

Voting heads for huge turn out



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A huge turn out is expected to take place in the third and final phase of the Lok Sabha elections on Thursday. The average percentage polling in all the six constituencies stands at 25 per cent till 10 in the morning.

Defying scorching heat, voters in large numbers have been waiting in huge queues in front of the polling booths to exercise their franchise.

Long queues started even before the polling got off to a start in all the six constituencies Nagaon, Barpeta, Guwahati, Mangaldoi, Dhubri and Kokrajhar.

If this trend is allowed to go on, the polling booths, mostly, won't be able to complete the voting by 5 in the evening.

Barring some technical glitches, the polling is by and large peaceful.

Around 94,37,731 electors are set to decide the fate of 74 candidates by voting in altogether 1,994 polling.

The authorities have deployed 47,976 polling personnel in this phase who will conduct polling till 5 in the evening.

Guwahati has maximum 18 candidates whereas Kokrajhar has minimum 6 candidates. On the other hand, Guwahati has maximum number of 19,21,374 electors, whereas Barpeta has minimum number of 14,24,638 electors.

The main contest would be among the Congress, the BJP. But AGP and IUFD have also good support in some pockets. As many as 29 independent candidates are in the fray.

Counting will take place on May 16.

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