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HEADLINES:-

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- A total of 523 intending candidates are in fray for the upcoming elections to urban local bodies in Nagaland scheduled on June 26.
- A team of researchers from Arunachal Pradesh Regional Centre of the Botanical Survey of India discover new plant species from Mandala region of West Kameng district in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma holds review meeting of all districts to assess the damage caused by recent monsoon rains.
- Rajya Sabha MP from Meghalaya, W.R. Kharlukhi asserts that his scheme for the financial year 2022-23 has already been implemented fully.
- National Commission for Protection of Child Rights organizes an awareness programme on how to prevent and combating child trafficking, labour and child abuse in Meghalaya's West Khasi Hills District.

YOGA

The 10th International Day of Yoga is being celebrated across the country today. The main function started at 6.45 today morning at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the celebrations. Over 7,000 people from various walks of life gathered with the Prime Minister on the banks of Dal Lake, Srinagar to mark this special occasion. J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Union Minister Prataprao Ganpatrao Jadhav and many other dignitaries also joined the programme led by the Prime Minister. Globally, Embassies and Indian Missions abroad joined the celebrations, reflecting yoga's widespread influence. This year's theme, "Yoga for Self and Society," emphasizes yoga's vital role in fostering both individual well-being and societal harmony.

ELECTION

In Nagaland, a total of 523 intending candidates are in fray for the upcoming elections to urban local bodies scheduled on June 26. Counting and declaration of votes will take place on 29th June. This will be the first ever municipal elections in the state with 33 percent reservation for women. The last ULB election was held in 2004 without the reservation of seats for women. Addressing media persons at Kohima, State Election Commissioner T J Longkumer yesterday said, all necessary arrangements including security measures have been put in place for peaceful conduct of the ULB election. He termed the upcoming ULB election as historic, adding that the state is conducting the election after 20 years. He also informed that a total two Lakh 76 thousand 229 voters will cast their votes in 269 wards

from 24 Municipalities and Town Councils. Mr Longkumer said, 64 candidates in 21 Municipal and town councils have been declared elected unopposed.

TEAM

A team of researchers from the Arunachal Pradesh Regional Centre of the Botanical Survey of India has discovered a new plant species from Mandala region of West Kameng district in Arunachal Pradesh. It has been named **Petrocosmea arunachalense**. Belonging to the family Gesneriaceae, Petrocosmea arunachalense is notable for being only the second known species of the genus Petrocosmea found in India. This significant discovery adds to the botanical diversity and underscores the rich flora of Arunachal Pradesh. The detailed research findings have been published in the latest issue of the Nordic Journal of Botany. The discovery was led by Dr Krishna Chowlu, along with researchers Akshath Shenoy and Ajit Ray from APRC, Itanagar.

MEETING

Meghalaya Chief Minister of Meghalaya Conrad K Sangma took an in-depth review meeting with all the districts to assess the situation, review preparedness and analyse specific additional requirements of the districts to meet needs and provide relief to the affected population in view of the flood situation following the impact of the South West monsoon rains. Officials who attended the meeting includes Minister Shri Kyrmen Shylla, Revenue and Disaster Management, D.P.Wahlang, IAS, Chief Secretary; Sanjay Goyal, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management Department. Smt. M.War Nongbri, IAS, Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management Department; Deputy Commissioners of all Districts of Meghalaya and other officials.

FIR

Rajya Sabha MP from Meghalaya, WR Kharlukhi has asserted that his scheme of the financial year 2022-23 has already been implemented, while the scheme for 2023-24 is still pending due to the recent elections. The statement came from Kharlukhi after a youtuber alleged corruption and non-utilisation of the scheme. Speaking to media persons yesterday, Dr WR Kharlukhi said that he is open for any sort of investigation into the matter. Informing that he has already filed an FIR with the Cyber police into the matter, he added that he will resign as MP and even quit politics if someone can bring evidence regarding corruption in any of his schemes.

COMMISSION

In Meghalaya, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights joined with the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and the District Administration of West Khasi Hills yesterday organized an awareness programme on how to prevent and combating child trafficking, labour and child abuse. The program, titled "Bal Toskori Se Ajadi 2.0" (Freedom from Child Exploitation 2.0), is part of a nationwide campaign targeting 100 bordering and adjoining districts in India.
