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HEADLINES:-

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- **Four Zilla Parishad members including Zilla Parishad Chairman from Lower Subansiri and Keyi Panyor Districts disqualified from their respective seats.**
- **Three autonomous district councils in Meghalaya hold meeting with Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma, Deputy Chief Minister in-charge district council affairs, Prestone Tynsong and other officials to reform and improve overall administration and financial health of Councils.**
- **Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Chief of Air Staff, Indian Air Force visits 509 Signal Unit at Eastern Air Command, Shillong.**
- **Sikkim celebrates its Statehood Day today to commemorate its integration into India as 22nd state on May 16, 1975.**

CUET

More than 75 percent of candidates participated on the first day of the Common University Entrance Test or CUET (UG) yesterday. The CUET examination in Meghalaya however witnessed chaos at the Central university - North-Eastern Hill University - as there was a delay in holding the English exam which led to students remaining in the university's campus for several hours. Around 3,000 students were assigned to write the CUET examination at NEHU. However as per the National Testing Agency, it claimed that the examination was conducted smoothly at all locations in the country and abroad. A total of 11.4 lakh candidates were scheduled to take the exam at two thousand one hundred and fifty seven centres in 379 cities on day one of the examination this year. The NTA is conducting the CUET (UG) – 2024 in a hybrid mode spanning over eight days, utilizing both Computer Based Test and Pen and Paper formats. The CUET provides a single window opportunity to students seeking admission in any of the Central Universities or other institutes including State Universities, Deemed and Private Universities across the country.

DISQUALIFICATION

In Arunachal Pradesh, four Zilla Parishad members including a Zilla Parishad Chairman from Lower Subansiri and Keyi Panyor Districts were disqualified from their respective seats yesterday under relevant sections of of the Arunachal Pradesh Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Act, 2003 and Arunachal Pradesh Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Amendment Act, 2006. They were disqualified after a series of hearings conducted at the official chamber of Lower Subansiri and Keyi Panyor Deputy Commissioner. The BJP elected Zilla Parishad members had left the party to merge with the Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit Pawar) prior to the general elections. However, the NCP did not accept their merger applications. The BJP also did not accept them back into the party.

The Zilla Parishad of undivided Lower Subansiri District has 20 Zilla Parishad members out of which, 14 belonged to Ziro-I block while 6 belonged to Ziro-II block or Keyi Panyor District.

ADCs

In Meghalaya, the three autonomous district councils yesterday held a meeting with the Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma, Deputy Chief Minister in-charge district council affairs, Prestone Tynsong and other officials with an objective to reform and improve the overall administration and financial health of the three councils in the state. Sangma told reporters that the meeting was convened to discuss various issues pertaining to the ADCs and mainly to achieve three different objectives - to look into the overall administration and different rules, to improve the financial health of the Councils and to clear all pending bills passed by the three ADCs. The Chief Minister informed that a special committee to be headed by the chief secretary was formed to provide support and guidance to the district councils, and ensure that different rules, financial or human resources or procurement policies are in place at different levels.

AIR CHIEF

Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Chief of the Air Staff, Indian Air Force, visited the 509 Signal Unit at the Eastern Air Command, Shillong. He was received by Air Marshal SP Dharkar, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Air Command and Group Captain Vivek Sharma, Station Commander, 509 Signal Unit. The Chief of the Air Staff interacted with station personnel and congratulated the unit on being awarded the President's Colours. Veterans, who had served in the station since its inception in 1964, were also present and interacted with Chief of the Air Staff. During his visit, the CAS reviewed the operational capability and readiness of the station.

SIKKIM

Sikkim is celebrating its Statehood Day today to commemorate its integration into India as the 22nd state on May 16, 1975. Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya has extended warm greetings to the people of Sikkim on this occasion, highlighting the state's 49-year democratic journey marked by significant development across various sectors. Sikkim's natural beauty, peaceful environment, rich religious traditions, and ethnic harmony serve as inspiration for the nation. The Governor emphasized unity among the people to propel Sikkim towards progress and prosperity, aiming to achieve Viksit Bharat by 2047 through conscientious utilization of natural and human resources. Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang also conveyed warm greetings, and acknowledged Sikkim's significant progress since integration into India's democratic system. He stressed on the importance of preserving cultural heritage, promoting quality of life improvements, and fostering education, healthcare, and technological advancements, besides collective efforts to create opportunities for the youth, gender equality, education reform, farmers support, and citizen-focused governance.
