

NPP launches social media campaign — One Voice, One Northeast

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The National People's Party (NPP) has launched its social media campaign to 'enlighten' the electorate across Northeast on its agenda with the theme — "One Voice, One Northeast".

The party has prioritized rural economy, education, youth and employment, promoting Northeast, education, environment and health as its key focus in their campaign — "Agenda for Northeast 2019".

The three point agenda of the campaign — (a) to commit to the cause of indigenous people, minorities and the marginalized; (b) to ensure that the indigenous people and the minorities assert their 'political say'; (c) to push for a strong political voice from the region to safeguard the interest of the people of Northeast. On rural economy, the party envisage on the potential

that lies in the rural areas of the Northeast and would push for a holistic development of the rural economy with particular focus on agriculture, horticulture and allied sector. "There is a need to strengthen rural infrastructure in social sector including health and education and the party would continue to focus on the core priority and would work to create an enabling atmosphere to promote education and health care facilities in the rural areas of the region," the campaign states.

On youth and employment, the party states that it would encourage investment in private sector in tourism, hospitality, agriculture and IT. It also says that the party will formulate an ambitious policy to empower youth with different business and livelihood opportunities linked to rich resources of the region. "There is a need to push and leverage our youth with a positive mindset, so

that they can look beyond government sector and engage in activities, which will make them employable as well as make them entrepreneurs by way of which they would create jobs for many others as well," the campaign states. On promoting Northeast, the party says that North East India is a kaleidoscope of cultural and linguistic diversity. Each state of the region has its distinctive heritage and tradition. It is a melting pot of indigenous communities and their faith. NPP envisages to promote and safeguard the interest of the indigenous people. To curb the economic disparity in the region with synergistic focus on development. The region shares its proximity with South East Asia and NPP envisages to promote cultural, business and economic ties. On agriculture and logistics, the party would lay its importance and thrust on the indigenous agricultural practices,

which are climate friendly and also replicate ideas and scientific interventions to boost agriculture. The core area of intervention will be — (a) Agriculture and Environment; (b) Animal Husbandry and Fishery; (c) Food Technology and Balancing Agricultural outputs; and (d) Marketing linkage and Economic Stability. On education, the party said in its campaign that quality of education has posed a major hurdle for development. There are several initiatives and intervention to improve the education scenario of the country. However, most of these schemes have not percolate down to the vulnerable and marginalized section of the society. The party underlines the principle of ensuring holistic development of the society with emphasis on elementary, secondary to higher education vis-à-vis professional and vocational education

system. On environment, the campaign says that climate change poses a real challenge to our society, our economy and our national security. The party endeavour will be to mitigate climate change and protect the rich natural resources, and ensure that the quality of our air, water, and land for current and future generations. From investing in clean energy to protecting our ecosystems, NPP said it is working to address the biggest environmental challenges, paving the way to a sustainable India. On healthcare, the prevailing scenario of healthcare facilities in India is a major challenge for the people, especially those living below the poverty line and the marginalized section. NPP believed that by putting its trust on this very important subject, they will be able to address the concern of our people, particularly those who are not able to afford high cost of medical treatment.

EMFA urges news channels to introspect on contents

From a Correspondent
Guwahati, April 7,

Electronic Media Forum Assam (EMFA), while reacting to the recent debates on NaMo TV, urges the country based news channels to introspect whether a major challenge of credibility crisis was actually looming over the electronic media. The forum, in a statement issued today, also pondered if the common people of India have slowly turned to raw information rather than interpretive news contents aired by recognized news channels. It may be noted that since 31 March 2019, a new 24x7 channel became available in all major direct to home (DTH) & cable platforms of India named NaMo TV, that started telecasting mostly the real time and full speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with few other

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders and ministers. NaMo TV doesn't feature on the list of Information and Broadcasting Ministry's (GoI) permitted private satellite TV channels and hence since its arrival, major debates were sparked over its legality and ownership. Meanwhile, the Congress and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) have complained to the Election Commission (EC) against the channel arguing that it simply violates the model code of conduct, following which the EC had sent notices to the concerned ministry. Meanwhile, former chief election commissioner SY Quraishi, in a recent interview, commented that NaMo TV did not violate the poll code, which came into effect on 10 March as the election commission declared the seven-phase national polls starting from 11 April, counting of which

would take place on 23 May. Named after Narendra Modi, the channel carries a clear photograph of the Prime Minister on its logo, is understood as being described as a special advertisement platform, where expenses are being borne by the ruling BJP. PM Modi himself tweeted about the channel and asked people to watch it, following which millions of saffron supporters & sympathizers continued gluing on the channel. "Real threats may emerge to all registered news channels (many of whom now slowly turn to be cheap entertainers), as millions of Indian audience now prefer to listen to their adorable political leaders without biased editing and interpretations. Media will be nowhere in the country, if the readers, listeners and viewers start suspecting it as a corrupt entity," warned the EMFA statement.

Congress in unholy alliance with Muslim League: Yogi Adityanath in Assam



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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Saturday alleged that the Congress has entered into an "unholy alliance" with the Muslim League which was evident from the green flags seen when Rahul Gandhi went to file nomination in a procession from Wayanad Lok Sabha seat in Kerala. Rahul filed his nomination paper from Wayanad which has a sizable Muslim population, on Thursday. A video of Rahul's procession while going to file nomination at Wayanad has gone viral. It was recorded from a spot that showed green flags of the Muslim League fluttering over the

procession. "Rahul ran away from Uttar Pradesh and filed his nomination from a seat in Kerala. In his procession there was neither the Indian Tricolour nor the Congress symbol 'hand' but only the Muslim League's green flag with stars and moon," he claimed while addressing an election rally here in Central Assam. "This unholy alliance has exposed the mindset of the Congress. The Muslim League was responsible for the partition of the country and the killing of lakhs of people during that time. Now the Congress has a political alliance with the same party," the UP chief minister said. In Assam too, the Congress has entered

into an understanding with Badruddin Ajmal's AIUDF which is responsible for myriad problems in the state, he alleged. "The Congress has compromised the national security and your security by entering into both these alliances," he told the rally. He asserted that India under Modi has emerged as a global economic power attaining the sixth position from the earlier 11th place under the UPA regime. Adityanath was campaigning for BJP's Nowgong candidate Rupak Sarmah.

4,700 Konyak Naga women dance together in attempt to set Guinness World Record

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Around 4,700 Konyak Naga women in their colourful traditional attire came together on Friday in an attempt to set a Guinness World Record for the "Largest Traditional Konyak Dance". In their attempt, Konyak people danced to the beats of traditional instruments and sang a ceremonial song for five minutes and one second, the organisers said here. Konyak is one of the 16 Naga tribes and people of this community live mainly in the Mon district of Nagaland. The programme was organised at Mon during the Aoleang Monyu festival of the Konyak tribe, held between April 1 and 3 every year to welcome the spring. The official declaration on the record to be

announced by the Guinness authorities is expected within five days, the organisers said in a statement. The official adjudicators of the Guinness World Records could not come to judge the attempt but their representatives from North East Zone Cultural Centre under the Ministry of Culture were present. The representatives would send the evidences of the programme to the Guinness authorities and they will make the final announcement. The event was organised by the Konyak Union in coordination with other organisations of the tribe with an aim to preserve the cultural heritage of the people and also to promote tourism, the statement said.

Arrangements being made at Mizoram-Tripura border for Bru voters

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Alternate arrangements were being made at Kanhum village in Mizoram-Tripura border, where 15 special polling stations, erected for the 12,081 Bru voters lodged in six relief camps in Tripura, were damaged in thunderstorm, CEO Ashish Kundra Saturday said. Polling for the lone Lok Sabha seat in Mizoram and by-election to the Aizawl West - I would be held simultaneously on April 11. The Chief Electoral Officer said while 15 special polling stations were established at a playground and a nearby community hall for the Mizoram Assembly election held on November 28 last year, alternate arrangements were being made to erect nine polling stations at a

nearby Catholic School building. The CEO said that the logistics would be like as was done during last year polling and the Tripura government would arrange the vehicles for transportation of the Bru voters from the relief camps to the Mizoram border. Over 6,000 Bru voters had exercised franchise at the 15 polling stations in Kanhum village during polling for state Assembly elections last November.

The NGO Coordination Committee (NGOCC), an umbrella organisation of the major civil societies and student organisations of Mizoram, which had threatened to boycott the coming election by organising state-wide indefinite bandh from Monday next, withdrew its plan of agitation. The pleas of the Bru leaders to the Election Commission to allow them to cast their votes at their respective relief camps has been rejected by the poll panel.

11 Candidates file nominations on Saturday for 4th Phase polling in Bihar

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New Delhi April 7,

In Bihar, 11 candidates filed their nominations yesterday for the fourth phase of Lok Sabha elections. With this, the total nominations filed for this phase has reached 25. Senior BJP leader and Union Minister Giriraj Singh his

nomination from Begusarai constituency. The last date for filing of nominations for the 4th phase is 9th April. Five parliamentary constituencies of Bihar - Darbhanga, Ujiarpur, Samastipur, Begusarai and Munger will go to polls in this phase on April 29.

Encounter breaks out in Tral area of Pulwama district

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In Jammu & Kashmir, an encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists in Tral area of Pulwama district early this morning. The gunfight started

after security forces launched a cordon and search operation on the basis of specific information about the presence of terrorists. Security sources said, two to three terrorists are believed to be trapped in the area.

IT Dept conducts raids at residences of MP CM Kamal Nath's former OSD Praveen Kakkar

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Imphal, April 7,

In Madhya Pradesh, Income Tax officers raided the homes of state Chief Minister Kamal Nath's former Officer on Special Duty Praveen Kakkar in Indore, Bhopal and some other places in connection with an alleged illegal transaction case. A team of over 15

Income Tax officers from Delhi reached the home of Kakkar in Indore's Vijay Nagar early this morning and started searching the premises, sources said. They also raided a showroom at the same area and some other properties. Sources claimed that house of Chief Minister's former advisor Rajendra Kumar Miglani in Delhi was also raided by IT sleuths.

9-year-old girl raped, killed in public toilet

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Mumbai, April 7,

A nine-year-old girl was allegedly raped and killed by a man in Vile Parle area in the city, police said on Saturday. The girl's body was found inside a public toilet at Nehru Nagar area in Vile Parle on Saturday morning, following which the accused was arrested, police said. "The victim, who resided in a chawl at Nehru Nagar in Vile Parle, had gone missing on Thursday evening. A missing person's report had been filed at Juhu police station," a police official

said. "The girl's body was found inside a public toilet in the same locality around 10 am today and we arrested one person in this connection," he said. The accused was booked under IPC sections 302 (murder), 376 (rape) and 201 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence) and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the official added. The girl's body was sent for post-mortem, police said. A large number of local residents gathered outside the Juhu police station demanding "justice".

Bank Pass Book lost

I, the undersigned, have lost my bank pass book issued by State Bank of India (SBI), bearing Account No. 34650382349, on the way between JN Hospital to Palace Compound, Imphal on 24/1/2019.

Finders are requested to kindly hand over it to the undersigned.

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