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HEADLINES:-

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- Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti Dr. Raj Bhushan Choudhary appreciates the rich cultural heritage of Meghalaya.
- Education Ministry directs all states and union territories to implement the Guidelines on School Safety and Security-2021.
- Meghalaya Legislative Assembly pays tribute to former chief minister S.C. Marak and former MLA Raisen Mawsor who represented Mawshynrut Constituency.
- Sikkim Governor, Om Prakash Mathur pays a courtesy visit to the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- India Meteorological Department forecasts extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places over Tripura and Mizoram on Sunday.

FLOOD:

Rescue operation is underway in Gomati and South Tripura area, which were battered by severe floods. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha undertook the aerial survey of the flood affected areas. Union Home Minister Amit Shah yesterday informed on social media that the Centre has approved the release of 40 crore rupees as a central share from State Disaster Relief Fund to provide relief to the flood-affected people in Tripura. Chief Minister Manik Saha has expressed gratitude for the constant support from the Centre in helping and motivating Tripura to firmly fight in this tough situation. Meanwhile, the torrential rains caused damage to a big stretch on the Assam-Agartala NH-8 at Atharamura hills prompting the Khowai district magistrate to stop vehicular movement.

CULTURE:

Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti Dr Raj Bhushan Choudhary yesterday appreciated the rich cultural heritage of Meghalaya and said that the state holds a special place in the country with its unique landscapes and vibrant community. He was addressing a press conference in Shillong on his third-day visit to Meghalaya. During his address, the Union Minister stressed that it is the firm belief of the central government that the growth of Meghalaya should not only be rapid but also inclusive, sustainable, and in harmony with its environment. Speaking about the infrastructure development in the region, the Minister said that the central government has prioritised infrastructure development in the state recognising the strategic importance of Meghalaya in the Northeastern Region. The Minister appreciated the fact that tourism is a key driver of economic growth in Meghalaya and apprised that in order to harness this potential further, the central government, in collaboration with the state government, has launched several initiatives under the Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD schemes.

GUIDELINES:

The Education Ministry has directed all states and union territories to implement the Guidelines on School Safety and Security-2021. The guidelines were developed by the Ministry's Department of School Education and Literacy in alignment with POCSO guidelines. They contain provisions for fixing the accountability of school management regarding the safety and security of children studying in Government, Government-aided, and Private Schools. Additionally, the guidelines provide measures for preventive education, accountability of various stakeholders, reporting procedures, concerned legal provisions, support and counselling, and a safe environment.

SESSION:

The autumn session of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly began yesterday. The House yesterday paid tribute to former chief minister S.C. Marak, who represented Resubelpara and former MLA Raisen Mawsor who had represented Mawshynrut.

Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong started with the obituary reference followed by the Leader of Opposition Ronnie Lyngdoh of the Congress, Speaker Thomas Sangma, Charles Pyngrope, Mukul Sangma (TMC) and Ampareen Lyngdoh (NPP) among others. Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong officiated on behalf of the chief minister Conrad Sangma who was absent on the first day of the autumn session. VPP MLA Adelbert Nongrum raised the need to allow more days for the autumn session to which the Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prestone Tynsong and Assembly Speaker Thomas Sangma disallowed the request but added that more time can be given, but not days as it was already approved by the Business Advisory Committee.

VISIT:

The Governor of Sikkim, Om Prakash Mathur, paid a courtesy visit to the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi yesterday. During the meeting, the President handed over a copy of the Constitution of India to the Governor. The Governor conveyed his immense gratitude to the President and expressed his commitment to serve the State in its developmental journey to the best of his ability towards the collective pursuit of Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

WEATHER:

The India Meteorological Department has forecast extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places over Tripura, Mizoram, and West Madhya Pradesh on Sunday. The weather agency predicted very heavy rainfall over Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, and Mizoram during the next three days.
