

Campaigning intensifies for final phase of Lok Sabha elections



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Campaigning for the seventh and last phase of Lok Sabha elections has further intensified.

59 constituencies spread over 7 states and one Union Territory will go to polls in this phase on the 19th of this month. 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 four seats in Himachal Pradesh, 3 seats in Jharkhand and the lone seat of Chandigarh.

In Himachal Pradesh, major political parties are leaving no stone unturned to woo the voters.

In Uttar Pradesh, the remaining 13 seats which will go to polls in the seventh and last phase.

In Madhya Pradesh, 82 candidates are in the fray for 8 parliamentary constituencies of Indore, Khandwa, Mandsaur, Dewas, Ujjain, Dhar, Khargone and Ratlam.

The 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 Ratlam in Madhya Pradesh, Solan in Himachal Pradesh and Bhatinda in Punjab today.

Congress President Rahul Gandhi will campaign in Ludhiana and Hoshiarpur in Punjab. Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi will address a public meeting at Ratlam in Madhya Pradesh and will hold a roadshow in Indore.

BSP Chief Mayawati will address public meetings in Gorakhpur and Ghazipur in Uttar Pradesh.

No violation of code in Niti Aayog sharing data with PMO: EC

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Election Commission said, it has found no violation of the poll code in Niti Aayog sharing data with the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on places where Prime Minister Narendra Modi was set to campaign for the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. Talking to media in New Delhi, Senior Deputy

Election Commissioner Sandeep Saxena said, the poll body has disposed off the complaint as the Prime Minister is exempted from the provision that bars ministers from combining official visits with campaigning.

Mr Saxena said, the exemption to the Prime Minister was given in October 2014 and it was not a one-time exemption but a standing instruction.

Sri Lanka blocks social media platforms after mosques attacked

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In Sri Lanka, several social media sites have been temporarily blocked following attacks on mosques and business establishments of the Muslim community in few areas since yesterday.

An overnight curfew was imposed in several areas, around 80 km north of Colombo as mobs had gathered to target the community in the wake of Easter Sunday attacks.

The police curfew imposed in Chilaw, Kuliyaipitiya, Bingiriya and Dummalasuriya has been lifted since morning and the situation is under control. Earlier, police arrested a group of men for allegedly attacking the community-owned businesses but a mob gathered outside the police

station to demand the release of arrested men. A police spokesman said curfew was imposed to control the situation.

Social media sites were blocked for the third time since Easter attacks for preventing rumours to spread. Hate crimes have been on the rise against Muslims following Easter Sunday attacks which killed over 250 people including 45 foreigners. An area in Negombo faced similar attacks last week while several social media posts are in circulation calling for a boycott of Muslim businesses.

Political and religious leaders have called for calm saying terrorists have no religion and majority of Muslims in the country are opposed to such acts.

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.

WTO ministerial meeting of developing countries to begin today

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The World Trade Organisation (WTO) ministerial meeting of developing countries will begin in New Delhi today.

The two-day meeting is being held at a time when the multilateral rule-based-trading system is facing serious and grave challenges.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for the Ministers to discuss various issues and the way forward. Today, on the first day, there will be a meeting of senior officers of the participating countries. Tomorrow, the Ministerial Meeting will be held.

Assam Rifles Saves Snake Bite Victim



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Tulihal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) provided timely treatment to a snake bite victim on 12th May.

A 42 year woman of

Khangenpalli village was bitten by a poisonous snake. The snake bite victim was evacuated to Unit Hospital located at Tulihal where she was readily attended by the Unit Medical Team and was administered life saving treatment.

Central team reaches Odisha to take stock of situation in cyclone-hit areas

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A nine-member central team reached Odisha last night to take stock of the situation in cyclone Fani-affected areas.

The inter-ministerial team is being led by Additional Secretary of Ministry of Home Affairs Vivek Bhavadwaj. The team will be split into two groups.

It will visit Puri and Khurda

districts, the worst affected by the cyclone, today and tomorrow.

It will visit some of the affected areas in Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation area on Wednesday before holding a meeting with senior state government officials, including Chief Secretary AP Padhi.

The team will submit a report to the Centre on the damage caused by the cyclone.

Assam Rifles Celebrates Mother's Day With Local Populace

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Keithelmanbi and Tulihal Battalions of 9 Sector Assam Rifles and Chassad Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) commemorated this year's Mothers Day on 12 May and carried out various activities to celebrate the day with the local populace.

As part of the commemoration activities, Lilong Company Operating Base (COB) of Keithelmanbi battalion organised a lecture cum interactive session on health at Waithou Chiru village. A lecture was delivered on "Benefits of Good Health" by the Unit Regimental Medical Officer during which the attendees were informed on the various health related issues and associated measures to overcome them. In addition special prayers were also made for well being, good health and prosperity of the mothers. The event witnessed an attendance over 250 locals of the area. Continuing with the activities, Tulihal Battalion celebrated the day by felicitating Meira



Paibis. The event was aimed to compliment and appreciate their fight against drug abuse, crime against women and various other initiatives for the society. Over 30 Meira Paibis from different villages were felicitated in the ceremony for their selfless dedicated devotion to the well being of the civil society. The felicitation ceremony concluded with tea and refreshments for all.

As a tribute to all dotting mothers, Chassad Battalion organized a special event at Nampisha to celebrate the day. The celebrations commenced with prayers for peace and harmony followed by interaction with the womenfolk of remote border villages. The village authorities and pastors were also present during the event. The event culminated with refreshments and distribution of sweets wherein Assam Rifles

conveyed their heartfelt greetings to all the women present during the event.

The Meira Paibis, womenfolk and the local populace were touched by the kind gesture of the Assam Rifles on the occasion of Mother's day and further assured their cooperation in maintaining peace and harmony in the area and also work on improving synergy between the Assam Rifles and local populace.

Assam Rifles Provides Medical Aid To The Road Accident Victim

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Timely administered first aid by Sehlon Battalion of 28 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) saved the life of two young men from succumbing to their injuries caused by a road accident

that occurred on the roads of Samtal Salient on 11 May 2019.

Truck driver Mr Thang Meinlein, aged 27 years and assistant driver Mr Malsam, aged 21 years both from Moljol village were driving their truck from Moljol to Tuitong when their truck skidded from the

road and toppled down into a nala. The individuals were brought to Assam Rifles camp at Tuitong by the villagers where first aid was given by the medical assistant present at the camp. Thereafter they were evacuated to community health centre at Sugnu for further medical treatment.

Moreh battalion assam rifles conducts medical camp At children home

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Moreh Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted a medical camp at JJ Orphanage Moreh, Tengnoupal district on 12 May 2019. Medical team of Moreh Battalion provided medical aid and distributed free medicines to the children of orphanage home. A total of 37 children and staff were given medical aid. The children were

investigated for the deficiency of Hemoglobin, Iron, anemia, skin infection, fever, cough and cold. In addition, the Medical Officer conducted a lecture on general health and hygiene. She also conducted the sanitary check up of the orphanage home and encouraged the children to keep the surrounding clean and sanitised. Moreh Battalion has been making dedicated efforts in improving the living

standards of the children of the orphanage by creating adequate infrastructure and providing them with basic amenities on a regular basis. Recently, apart from distribution of sports items, a toilet cum bathroom block was constructed at JJ Orphanage home. The relentless endeavours of Moreh Battalion of Assam Rifles in providing healing touch to the orphanage have been widely appreciated by all.