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HEADLINES:-

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- ✓ Preparations for lone Lok Sabha seat in Mizoram are going on with officials taking all efforts and leave nothing to chances.
- ✓ Union Ministry for Parliamentary Affairs in collaboration with Assam Legislative Assembly organises National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) in Guwahati for paperless legislative process and enhanced connectivity with all government departments.
- ✓ Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Government of India in collaboration with Meghalaya Planning, Investment Promotion & Sustainable Development Department hosts “Digital India Northeast” regional workshop in Shillong.
- ✓ 3rd edition of North East Games 2024 kick start with glittering opening ceremony at Regional Centre for Sporting Excellence, Sovima in Nagaland.

ARUNACHAL:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Electoral Officer, Pawan Kumar Sain said that all arrangements for conducting simultaneous elections, State Assembly and Lok Sabha polls in the state are in place. Arunachal Pradesh is going to polls on April 19 in a single phase. The state has 2,226 polling stations, out of which 588 booths have been identified as critical and 443 as vulnerable. During a press briefing in Itanagar yesterday, Sain said that there are 68 polling stations where polling personnel will require 2 to 3 days of foot march to reach the place. The state has 153 polling stations to be managed by women, 3 by Persons with Disabilities and 49 by the youth. The help of chopper sorties will also be taken to reach some areas like Vijaynagar along the Indo-Myanmar border and 6 other places. Webcasting will be done in 750 polling stations, while offline recording facility would be available in 342 polling stations. The CEO informed that the state election machinery has so far seized over 3.88 crore rupees cash from various districts and recovered 378 unlicensed arms since February 1 this year. Two state government employees have been also suspended so far for violating the rules.

MIZORAM:

In Mizoram, preparations for the lone Lok Sabha seat are going on with officials taking all efforts leaving nothing to chances. Addressing media persons in Aizawl yesterday, Aizawl Deputy Commissioner Nazuk Kumar, who is also the Returning Officer for the lone Lok Sabha seat in Mizoram, said that preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls in Aizawl District has been more or less completed. She said that the first phase of training for polling officials will be conducted on the 26 and 27 of this month, in which 24 master trainers will impart the training to the polling parties. Meanwhile, the People’s Conference party yesterday named Rita Malsawmi as the candidate for the Lok Sabha polls. Earlier, the ruling Zoram People’s Movement has announced the name of Richard Vanlalmangaiha as its candidate. Polling for the lone Lok Sabha seat in Mizoram will be held on April 19 while counting of votes will take place on June 4.

NeVA:

The Union Ministry for Parliamentary Affairs in collaboration with the Assam Legislative Assembly organised the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) in Guwahati for a paperless legislative process and enhanced connectivity with all government departments of Assam. The NeVA implementation will revolutionise the operational dynamics of the Assam Legislative Assembly by facilitating the electronic laying of all paperless, fostering seamless e-connectivity with government departments and advancing the 'Go Green' initiative. This endeavour is expected to yield significant environmental benefits as it will save thousands of tonnes of papers.

WORKSHOP:

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Government of India in collaboration with the Meghalaya Planning, Investment Promotion & Sustainable Development Department hosted the "Digital India Northeast Regional Workshop" in Shillong yesterday. During the workshop, the Meghalaya government expressed efficiency gain through the digital transformation, wherein schemes are being sanctioned 36% faster than last year. Secretary for Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India, S. Krishnan said that Meghalaya has made the entire nation proud by winning the United Nations award. Meghalaya Chief Secretary, Donald P. Wahlang, mentioned that the government expenditure has increased almost 3 times because of efficiency gain in internal processes. Presentations were made showcasing how Meghalaya has achieved the feat through collaboration and leveraging digital technologies.

NE GAMES:

In Nagaland, the 3rd edition of North East Games 2024 kick started with a glittering opening ceremony at the Regional Centre for Sporting Excellence, Sovima yesterday. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said, Northeast has huge potential in sports and nobody can stop the region from moving forward and becoming a contributor in the field of sports. The North East Games is a showcase of sportsmanship and camaraderie of the North Eastern Region with a vision to inspire unity amongst the region. Various artists performed during the opening ceremony of the 3rd North East Games 2024. More than 3000 athletes from eight North Eastern states are competing in 15 disciplines. The events are being held in 12 venues across three districts Chumoukedima, Dimapur and Kohima.
