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HEADLINES:-

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- Bharatiya Janata Party announces the names of all 60 candidates for ensuing Assembly elections in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Students who are going to vote for the first time in the forthcoming General Elections should cast their votes in a fair manner.
- Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launches Helicopter passenger Service in the State under the Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- Meghalaya Education Minister, Rakkam A. Sangma launches the Vidya Samiksha Kendra at the Directorate of Educational Research & Training Annexe in Shillong.

PORTAL

Joining the rest of the country, Nagaland yesterday launched the PM-SURAJ portal, a credit outreach programme to the disadvantage sections of the society. Addressing the event, Advisor CAWD and Taxes, Kudecho Khamo said the portal is specially for sanitation workers and commended those who are risking their lives to keep the towns and cities clean. Mr. Khamo said Nagaland Government led by Chief minister Neiphiu Rio and the nation led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi are collectively working towards the welfare the citizens from the highest to lowest to march ahead towards a developed nation. He said Government believes that a nation can progress only if the last person is inclusively taken care of in the journey to development. He therefore asked leaders, bureaucrats and all people concerned to ensure that all opportunities and schemes reach and benefit the intended people. On the occasion, Ayushman Health Cards and PPE kits under NAMASTE were distributed to sanitation workers under Kohima Municipal Council and Dimapur Municipal Council.

CANDIDATES

The Bharatiya Janata Party has announced the names of all 60 candidates for ensuing Assembly elections in Arunachal Pradesh. The party's Central Election Committee approved the list of candidates in a meeting held under the chairmanship of BJP president JP Nadda on Monday. As per the approved list, Chief Minister Pema Khandu will be contesting from Mukto seat, State BJP president Biyuram Wahge from Pakke Kessang, and Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein from Chowkham constituency. Notably, three sitting Ministers in the Khandu ministry failed to find their names in the list. They are - Home Minister Bamang Felix from Nyapin constituency who is being replaced by first timer Tai Nikio, Agriculture Minister Tage Taki from Ziro-Hapoli who is being replaced by another first timer Er Hage Appa, and Industries Minister Tumke Bagra from Aalo West seat who is being substituted by Topin Ete. Most importantly, all three recently inducted BJP members from Congress - Ninong Ering from Pasighat West, Lombo Tayeng from Mebo, and Wanglin Lowangdong from Borduria-Bogapani managed to get the BJP tickets this time around.

VOTE:

Students who are going to vote for the first time in the forthcoming General Elections should cast their votes in a fair manner. They should not be subject to any influence like money, caste, religion, etc in deciding the candidate. The percentage of voting in the age group of 18-29 years was comparatively less and the Election Department was motivating the first-time voters to cast their votes without fail. In Puducherry Union Territory, there were 10.2 lakh voters spread over thirty assembly constituencies. In the 2019 General Elections, the total percentage of voting was 82 and we were trying to reach 100 % voting in this forthcoming election.

SERVICE

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launched Helicopter passenger Service in the State under the Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN of the Ministry of Civil Aviation. During a programme held virtually at the Chief Minister's Secretariat, the Chief Minister also inaugurated 2 Bays Temporary Garages of Nambol Fire Sub Station and Loitang Khunou Fire Sub Station. Speaking at the function, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that under the Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN, the State has been provided another Pawan Hans Helicopter Service. Meanwhile Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inaugurated the State's first water amusement park and said that more such amusement parks are coming up in different parts of the State.

EDUCATION

Meghalaya Education Minister, Rakkam A Sangma, along with Education Advisor, H.M. Shangpliang yesterday launched the Vidya Samiksha Kendra at the Directorate of Educational Research & Training Annexe in Malki, Shillong. The Department of Education, Government of Meghalaya in collaboration with Samagra Shiksha State Education Mission Authority of Meghalaya through Vidya Samiksha Kendra aims to empower students to achieve their aspirations through quality education while incorporating real-time monitoring supported by artificial intelligence.
