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HEADLINES:-

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- Voting of the fifth phase of Lok Sabha began at 7 a.m. and will continue till 7 p.m. today.
- The student enrolment under the Scheduled Caste category increases by 44 per cent, from 46 lakh in 2014-15 to 66 lakh in 2021-22.
- Election Commission seizes 8 thousand 889 crore rupees in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections.
- In Arunachal Pradesh, Indian Army has successfully conducted a week -long Forward Area Tour for defence experts.
- Meghalaya Together, a socio-cultural organisation successfully conducted its 2nd Life Skill Development Programme in Shillong.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

PRESIDENT:

President Droupadi Murmu paid floral tributes to former President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy on his birth anniversary at Rashtrapati Bhavan yesterday. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy served as the sixth President of India from 25th July 1977 to 25th July 1982. Born on 19th May 1913 in Illur, Andhra Pradesh, Reddy was a stalwart of Indian politics and a strong advocate for the development of his home state.

ELECTION:

The voting of the fifth phase of Lok Sabha election covering forty-nine constituencies spread over six States and two Union Territories began at 7 a.m. and will continue till 7 p.m. today. The prominent candidates whose fate will be decided in this phase include BJP leaders and Union Ministers Rajnath Singh, Piyush Goyal, Smriti Irani, Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and KL Sharma, Omar Abdullah of the National Conference, and Chirag Paswan of LJP (Ram Vilas). Over 9 lakh 47 thousand polling officials are being deployed across 94 thousand 732 polling stations.

ENROLLMENT:

The student enrolment under the Scheduled Caste category has grown by 44 per cent, from 46 lakh in 2014-15 to 66 lakh in 2021-22. According to a report of the National Commission for Backward Class, minority female student enrolment also witnessed over 42 per cent increase, from over 10 lakhs in 2014-15 to 15 lakhs in 2021-22. Female SC enrolment increased by 51 per cent, whereas that of ST students went up by 65.2 per cent. According to the report, during the academic year 2020-21, a 27 per cent reservation for OBC students was implemented in Central Schools, resulting in over 34 thousand OBC children securing admissions. In Institutes of National Importance, there was a 71 per cent increase in OBC enrolment, with female OBC enrolment more than doubling, the report said.

SEIZURE:

Election Commission's concerted crackdown on money power and inducements in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections has resulted in seizures by the agencies worth 8 thousand 889 crore rupees. The poll body said in a statement that enhanced vigil against inducements including drugs and psychotropic substances has resulted in big seizure actions and continuous surge. Drug seizures worth over three thousand 958 crore rupees amount to 45 percent of seizures. With increasing

intensity of campaigning, the Commission is keeping close tab on attempts to influence voters through inducements. It has directed the CEOs and enforcement agencies to step up the vigil.

STUDENT:

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TOUR:

In Arunachal Pradesh, Indian Army has successfully conducted a week long Forward Area Tour for defence experts which concluded yesterday. The tour programme which started on May 12 aimed at encouraging Civil-Military fusion in defence technology. The tour facilitated the defence experts to get a first-hand experience of the operational & administrative challenges faced by troops deployed in forward areas of Arunachal Pradesh, thereby motivating them to formulate inventive technological solutions to the problems. Seven qualified defence experts from various defence industries, Start-Ups & Academia formed part of the team. The delegates visited the forward areas in Anjaw District along the Line of Actual Control and gained insights about the operational and logistics challenges of the armed forces.

SKILLS:

Meghalaya Together, a socio-cultural organisation committed to fostering unity and societal welfare, successfully conducted its 2nd Life Skill Development Programme at Laban Assamese Girl Higher Secondary School in Shillong. The event saw participation from nine schools across Shillong, with a total of 58 students engaging in various developmental activities. The programme featured sessions on essential skills such as Time Management, conducted by Roshni Subba, Administrator of St. Peter's School; Personality Development, led by Dr Prof Brinda Bazeley Kharrymbai, Head of the Department of Education of NEHU; and Leadership Skills facilitated by former corporate executive Hiranmoy Dutta.
