

## India, Vietnam discuss ways to strengthen strategic partnership

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Vice President Venkaiah Naidu held talks with Vietnamese Prime Minister Xuan Phuc in Hanoi yesterday. The two leaders discussed a wide range of issues and underscored the importance of strengthening the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two nations to ensure peace and security

in the region. During his talks, the Vice President reiterated that cordial and friendly relations between India and Vietnam have been strengthened by bonds of Buddhism and Hinduism. Referring to the growing cooperation between two nations in different fields, Mr Naidu informed Mr.Xuan Phuc that India is ready to partner with Vietnam in satellite

construction, both for civilian and non-civilian uses. Seeking Vietnam Prime Minister's personal intervention in facilitating the entry of Indian pharmaceutical products into their country, the Vice President assured him that the Indian companies can provide high tech health systems and medicines for public health in Vietnam at an affordable cost.

Earlier in the day, Mr Naidu, who is a four-day visit to Vietnam, attended the inaugural ceremony of Jaipur Artificial Limb Fitment camp at the Indian Embassy in Hanoi. He also played floral tributes to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in the premises of Indian Embassy. Mr Naidu is scheduled to deliver the keynote address at the 16th UN Day of Vesak Celebrations today.

## Polling underway for sixth phase of Lok Sabha elections

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Polling is underway for the sixth phase of Lok Sabha elections. Voting, which began at 7 AM, will continue till 6 PM. Voting is taking place for 59 constituencies, spread over 7

states. Polling is being held for 14 seats in Uttar Pradesh, all 10 seats in Haryana, 8 seats each in West Bengal, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, all 7 seats in Delhi and 4 in Jharkhand. According to the Election Commission, over 10 per cent voting was recorded till 9 this

morning. In West Bengal, 16.68 per cent votes were polled, Jharkhand- 15.36, Madhya Pradesh over 12 per cent, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar more than nine per cent, Haryana over 8 per cent and Delhi nearly 8 per cent. A total of 164 candidates including 16 women and 43 independents are in the fray in the national capital.

## Campaigning intensifies for last phase of polls

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Political parties have intensified campaigning for the seventh and last phase of Lok Sabha elections. 59 constituencies spread over 7 states and one union territory will take place on the 19th of May. Voting in this phase will take place for 13 seats each in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, 9 in West Bengal, 8 seats each in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, all 4 seats in Himachal Pradesh, 3 seats in Jharkhand and the lone seat of Chandigarh. Star campaigners of various

political parties are holding multiple rallies in different parts of the country to woo the voters. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address rallies at Kushinagar and Deoria in Uttar Pradesh. AIR correspondent reports, Prime Minister will also address rallies at Khandwa and Indore in Madhya Pradesh today. BSP chief Mayawati will campaign in Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar district of Punjab. In Himachal Pradesh, top leaders of major political parties have intensified their campaign for the seventh phase.

Prominent candidates in this phase include, Union ministers - Radha Mohan Singh, Harsh Vardhan, Maneka Gandhi, Narendra Singh Tomar, Krishna Pal Gurjar and Rao Inderjit Singh. Fate of cricketer-turned-politician Gautam Gambhir, Delhi BJP President Manoj Tiwari, Sadvi Pragna Singh Thakur, Congress leaders - Sheila Dikshit, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Digvijaya Singh and Bhupinder Singh Hooda, boxer Vijender Singh, and SP president Akhilesh Yadav will also be decided in this phase. Elaborate arrangements have been made to ensure peaceful polling.

## Central teams to take stock of situation in Cyclone Fani affected areas



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Two central teams are scheduled to visit Odisha to take stock of the situation in Cyclone Fani affected areas. An Inter-Ministerial Central Team led by a senior officer of the Ministry of Home affairs will reach at Bhubaneswar today and will conduct a field survey to estimate the crop damage caused by the extremely severe cyclone that occurred a week ago. Similarly, another central team led by power secretary to visit the affected areas tomorrow and assess the damage caused by cyclone Fani. In a Tweet message union petroleum minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the teams will undertake necessary discussions with the Odisha government so as to ensure time-bound and expeditious restoration of power, telecommunications and

banking services in the affected areas. Meanwhile, Odisha government yesterday announced a special package of 1,600 crore rupees for livelihood support for cyclone Fani-affected people in the state. Announcing this chief minister Naveen Patnaik said agriculture input subsidy of

18 thousand rupees per hectare for all types of perennial crops will be provided. The special assistance includes packages for various types of farmers in the State including those involved in fish farming, cattle rearing and even self-help groups engaged in the commercial farming business.

## Former journalist gunned down in Kabul

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In Afghanistan, a former journalist who worked for the Afghan parliament was shot and killed in Kabul, in the latest brazen attack to rock Afghanistan's capital. Mena Mangal was well known in Kabul circles for her work presenting shows on several television networks, before she left journalism to become a cultural advisor to parliament. According to interior ministry spokesman Nasrat Rahimi, Mangal was gunned down in eastern Kabul in broad daylight. No one has claimed responsibility for Mangal's death, and it was not immediately known why she has been targeted.

## Assam Rifles Conducts Security Meets



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Keithelmanbi and Mantripukhri Battalions of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted security meets at Canchipur and Sagolmang Company Operating Bases respectively on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The security forums were attended by village Pradhans, ward members, councilors, members of village youth club

and locals of the respective areas. During the meets the locals were sensitised and updated on the current situation existing in the area of responsibility. An interaction was carried out on necessary measures to be undertaken for maintaining a strict vigil against illicit activities in the area, future action plan in respect of civic action projects like medical camps, recruitment

in the Assam Rifles and the Indian Army as well as career counseling for youth. The locals expressed their gratitude and appreciated the efforts of Assam Rifles for conduct of such security meetings and ensuring peace in the area and assured their commitment and assistance in maintaining the same. The security meets concluded with tea and refreshments for all the attendees.

## A R public school, mantripukhri celebrates National technology day



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Assam Rifles Public School, Mantripukhri celebrated National Technology Day on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at the School Assembly Hall. The aim of the celebration was to highlight the achievements of our scientists and engineers in the field of science and technology and also to encourage students towards the same. To commemorate

India's nuclear tests at Pokhran in 1998, 11th May is celebrated as National Technology Day. As part of national technology day, a science exhibition was organised in which large number of students participated with their working models, prototypes, charts and display models. Out of the total models, best 69 models were selected and displayed. The students worked on

various theories and scientific principles of Physics, Chemistry and Biology to make their models. It was remarkable to notice the concern of primary students towards environment and society. All their models were based on topics like Traffic Light, Global Warming, Pollution, etc. The senior classes also showcased really interesting and innovative models and prototypes.

## Security Forces Apprehended Seven Insurgents, Recover Huge Cache Of Arms



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In a major breakthrough against subversive elements operating in Manipur, Security Forces apprehended seven insurgents and recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition in Kamjong district of Manipur on 09<sup>th</sup> May 2019. On specific intelligence input regarding movement of insurgents with weapons, an operation was launched in

Kamjong District towards Indo-Myanmar border. The Security Forces successfully apprehended five cadres of PREPAK, one cadre of KYLE and one cadre of UNLF along with a large seizure of weapon and ammunition. The seized arsenal included a 7.62 mm AK 56 Rifle, a 7.62 mm Assault Rifle Type 81, one 9 mm Pistol, 79 rounds of 7.62 mm AK, six 9 mm rounds, three Chinese Hand Grenades, two rounds of Lathod High Explosive, three Detonators

and one magazine of AK and 9mm pistol. The apprehended insurgents and recovered items were handed over to Imphal Police Station, Imphal West district for further inquiry. The apprehension of UGs and recovery of large quantity of arms and ammunition is a major success on the part of the Security Forces to thwart nefarious designs of the UG groups in Manipur and also to maintain peace and tranquility in the state.

## J&K: Two terrorists killed in encounter in Shopian district

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In Jammu and Kashmir, two terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces in Hend Sitapura area of Shopian district early this morning. The gunfight broke out after security forces launched a Cordon and Search Operation following an intelligence input about the presence of terrorists in the area. Security sources said identity of the slain terrorists is being ascertained.