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:::THE HEADLINES:::

1. Nagaland Police, in close coordination with Assam Police arrests Baharudin, a narcotics drug trafficking kingpin.
2. World Water Day celebrated today.
3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi says government is committed to work towards sustainable water management.
4. And, Independent candidate, Hayithung Tungoe Lotha files nomination for Lok Sabha election from Nagaland.



In a major successful operation spanning over many months, Nagaland Police, in close coordination with the Assam Police arrested Baharudin, a narcotics drug trafficking kingpin of the North-east from Sonitpur, Assam. An update from the Nagaland Police, said two other associates have also been arrested, one from Dimapur and one from Imphal. Nagaland police said, Baharudin is wanted in multiple known cases registered across the region and has been running a major drug network spread over many states, besides involvement in financing, procuring transportation and sale of sunflower, ganja and other dangerous drugs. Police said Baharudin had been using multiple aliases, identities and phone numbers as well as numerous hideouts to carry on narcotics trafficking. The police also added that numerous people have been associated with Baharudin in the conspiracies to traffic banned substances like ganja, brown sugar etc in the region. The state police said, details are being withheld for operational reasons and further updates will follow in due course. Nagaland Police also thanked the DGPs of Assam and Manipur for the assistance rendered. In addition, the state police has requested people to continue to report drug sellers and traffickers to Police and also desist from providing support of any kind to these elements spreading toxin in the society.



World Water Day was celebrated today. The day is observed every year on 22nd of March, to honor the importance of freshwater. World Water Day brings people, organizations, and governments together to confront urgent water challenges and strive toward guaranteeing that everyone has access to clean water and sanitation through awareness-raising events, educational programs, and community-driven campaigns. The theme for this year is 'Water for prosperity and peace'. It emphasises the critical role water plays in fostering cooperation and stability around the world. This year the World Water Day calls for international collaboration to ensure equitable access to water and promote water as a tool for peacebuilding. The UN General Assembly designated March 22nd as World Water Day in 1993, following the recommendations of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). Since then, it has been observed globally to highlight water-related issues and promote action to address them.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the government is committed to work towards sustainable water management. On World Water Day today, Modi in a social media post said, water is vital for our lives and the government is committed to protect this precious resource.



Independent Candidate, Hayithung Tungoe Lotha today filed his nomination paper for the Lok Sabha Election. He filed the nomination paper before the Commissioner Nagaland & Returning Officer for 1-Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency, Sushil Kumar Patel who was assisted by Additional Deputy Commissioner (Headquarters) & Assistant Returning Officer, Benjamin Longkap in examining the necessary documents furnished. He is the first candidate to file nomination for the Lok Sabha election from Nagaland. The filling of nomination papers will come to a close on 27th of this month at 3:00 pm.



In view of the forthcoming Lok Sabha election, a meeting was conducted today in Kiphire and Tuensang. Chairing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Kiphire, Temsuwati Longkumer called upon all the heads of departments to ensure their staff to remain in the station, and attend upcoming training for polling personnel. He also informed the Heads of Departments to submit the attached vehicle as it has been directed by Chief Electoral Officer. Apart from election matters, the DC also gave directives to the stakeholder departments that signing of MOU with the villages regarding any developmental programme should be made with the knowledge of district administration in order to avoid discrepancies in future. In Tuensang, the meeting was held at DC's office chamber. During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Tuensang, A. Zibenthung Kithan urged upon the officers to coordinate with one another

for the successful conduct of the upcoming election. He also reviewed the security arrangements, transportation, postal ballot, IT cell, media MCMC, and EVM.



In view of the forthcoming General Elections to the Lok Sabha, and in accordance with the guidelines issued by the by the Election Commission of India regarding preventive action to ensure peaceful, free and fair poll, Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer Longleng, Dharam Raj in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 144 CrPC, 1973 has prohibited carrying of any kind of arms or ammunition by any person within Longleng District. He said that all licensed arms unless exempted under law shall be deposited at the nearest police station. The DC also enforced the Model Code of Conduct within Longleng District with immediate effect.



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was produced in Rose Avenue Court today, as Enforcement Directorate sought his 10-day custody in connection with the liquor policy case. The move came after Kejriwal skipped nine summons issued by the investigation agency. Earlier in the day, Arvind Kejriwal withdrew his plea against arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in the excise policy-linked money laundering case from the Supreme Court.



King of Bhutan Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck conferred Bhutan's highest civilian award, the Order of the Druk Gyalpo, to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Thimpu today. Speaking on the occasion, Modi said, it is a very big day in his life. He said, every award is special, but when one receives an award from another country, it shows that both countries are moving on the right path. He said this honour is not his personal achievement, but the honour of India and 140 crore Indians. He accepted the honour on behalf of all Indians and expressed gratitude upon being conferred the award. Prime Minister Modi also held talks with the King of Bhutan this afternoon at Tashichhodzong Palace, in Thimphu. Both leaders renewed commitment to the special and unique India-Bhutan friendship. They reviewed the bilateral ties and discussed ways to take them to new levels.



Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has congratulated the scientists of ISRO for another outstanding accomplishment with the successful autonomous landing of Pushpak (RLV-TD). In a social media post, Thakur said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has once again demonstrated its commitment to leading space exploration and pushing frontiers. He said, the constant dedication and inventiveness of our scientists are commendable and helping the country to reach new heights in space exploration.



The Indian Premier League, IPL Cricket tournament will begin tonight in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The season opener match will be played between the defending champions Chennai Super Kings and Royal Challengers Bengaluru at MA Chidambaram Stadium at 8 PM.

