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HEADLINES:-

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- Twenty seven persons from Meghalaya who had gone on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem are stranded in Bethlehem even as tension between Israel and Palestine is escalating.
- The Assam government will distribute four lakh rupees each to 1182 former Adivasi militants in Guwahati today.
- Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal has announced that six new Ayush hospitals would be set up in Assam.
- The Indian Air Force, which was officially established on 8th October, 1932 is celebrating its 91st anniversary today.
- India has made history at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, surpassing the 100-medal mark for the first time.

PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday held an important meeting to review announcements made in his Red Fort speech on Independence Day in Delhi. In his Independence Day speech, Mr Modi mentioned ensuring affordable credit for poor and middle-class housing. In line with this announcement, he reviewed the preparations to implement this announcement. In his speech, the prime minister had mentioned ensuring solar power for households. He also reviewed preparations to execute this scheme.

SIKKIM

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Ajay Kumar Mishra yesterday chaired a meeting with Sikkim chief secretary, departments, Army, ITBP, BRO, NHIDCL and NHPC at the Secretariat in Gangtok. Mr Mishra said that the central government is closely monitoring the situation in Sikkim and all necessary assistance is being provided. He said that the Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister are in constant touch with the Sikkim Chief Minster. The central government has constituted an inter-ministerial committee comprising senior officers from five ministries, agriculture, road transport and highways, Jal Shakti, energy, and finance. The committee will visit Sikkim from today to take stock of the ground situation, assess damages, and provide assistance.

STUDENTS

Twenty six students from Meghalaya, who had been studying in calamity-hit Sikkim, were brought back to the state capital last evening. The Meghalaya government had initiated measures to evacuate the students by pressing into service five buses, which brought them to Shillong.

PILGRIMS

Twenty seven persons from Meghalaya who had gone on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem are stranded in Bethlehem even as tension between Israel and Palestine is escalating. Meghalaya chief minister Conrad K Sangma said that he was in constant communication with the Ministry of External Affairs to ensure the safe return of Meghalayans from Bethlehem. Mr Sangma has assured the families of the stranded pilgrims that every possible effort would be made to ensure their safe way back to the state.

ASSAM

The Assam government will distribute four lakh rupees each to 1182 former Adivasi militants in Guwahati today. All these former militants belong to five groups - Adivasi Cobra Military of Assam, All Adivasi National Liberation Army, Birsa Commando Force, Adivasi People's Army and Santhal Tiger Force. All of them laid down arms in July this year. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma will hand over the cheque of 4 lakh rupees to them this evening. Our correspondent reports that all the five groups had signed tripartite peace accord with the Centre and the Assam government last year.

AYUSH

Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal has announced that six new Ayush hospitals would be set up in Assam. After inaugurating a 50 bedded Ayush hospital at Majuli yesterday, Mr. Sonowal said that four 50 bedded hospitals would come up in Kaliabor, Morigaon, Kokrajhar and Baksa, while one 30 bedded hospital will be set up at Diphu. He added that one 10 bedded hospital will be established at Bajali. Apart from these, the Union Minister also confirmed operationalization of 289 Ayush Health and Wellness Centres in Assam.

AIR

The Indian Air Force, which was officially established on 8th October, 1932 is celebrating its 91st anniversary today. Headquartered in Shillong, the Eastern Air Command is one of the lethal arms of the Air Force which controls air operations over a vast area across 12 states. The area of responsibility includes a 6300 kilometers-long international boundary with China, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Bangladesh. The Indian Air Force has been undertaking Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief missions at a short notice to rescue citizens in the North East during various contingencies.

GAMES

India has made history at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, surpassing the 100-medal mark for the first time. The nation has amassed a medal tally of 107 medals including 28 gold, 38 silver, and 41 bronze. This is also only the second time India has won more than 100 medals in any of the three major Games - the Olympics, Commonwealth Games, and Asian Games.
