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HEADLINES:-

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says Aspirational Blocks Programme aims to enhance the governance and improve the quality of life across India.
- Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh distributes one-time financial assistance to beneficiaries under Special Scheme for Education of Children of Labour Card Holders staying at Relief Camps.
- Assam and Meghalaya opted for CBI Commission in place of Judicial Commission to inquire into the Mukroh firing incident on the Assam-Meghalaya border.
- University School of Law and Research, Meghalaya organizes talk on "Constitution: Equality and Democracy" at the University campus in Ri Bhoi Distict of Meghalaya.

APPEAL

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed to the people to come together at 10 am today to dedicate one hour to cleanliness and help build a bright future for the country. In a social media post, Mr Modi said that Swachh Bharat is the collective responsibility of all the family members of the country and every effort of public participation is very important in this direction. People across the country will take part in mega cleanliness drive today on the clarion call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Prime Minister has appealed to the citizen for one hour of shramdaan for cleanliness drive at 10 AM today to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his birth anniversary. In the last Mann ki Baat programme, the Prime Minister highlighted the importance of Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan, urging people to join hands and take out time for mega cleanliness drive on 1st of October.

PROGRAMME

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the Aspirational Blocks Programme strives to enhance citizens quality of life at the block level. Launching a unique week-long programme Sankalp Saptaah at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, Mr Modi said the Aspirational Blocks Programme aims to enhance the governance and improve the quality of life in 500 Aspirational Blocks spanning 329 districts across India.

He said the Aspirational Districts Programme changed the lives of over 25 crore people in 112 districts and improved the quality of their lives. He pointed out that the Aspirational Districts Programme showed that if there is a focus on the basics of good governance, even challenging goals can be achieved. Mr Modi stressed that the success of the Aspirational Districts Programme will form the basis of the Aspirational Blocks Programme.

ASSISTANCE

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh yesterday distributed one-time financial assistance to beneficiaries under Special Scheme for Education of Children of Labour Card Holders staying at Relief Camps. Under the scheme, the Government is providing rupees five thousand each to those labour card holders staying in relief camps to help in the education of their children. Earlier, the State Government had already distributed financial assistance of rupees one thousand to each person staying in relief camps as first phase and another one thousand rupees would be distributed as second phase soon. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the current crisis in the State is instigated by a group of people who intentionally want to disintegrate the State. He said that for those people whose houses had been burned down, the Government is planning to build new houses for them.

CBI

Assam and Meghalaya decided to wind up the Judicial Commission to inquire into the Mukroh firing and replace it with an independent commission by CBI. The CBI will register the case in a neutral place other than Guwahati and Shillong to maintain the neutrality of the investigation. It was decided in the Chief Minister level border meeting held in Guwahati today in the presence of both the Chief Ministers. Both the Chief Ministers will visit Khanduli outpost to have a first-hand view of the prevailing situation there in the last part of October this year. Both Assam and Meghalaya have decided to pull back their respective police forces from Khanduli area which is located on the Assam Meghalaya border in West Karbi Anglong in Assam side and West Jaintia Hills in Meghalaya. Now onwards the area will be manned by CRPF personnel. Moreover, the meeting decided to end all the prevailing boundary disputes in six areas between the two states by December this year.

UNIVERSITY

The University School of Law and Research, Meghalaya organised a talk on "Constitution: Equality and Democracy" at the University campus in Ri Bhoi district yesterday. Supreme Court Judge, Justice Ujjal Bhuyan delivered a thought provoking talk on the topic, when he said, that independence of the Judiciary has shaped the concepts of equality and democracy and also threw light on the concept of reservation on the basis of inequality.

Justice Bhuyan said that Article 368 of the Constitution of India which deals with the power of Parliament to amend the Constitution assumes great significance. The essence of the Constitution is equality between men and men and men and women and seeks to establish a just society. He said that the objectives specified in the Preamble contain the basic structure of the Constitution which cannot be amended in the exercise of the power under Article 368 of the Constitution.
