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HEADLINES:-

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- 2. The death toll in Assam floods has increased to 84 with five more persons dying.
- 3. The Ministry of Home Affairs has decided to reserve 10 percent vacancies for recruitment in the Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles for Agniveers, completing four years under the Agnipath Scheme.
- 4. The Home (Political) Department, Government of Meghalaya, has informed that the time for submission of reports to the State Government by the three Regional Committees on inter-state boundary disputes has been extended till 30th September, 2024.
- 5. Enhancing synergy between various verticals of defence, Devika Raghuvanshi, Controller General of Defence Accounts, visited Dinjan Military Station in Assam yesterday.
- 6. Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh yesterday distributed benefits under various Government Schemes and also launched new schemes.
- 7. The Joint-Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and Secretary, North Eastern Council, Angshuman Dey reviewed implementation of 'Catch the Rain' program at the Office of the Deputy Commissioner in Shillong yesterday.
- 8. Nagaland has received the prestigious Agriculture Leadership Award 2024 in the category of Best State in Horticulture.

BUDGET

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with eminent economists at NITI Ayog in New Delhi yesterday to elicit their views and suggestions ahead of the Union Budget 2024-25. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Suman Bery, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, PK Mishra and leading economists and experts attended the meeting. The Budget Session of Parliament will begin on the 22nd of this month and on 23rd Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Union Budget in the Lok Sabha. It will be the first budget of the Narendra Modi Government in its third term.

FLOOD

The death toll in Assam floods has increased to 84 with five more persons dying. Nearly 1.439 million people in 27 districts have been affected by the deluge. As

many as 159 wild animals, including nine rhinos, have died so far at the Kaziranga National Park due to floods in Assam. The flood waters have submerged 2580 villages under 86 revenue circles. Around 1,57,000 people are taking shelter in 365 relief camps and distribution centres across Assam.

AGNIVEER

The Ministry of Home Affairs has decided to reserve 10 percent vacancies for recruitment in the Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles for Agniveers, completing four years under the Agnipath Scheme announced by the Government of India. The Union home ministry has also decided to give three years age relaxation beyond the prescribed upper age limit to Agniveers for recruitment. Further, for the first batch of Agniveers, the age relaxation will be for five years beyond the prescribed upper age limit, the home ministry tweeted.

COMMITTEE

The Home (Political) Department, Government of Meghalaya, in a notification issued on 10th July, 2024 informed that the time for submission of reports to the State Government by the three Regional Committees on inter-state boundary disputes has been extended till 30th September, 2024. These Regional Committees were constituted by the Assam and Meghalaya Governments to resolve the issues in the remaining areas of dispute between the two neighbouring states along the inter-state boundary.

DEFENCE

Enhancing synergy between various verticals of defence, Devika Raghuvanshi, Controller General of Defence Accounts, visited Dinjan Military Station in Assam yesterday. During her visit, Raghuvanshi interacted with the General Officer Commanding of the Dao Division, underscoring the importance of collaboration between the Defence Accounts Department and military formations. The visit followed the inauguration of a new Area Accounts Office at Jorhat under the jurisdiction of the Controller of Defence Accounts Guwahati. This new office aims to enhance efficiency and support for units and formations in Upper Assam, Nagaland, and Arunachal Pradesh.

MANIPUR

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh yesterday distributed benefits under various Government Schemes and also launched new schemes at a function held at the City Convention Centre, Imphal. The Chief Minister along with the Cabinet Ministers distributed benefits under 46 schemes to more than four lakh beneficiaries amounting to over 300 crore rupees. The benefits will be transferred directly to the accounts of the beneficiaries.

RAIN

The Joint-Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and Secretary, North Eastern Council, Angshuman Dey, who is also the Central Nodal Officer, Jal Shakti Abhiyan for East Khasi Hills District, reviewed the implementation of the 'Catch the Rain' program of the Government of India at the Office of the Deputy Commissioner in Shillong yesterday. In the last one year, various activities and interventions took place and the East Khasi Hills has emerged as one of the leading districts in Meghalaya in the implementation of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan, an official release said.

NAGALAND

Nagaland has received the prestigious Agriculture Leadership Award 2024 in the category of Best State in Horticulture. The award was given to Nagaland state government for its outstanding work in introducing innovative programs and policies for horticulture development. This has positively touched the lives of large number of farmers and the rural people across the state. Nagaland Minister for Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse received the award on behalf of the State, at the 15th Agriculture Leadership Conclave held in New Delhi.
