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HEADLINES:-

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- Nagaland's state cabinet has once again appealed to the Eastern Nagaland People's Organization to reconsider its decision to abstain from participating in the Urban Local Bodies Elections, scheduled on 26th June, which is being conducted on the directions of the Supreme Court.
- Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development, Mizoram Centre yesterday organized a programme on 'Bioeconomy from Bioresources: Promoting Bioresources of Mizoram for Viksit Bharat'.
- The Meghalaya government has said it is taking the matter relating to delay in conduct of the CUET examination at the NEHU seriously and will approach the National Testing Agency to either re-conduct the examination or to exempt the state from it.
- The Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council has said that research work on 41 different areas pertaining to the traditions, culture, customs, and practices of the Khasi Community is nearing completion.

CONFERENCE:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma chaired a conference of Deputy Commissioners' and Sub-Divisional Officers in Shillong yesterday to discuss about various interventions undertaken to advance development agenda through data-driven governance. Mr Sangma urged officers at the State, District, and Sub-Division levels to work in coordination to ensure effective implementation of programs and schemes. He emphasized the importance of putting people first in every decision. Chief Minister Sangma also spoke about Meghalaya's vision to achieve a 10 billion US dollar economy. He stressed that every stakeholder in the system must work in synergy to achieve this target.

EXPORT:

The Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts organized an Export Awareness Seminar on the Niryat Bandhu Scheme of Directorate General of Foreign Trade in Itanagar yesterday. The program plays a crucial role in providing essential support and guidance to individuals entering into global business. The Niryat Bandhu officer takes on the role of a mentor by guiding entrepreneurs, especially those new to international business. Jesmina Zeliang, Regional Convenor of the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, said that Arunachal Pradesh has huge natural resources, handicraft skills and other natural fibres. However, there is not a single exporter from the state. On behalf of the Council, she said that it will ensure that the first exporter from Arunachal makes foray into international business.

NAGALAND:

Nagaland's Cabinet and Parliamentary Affairs Minister and State Spokesperson K.G. Kenye said the state cabinet has once again appealed to the Eastern Nagaland People's Organization to reconsider its decision to abstain from participating in the Urban Local Bodies Elections, scheduled on 26th June, which is being conducted on the directions of the Supreme Court. Mr Kenye said, Urban Local Bodies election is for empowering local self-governance and facilitating development and uplift of the citizens at the grassroots. The Eastern Nagaland People's Organization had boycotted the election to the lone Nagaland Lok Sabha seat on 19th April in support of its demand for a 'Frontier Nagaland Territory' and also announced that it would abstain from the urban local bodies' elections.

ISBD:

Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), Mizoram Centre yesterday organized a programme on 'Bioeconomy from Bioresources: Promoting Bioresources of Mizoram for Viksit Bharat'. Professor Pulok Kumar Mukherjee, Director, IBSD highlighted on various research verticals for the development of bioeconomy from bioresources from the North Eastern Region. He mentioned that IBSD is organising different outreach activities in the region for societal benefit and to encourage startups. Professor Dibakar Chandra Deka, Vice-Chancellor, Mizoram University highlighted various bioresources of Mizoram, including bamboo, orchids and fermented food and beverages which can be explored for their documentation and scientific validation.

CUET:

The Meghalaya government has said it is taking the matter relating to delay in conduct of the CUET examination at the NEHU seriously and will approach the National Testing Agency to either re-conduct the examination or to exempt the state from it. The Voice of the People Party, the Khasi Students' Union and Meghalaya BJP have expressed concern over the chaotic and distressing situation witnessed during the CUET examination and asked the state government to take immediate action and ensure such incidents do not recur. The Hynniewtrep Youth Council also submitted a letter to the education minister, appealing the state government to ensure that educational institutes in Meghalaya provide an option through which students can secure admissions by means other than their CUET scores.

RESEARCH:

The Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council Executive Member in charge of Education, Carness Sohshang has said that research work on 41 different areas pertaining to the traditions, culture, customs, and practices of the Khasi Community is nearing completion. The Research and Development Committee, which he heads, will meet on the 24th of this month to discuss the status of this research project. Mr Sohshang expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Conrad Sangma for his support to the Council in undertaking this research project with a sum of 50 lakh rupees. He also encouraged all the Autonomous District Councils to take up such research projects to preserve the culture, customs, and practices of the three major tribes of Meghalaya.
