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PRESS NOTE

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No. COE-101/3/2023-ELEC-ED: The First phase of General Elections to the 18th Lok Sabha in respect of Manipur State has been scheduled tomorrow i.e. 19th April, 2024. Polling will start at 7 AM and will continue till 4 PM. All 32 Assembly Segments of 1-Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency and 15 Assembly Segments of 2-Outer Manipur (ST) Parliamentary Constituency will go for polls tomorrow. A total of 15,44,652 voters including 7,41,849 male, 8,02,557 female and 246 transgender voters will exercise their franchise in Phase-I. There are a total of 2107 polling stations including 4 nos. of P-3 polling stations and 96 nos. of P-2 polling stations. It is worth mentioning that 645 polling stations will be completely managed by all women polling personnel. It is also notable that 2 polling stations will be exclusively managed by all PwD polling personnel. In addition, 85 special polling stations have been set up for Internally Displaced Voters in Imphal East, Imphal West, Bishnupur, Thoubal, Kakching, Churachandpur and Kangpokpi districts. A total of 18091 Internally Displaced Voters will exercise their franchise in their respective Special Polling Stations tomorrow. Over 8000 polling personnel are being deployed and all polling personnel have reached their respective polling stations.

3. A total of 6 candidates are in fray for 1-Inner Manipur Parliamentary Constituency while 4 candidates shall be contesting for 2-Outer Manipur (ST) Parliamentary Constituency.
4. Arrangement for webcasting/videography have been made in 1256 Polling Stations. Adequate CAPF have been deployed in all polling stations. In addition, Micro Observers have been deployed in all critical polling stations and Special Polling Stations.
5. On accessibility front, provision for Pick up/Drop facilities for PwD and aged electors are made available along with wheelchair facility. A total of 11582 PwD electors and 289 Centenarian voters will exercise their franchise tomorrow. Two volunteers have been engaged in each polling station for assisting voters. Voter Assistance Booth have also been set up in all polling stations. ASHA workers have been identified for every polling station to provide immediate health care for the voters. In addition, Anganwadi workers have been engaged to facilitate the pregnant and lactating mothers to vote with ease. First Aid kits have been provided for all polling stations.
6. The movement of EVMs is being tracked with the help of e-Traccar App which is embedded in the mobile phones of Polling personnel and Sector Officers. Besides, a polling personnel will be able to report any sort of EVM malfunctioning or any untoward incident happening in the polling station. This will enable the Returning Officer & Assistant Returning Officers to take immediate corrective actions. Poll Star App is also used for timely

reporting of voter turn out and other vital information by the Polling Officials. Control Rooms have been set up in every District Headquarter and in the Office of Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur.

7. In order to ensure free, fair and smooth election, certain restrictions have been imposed on poll day in the polling station premises. Providing free conveyance to voters to and from the polling stations by a candidate/his agent is a corrupt practice and strictly forbidden. As provided in Section 130 of Representation of the People Act, 1951, canvassing within polling station or any public or private place within a distance of 100 meters of a polling station is strictly prohibited. Cellular phones, cordless phone etc., shall not be allowed except officers on duty in the 100 meters of a polling station. Besides, no campaign related posters or banners within 100 meters of the Polling Booth are allowed. Use of loudspeakers within 100 metre polling station is also strictly prohibited. Candidates shall also not set up booths within 200 metres of the polling booth.

8. Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur hereby appeals to all voters to come out in large numbers and to exercise their franchise and be a part of the democratic exercise. Voters are expected to produce EPIC for their identification at the polling stations before casting their votes. Those voters who are not able to produce EPIC shall produce one of the 12 alternative identity documents for establishing their identity: **Aadhaar Card, MNREGA Job Card, Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office, Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour, Driving License, PAN Card, Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR, Indian Passport, Pension document with photograph, Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies, Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs and Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India.**

Sd/-

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