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HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi hoists the national flag and delivers his 11th consecutive speech to the nation from the Red Fort on the occasion of 78th Independence Day.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi expresses happiness over a Tiranga rally carrying six hundred feet long Indian National Flag under the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma inaugurates the Babies' Critical Care Unit at Ganesh Das Government Maternal and Child Health Hospital in Shillong.
- The 758 Border Roads Task Force of Project Swastik organizes a large-scale tree plantation drive in Sikkim as part of Independence Day celebrations.
- Meghalaya Water Resources Department hosted the National Space Day Workshop in Shillong State Convention Centre.
- Kuber Bhandari sworn in as the new State Information Commissioner of Sikkim yesterday.

MODI

Prime Minister unfurled the national flag at the iconic Red Fort and inspected the Guard of Honour. In his address, Prime Minister Modi said this nation is indebted to every martyr and freedom fighter and is grateful to them. Prime Minister said his government gave the mantra of 'Vocal for Local'. He expressed happiness that Vocal for Local has become a new mantra and every district has started taking pride in its products. Prime Minister Modi said that the reforms carried out by his government have revived the banking sector. He said that earlier the banking sector was going through tough times, but there is growth in the segment today. Prime Minister Modi further said that 75 thousand new medical seats will be added in the country in the next five years. Mr Modi said that students spend lakhs and crores of rupees for medical education abroad and thus the government will be creating 75,000 new medical seats in the next 5 years. This will increase access to medical education in the country.

PATRIOTISM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed happiness over a Tiranga rally carrying six hundred feet long Indian National Flag under the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan in Arunachal Pradesh.

In a social media post, the Prime Minister said that Arunachal Pradesh is a land where patriotism is deeply rooted in the heart of every citizen, and it is reflected in the state's vibrant cultural heritage. Mr. Modi said that he is delighted to see such enthusiasm towards the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan.

BABIES:

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma, yesterday inaugurated the Babies' Critical Care Unit at Ganesh Das Government Maternal and Child Health Hospital in Shillong. Speaking during the inauguration, Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma, said that there is a potential in all health centres of the state but it is not only the investments in terms of infrastructure, machines or equipment that brings about a change but the human touch that are the real agents of change. "It is inspiring and motivating to see that a team in spite of the challenges are bringing transformation and change in Ganesh Das Hospital," he said. He added that this kind of story should be shared with other health centers across the state so that they can be inspired to be the change they desire to see.

TREE

The 758 Border Roads Task Force (BRTF) of Project Swastik organized a large-scale tree plantation drive in Sikkim under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" as part of Independence Day celebrations. The BRTF, which is active in the remote areas of North and East Sikkim near the China border, planted over 300 saplings along the Jawaharlal Nehru Marg. The event was attended by local councillor Miss Chungkela Lepcha, who also planted a sapling and encouraged locals to contribute to making the planet greener.

WORKSHOP

The Water Resources Department, Meghalaya, under the National Hydrology Project, along with Central Water Commission, North eastern Space Application Centre, Central Ground Water Board Survey of India and National Institute of Hydrology- North eastern Regional Centre as co-organisers, hosted the National Space Day Workshop on Tuesday at the Shillong State Convention Centre, focusing on the theme, "Space Technology for Sustainable Water Resources Management." The event had brought together experts from various fields to discuss innovative solutions for managing water resources using space technology. Mr. S. C. Sadhu, IAS, Secretary of the Water Resources Department, in his opening speech emphasized the crucial role of space technology in addressing water management challenges in Meghalaya and beyond.

The Chief Guest, Mr. C. Ymbon, Minister in charge of the Water Resources Department, underscored the Government's commitment to leveraging technological innovations for effective water management.

COMMISSIONER

Kuber Bhandari was sworn in as the new State Information Commissioner of Sikkim yesterday. The oath was administered by Y.P. Gurung, the State Chief Information Commissioner, at the Tashiling Secretariat in Gangtok. The ceremony was attended by prominent officials, including Chief Secretary Vijay Bhushan Pathak, DGP A.K. Singh, Additional Chief Secretary R. Telang, and other senior dignitaries.
