people of the state to give us a chance and the party is sure to get its first parliamentarian from the state in this general election," claimed the party's state chief. Party insiders said that the party is eyeing to win at least three seats from the state including one in the Barak Valley. The party's fight will be for state's 'doubtful' voters, a label used by the Election Commission against those voters who failed to provide their citizenship proof and are barred from casting votes.

## Arunachal Pradesh: Polling teams moved to Vijaynagar via chopper for polls

Agency  
Itanagar April 5,

Ahead of simultaneous Assembly and Lok Sabha polls in Arunachal Pradesh, polling teams of four polling stations were airlifted by an IAF MI-17 helicopter on Thursday in two sorties from Miao to Vijaynagar in the state's Changlang district.

The four polling stations include Rammagar (252 voters), Gandhigram (1338 voters), Vijaynagar (865

voters) and Two-Hut (726 voters). The polling stations have a total of 3181 electors under Miao Assembly constituency, which falls under Arunachal East Lok Sabha constituency. "Each team comprised of one Presiding officer, four polling officers, one attendant and two policemen with four sets of EVMs and VVPATs," read a statement. Vijaynagar is at a distance of about 163 kilometers

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