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**PRESS NOTE**

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**Manipur shows the way with an accessible, inclusive and participative polls in first phase voting held across 38 Assembly Constituencies**

Polling for First Phase of Manipur Assembly Elections ended peacefully today with 78.03 % of the total 12,09,439 voters in the state turned out to exercise their franchise as per report available from constituency upto 5pm on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

Giving the final details here today, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Manipur Shri Rajesh Agrawal said that of total 38 constituencies of the state, Konthoujam AC remained at the top with highest polling percentage 90.10%, followed by Patsoi (90 %) and Wangoi AC (88.06%), while Tipaimukh (63.61%), Saikot (68.5%) constituencies have witnessed lowest voting percentage. The final voting percentage will be notified after arrival of all political parties.

A total of 38 Assembly Constituencies including 10 in Imphal East, 13 in Imphal West, 6 in Bishnupur, 6 in Churachandpur and 3 in Kangpokpi went for polls today. A total of 12,09,439 voters including 580607 male, 628657 female and 175 transgender voters are in Phase-I. There are a total of 10041 PwD electors and 251 Centenarian voters. Out of a total of 1721 polling stations, 381 polling stations were completely manned by all women polling personnel. Interestingly, 4 Assembly Constituencies namely 13-Singjamei, 14-Yaiskul, 15-Wangkhei and 58- Churachandpur were entirely manned by all women polling teams. It is also notable that 1 polling station in 59-Saikot was manned entirely by PwD polling personnel. All the polling stations were beautifully decorated with selfie booths, welcome gates including red carpet welcome especially in all women and model polling stations. People participated in big numbers and many shared their enriching experience of polling at the booth. The centenarian voters and Pwd voters also came out in large numbers and exercised their franchise. The volunteers

at the booth assisted them with wheel chairs etc for smooth voting experience. Many elderlies, PwD and first-time voters were also felicitated by the polling teams at the booth. The active participation of electors in this election has truly made these elections a festival of democracy.







Polling parties have started returning from their respective polling stations. EVMs are being deposited to the Strong Rooms and shall be guarded by three tier security system. He said that security forces have been keeping strict vigil round the clock at Strong

Rooms. The scrutiny of Form 17 A and other documents will be conducted by the Returning Officers in presence of General Observers on 1st March, 2022. Decisions on re-polls, if any, shall be decided accordingly.



To ensure COVID safe election, adequate arrangements have been made in all polling stations. All polling stations were sanitised. ASHA and Anganwadi workers at each polling station helped in thermal screening and queue management. Marking of circles with minimum distance was done to avoid crowding. Besides, mask, glove, were provided to voters requiring the same.

The movement of EVMs was tracked with the help of e-Traccar App which was embedded in the mobile phones of Polling personnel and Sector Officers. Besides, e-Atlas app was used by polling teams which enables a polling personnel to report any sort of EVM malfunctioning or any untoward incident happening in the polling station. This enabled the Returning Officer to take immediate corrective actions.

Arrangement for webcasting/videography were made in all Polling Stations. The voting at majority of the polling stations was monitored through the webcasting at the control rooms in Ros, DEOs and CEO office. The CAPF deployed at the polling stations ensured security of voters. In addition, micro observers were also deployed in all critical polling stations to monitor the overall poll process. On Law & Order situation, Shri Rajesh Agrawal said that some poll related minor incidents were reported in few polling stations and appropriate action on same were taken.

In addition, a total of 32 observers deputed by the Election Commission of India for first phase of polls, including the Special Observers, were mobile throughout the day witnessing polling at hundreds of polling station. They were very satisfied with the arrangements at the polling stations and the participation of voters in a big way.

Divulging more details, he said that in the morning during mock poll 6 ballot units, 13 control units and 14 VVPAT machines were replaced, while 11 ballot units, 10 control units and 20 VVPATs were successfully replaced during the conduct of poll. The poll process was not vitiated at any polling station due to malfunctioning of EVM.

There were complaints from certain political parties & candidates during the poll. However, majority of the issues were resolved and prompt actions taken. The scrutiny of Form 17 A and other documents will be conducted by the Returning Officers in presence of General Observers on 1st March, 2022. Decisions on re-polls, if any, shall be decided accordingly.

Shri Rajesh Agrawal thanked people of Manipur for coming out in large numbers to exercise their democratic right in a peaceful in the festive environment. He also thanked all the Polling Personnel, Security Personnel, Booth Level Officers (BLO), PWD coordinators, ASHA Workers, Aanganwadi workers for working day and night to ensure free, fair, peaceful, participative, accessible and inclusive polls in the State.

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