

Around 70 per cent polling recorded in 17th Lok Sabha polls



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Voting to elect 17th Lok Sabha has concluded successfully. Overall around 70 per cent polling was recorded in seven phases that were held to elect the lower house of Parliament. Briefing media in New Delhi last evening, Deputy Election Commissioner Umesh Sinha said, polling was by and large peaceful barring some incidents of violence. He said this year's general elections were more peaceful as compared to the 2014

edition. Mr Singh said, people, including women and senior citizens, came out in large numbers to exercise their franchise. With the completion of the polling, the fate of 8,049 candidates, in fray for 542 Lok Sabha seats, has been sealed. In Gujarat, the fate of 371 candidates will be decided this time. Of these, 27 candidates are women, while one is from the third gender. The ruling BJP and opposition Congress contested all 26 seats in the state but the representation of

women candidates in the state is still very low. Here is a report: Voting for the seventh and final phase was held yesterday. Around 65 per cent electorate cast their votes in 59 constituencies, that went to polls in this phase in seven states and one union territory. According to the Election Commission, highest 76 per cent polling was recorded in West Bengal, followed by 75 per cent in Madhya Pradesh, 72 in Himachal Pradesh and 71 in Jharkhand. While Punjab recorded a poll percentage of

66, it was 63 in Chandigarh, 58 per cent in Uttar Pradesh and lowest 53 per cent in Bihar. Repolling at a booth in the Chandni Chowk parliamentary constituency of Delhi was also held yesterday. By-polls to four Assembly seats each in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal; two Assembly segments in Karnataka; and one Assembly constituency in Goa also took place. Counting of votes for the Lok Sabha and four state assemblies of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim will be taken up on Thursday. The Meghalaya State Election Commission is fully geared up to ensure that the counting is carried smoothly. Our correspondent has filed this report: The News Services Division of All India Radio has made elaborate arrangements for providing authentic and latest results. For the first time, AIR, the biggest radio network of the country, will continuously broadcast a special programme on election results for 40 hours.

India-Singapore Naval drill begins in South China Sea

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The Navies of India and Singapore are participating in the annual maritime bilateral exercise SIMBEX in the South China Sea. Yesterday the sea phase of the bilateral naval drill started and will continue till Wednesday. In a statement in New Delhi, the Indian Navy said, various maritime combat exercises such as firing on aerial or surface targets, advanced aerial tracking, coordinated targeting exercises and tactical exercises on the surface or air scenarios is being conducted during the exercise. The Indian Navy said, Naval ships INS Kolkata and INS Shakti taking part in the bilateral naval exercise, along with long-range maritime patrol aircraft Poseidon-81. The Singapore side is being represented by RSN ships Steadfast and Valiant, maritime



patrol aircraft Fokker-50 and F-16 fighter aircraft. The forces of India and Singapore share robust military ties. The South China Sea waters, which are claimed by many littoral states, have been witnessing muscling in of the Chinese navy. Over the years SIMBEX has stood the test of time in demonstrating the nation's commitment to

enhance maritime cooperation between the two navies and bolster bonds of friendship between the two countries.

EC seizes cash, liquor, drugs worth around Rs 3450 cr during LS polls

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Election Commission has seized un-accounted cash, illicit liquor, drugs, gold and freebies worth around 3450 crore rupees since the Lok Sabha polls were announced on 10th of March. The seizure is nearly three times the figures of the 2014 Lok Sabha polls which was 1206 crore rupees. Briefing media in New Delhi, Director General in the Commission, Dilip Sharma said, of the total seizure, cash worth over 839 crore rupees and drugs worth 1270 crore rupees were confiscated

Moreh Assam Rifles Constructs Toilet Block For Children Home

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Moreh Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR South constructed a Toilet Block for children of JJ Children Home, Moreh under Assam Rifles Civic Action Programme. The toilet block was inaugurated by Town Commander Moreh on Sunday. The inauguration ceremony was attended by the children, the caretakers of the children's home and the representatives of Assam Rifles. Moreh Battalion of Assam Rifles has been making continuous efforts to address the grievances and ensure a better and dignified living standard of children at the orphanage. A number of initiatives have been taken by the Battalion to include free medical camps, provision of basic amenities, creation of sports infrastructure and provision of sports



equipment. The care takers of the orphanage conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to the Assam Rifles for the noble gesture as the non availability of toilet block for such large strength of 35 children was affecting the basic hygiene and

sanitation of the complex. The Assam Rifles representatives also assured their continuous support for the well being of the children. In addition the proposal for construction of a separate toilet block for girl children has already been approved

and will be completed expeditiously by July end. Supplementing the effort of civil administration and bringing prosperity for a meaningful life for the residents of border area has been the focus of the border guarding force. These endeavours shall continue relentlessly.

Assam Rifles Interacts With Ex-Servicemen

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An ex-servicemen interaction was organized by Somsai Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) for the veterans of Ukhrul District on 19 May 2019 with an aim to reach out to the ex-servicemen of the remote border villages. The interaction saw a total of 55 participants including ex-servicemen, their families, Veer Naris and dependents from

Ukhrul District. The interaction was aimed at addressing the concerns of the ex-servicemen with respect to their pensions, canteen facilities and welfare schemes. They were also briefed about the latest policies introduced for the benefits of ex-servicemen and their dependents. The event saw a healthy participation of ex-servicemen and their dependents who appreciated the thoughtful gesture of Assam Rifles.

Assam Rifles Organises Series Of Medical Camps



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As part of continued endeavour of Assam Rifles towards improving basic health care in remote border villages, Chandel Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles and Sehlon Battalion of 28 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised medical checkup camps at Pallel from 17 to 19 May 2019 and at Sehlon, Chandeldist on Yesterday. The 3-day medical camp at Pallel was for the residents of Pallel and surrounding villages of AimoNungourok, Kuraopokpi, Tuisimi, Meipou, Komlathabi, Beaulahram, Teraphai. A complete checkup of every individual was carried out. Blood tests and urine tests

including Hemoglobin Estimation (HB), Total Leukocyte Count (TLC), Differential Leukocyte(DLC), Total Eosinophilic count (TEC), Total Red Blood Cell Count, Platelet count, Coomb's Test - Direct and Indirect, Blood Sugar, Blood Urea, Serum Creatinine (CRE), Triglyceride (TG), Dengue and Malaria (Rapid Test), Rheumatoid Factor (RA), Hepatitis-B and Hepatitis C virus Rapid Test, Urine complete, Urine culture and screening of the life style diseases were carried out by Regimental Medical Organization (RMO) of Chandel Battalion assisted by Free Diagnostic Initiative of National Health Mission. The Pallel Company Operating Base provided free medical

treatment and medicines to a total of 239 males, 109 females and 73 children. The medical camp at Sehlon also received an overwhelming response from local population where in medical treatment was provided to 110 villagers. In response to such a noble cause, Sehlon village Chief MrJamkothang Mate expressed his heartfelt gratitude towards Assam Rifles for this initiative. The Battalions assured the attendees that Assam Rifles would continue its work for safety and welfare of the people of Manipur. The residents conveyed their appreciation for this kind gesture and hoped that this would go a long way in further cementing the bond between the people and the Security Forces.

Community Service And Security Meet Organised By Assam Rifles



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Mantripukhari and Tulihal Battalions of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised Community service and Security meet on 19 May 2019 with an aim to interact with the local populace as well as sensitise them in regards to existing security situation in the area.

The community service cum interaction was organised by YKPI Company Operating Base (COB) of Mantripukhari Battalion at Baptist Church in Urangpat village. The interaction was aimed to familiarise and orient troops of the COB with the locals as well as identify with their local customs and traditions. The event commenced with

offering of prayers followed by an interaction with the villagers. The interaction proved to be of immense significance as over 200 villagers willingly shared their various issues of concern. As part of the security meet conducted by Tulihal Battalion at Patsoi COB, locals were updated on current situation existing in the area of responsibility.

There was also an interaction carried out on necessary measures required to be undertaken for maintaining a strict vigil against illicit activities in the area, future action plan in respect of civic action projects, recruitment in Assam Rifles and Army and career counseling for youth. The attendees were also sensitised regarding the increase in snake bite cases during summers and the help Assam Rifles can provide. The security forum was attended by the MeiraPaibis, Ward Councilors along with representatives of local youth clubs. The villagers expressed their gratitude towards Assam Rifles for connecting with them and extending their support to the villagers. Tea and refreshments were provided to the villagers after culmination of the interactive meets at the respective locations.