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HEADLINES:-

- **Union Finance Ministry sanctions 2,000 crore rupees for Meghalaya to develop roads and logistics infrastructure under Second Phase of the Meghalaya Integrated Transport Project.**
- **Mizoram and Assam agree to continue to promote and maintain peace along inter-state border in their efforts to resolve long pending boundary dispute.**
- **Meghalaya cabinet approves holding of SSLC examination twice a year from next academic year 2025 to help failed students to appear in supplementary examination only for subjects they have not passed.**
- **Five opposition Congress MLAs in Manipur stage walkout and decide to boycott remaining sitting of Assembly session as Speaker rejects their private members' resolution to pass unanimous decision in the House to seek appointment with Prime Minister to resolve crisis in Manipur.**
- **Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma inaugurates AI technology based company iMerit at Shillong IT Park, Umsawli in presence of Radha Basu, Founder and CEO of iMerit.**
- **Nagaland government is on high alert to prevent any infiltration of illegal immigrants following political unrest in Bangladesh and potential impact of influx of illegal immigrants in North East.**

MITP:

The Union Finance Ministry has sanctioned 2,000 crore rupees for Meghalaya to develop roads and logistics infrastructure under the Second Phase of the Meghalaya Integrated Transport Project (MITP). The new sanction was an outcome of the successful implementation of the MITP in the first phase and a meeting of Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma with Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman on June 24 who had presented a case for the project and requested for additional financial support. The State Government was thankful to the Ministry for favorably considering the Chief Minister's request and sanctioning the funds. The First Phase of MITP is being implemented with a support of 880 crore rupees from the World Bank.

TALKS:

Mizoram and Assam yesterday agreed to continue to promote and maintain peace along the inter-state border in their efforts to resolve the long pending boundary dispute. Representatives of both the states held a ministerial-level meeting yesterday in Aizawl for the fourth time, 3 years after the violent clash that took place in the disputed area near Mizoram's Vairengte town in July 2021. Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Assam's Border Protection and Development Minister Atul Bora, who led the neighbouring state's delegation, said that the meeting was very "positive and conducive" and both the states are committed to find solutions to resolve the long pending issue amicably. The meeting also decided that concerned administrative authorities of border districts of both the states will organize joint cultural and sports festivals commencing before 31st March next year to improve the relations.

Mizoram's Home Minister K. Sapdanga, who headed the Mizoram delegation, expressed hope and optimism that the vexed border dispute would be resolved at the earliest possible time. The next round of ministerial-level talks will be held in Guwahati before 31 March next year.

CABINET:

In Meghalaya, the cabinet has approved holding the SSLC examination or Class-X board examination twice a year from the next academic year 2025 to help failed students to appear in the supplementary examination only for the subjects they have not passed. After the cabinet meeting in Shillong yesterday, Meghalaya Education Minister Rakkam A Sangma said that students who failed in the main SSLC exam to be held in February 2025 can re-appear in the supplementary examination to be held in April or May 2025 after the declaration of the results for the main exam. He said that the government is following the national education policy besides central boards that used to conduct supplementary examinations after two months.

BOYCOTT:

In Manipur, five opposition Congress MLAs staged a walkout and decided to boycott the remaining sitting of the Assembly session after their private members' resolutions were rejected by the Speaker. The ongoing Assembly session will conclude on Monday. The private members' resolution submitted to the Speaker related to taking a unanimous decision in the House to seek appointment with the Prime Minister to resolve the crisis in Manipur. The session continued in the absence of five opposition MLAs and passed seven Demands for Grants for different departments. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh introduced the Manipur Goods and Service Tax (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2024 on the floor of the House while Law and Legislative Affairs Minister introduced the National Law University Manipur Bill, 2024.

AI:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma yesterday inaugurated an AI technology based company iMerit at Shillong IT Park, Umsawli in presence of Radha Basu, Founder and CEO of iMerit. The company, iMerit is an AI Solutions IT Company with a workforce of 5000+ employees across the United States, Europe, Bhutan and India, with 200 + employees in Meghalaya consisting of 64% workforce are women. Terming Shillong as a preferred choice for setting up of IT enabled companies, the Chief Minister said, the Government has initiated interventions to create an ecosystem for IT enabled services to thrive. He also encouraged the young local workforce to take advantage of IT companies, which are coming up in Shillong.

INFLUX:

Following political unrest in Bangladesh and potential impact of influx of illegal immigrants in the region, the Nagaland government is on high alert to prevent any infiltration of illegal immigrants in the state. Home Commissioner, Vyasan R yesterday said that Deputy Commissioners across the state have been instructed to activate all security coordination in their respective districts intensify ILP checks with surprise inspections. Cross border meetings with the Assam counterparts have been initiated to enable early warnings.
