

Stage set for first phase of Assembly polling on Monday



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Amid a massive security bandobast, Assam is all set to go to the first phase of assembly polls on Monday.

The first phase would decide the fate of altogether 62 candidates out of 362 aspirants where altogether , 8,50,9011 would exercise their franchise from 7 in the morning in 11,264 booths.

Out of 8,50,9011 voters, 43,91895 are male while 41,17116 others are female. Of these, the election commission has identified 2,093 hyper-sensitive while 2,985 are sensitive.

Sitting Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi and PWD minister Ajanta Neog, law minister Pranab Gogoi, industry minister Pradyut Bordoloi, AGP leader Pradeep Hazarika, Hiten Goswami, BJP leader Prasanta Phukan are among the leading candidates in the fray in this phase. Gogoi seeks re-election from his home constituency Titabor while Neog, will contest from Golaghat. Congress and BJP have 62 candidates, AGP has 51 candidates along with 157 other independents in this phase.

The authorities have deployed altogether 35,000 personnel of various security forces have been deployed in the state to ensure law and order situation during the election.

In a bid to ensure free and fair poll, the poll panel has rushed altogether 52 general observers along with 42 other officials to monitor the expenditure.

Meanwhile, cameras are also being installed in 1,350 booths to record pollings on Monday.

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