

HEADLINES:-

1. Central Government notifies appointment of Chief Justices of eight High Courts including Justice Indra Prasanna Mukerji as new Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court.
2. Assam Police and NIA arrest 15 persons including three women for allegedly planting IED like materials to disrupt Independence Day celebrations on 15th of August this year.
3. Four-day World Food India 2024 concludes in New Delhi with Meghalaya Pavillion featuring launch of Meghalaya Collectives showcasing 20 exclusive brands and value-added products made from renowned Lakadong Turmeric, Khasi Mandarin, Kew Pineapple and other products.
4. Government says 49 per cent of Ayushman Cards are issued to women as out of 7.79 Crore hospital admissions, around 3.61 Crores are utilized by women.
5. World Rhino Day celebrated at various places in Assam with series of events held at Kaziranga, Orang, Manas national parks among other places to further promote the importance of rhino conservation.

**CHIEF JUSTICE**

The Central Government has notified the appointment of Chief Justices of eight High Courts in the country including the Meghalaya High Court. Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal posted on "X" about the appointment of the new Chief Justices of the eight High Court. Among other judges, Justice Indra Prasanna Mukerji, the Judge of Calcutta High Court has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court. Earlier, the Supreme Court Collegium had recommended Justice Tashi Rabstan as the Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court. However, this recommendation was altered and Justice Rabstan was appointed as the Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Courts.

**ARREST**

The Assam Police and NIA have arrested 15 persons in the state for allegedly planting IED like materials to disrupt Independence Day celebrations on 15th of August this year. In a statement issued in Guwahati yesterday, the Assam Police said, the operation held in collaboration with the National Investigation Agency led to the arrest of 15 persons, including three women at different places in Assam who revealed vital information regarding the incident. Among those arrested, six were from Dibrugarh and Lakhimpur districts. On the other hand, four each were apprehended from Jorhat and Guwahati. The raids came after prolonged intelligence gathering by the Assam Police Head Quarters in coordination with the NIA based on specific inputs received from various sources during the course of investigation.

**WORLD FOOD**

World Food India 2024, the mega food event, concluded at Pragati Maidan New Delhi yesterday. During the event, the Meghalaya Pavillion featured the launch

of Meghalaya Collectives, an initiative of the Meghalaya government which showcased 20 exclusive brands and value-added products made from renowned Lakadong Turmeric, Khasi Mandarin, Kew Pineapple, Local Ginger, Cashew Nuts, and many other indigenous produces, moreover, promoting farmer-producer organisations, rural entrepreneurship, and sustainable agriculture practices. This innovative approach aims to enhance farmers' income, improve agricultural productivity, and promote Meghalaya's organic products. During the four-day event, the Meghalaya Pavillion witnessed fruitful meetings with renowned companies, exploring potential collaborations like ZEPTO, an online grocery delivery service that offers quick commerce, Big Basket, an online grocery store that delivers a wide range of products to customers in India, Lulu Group International, Emirati-based multinational conglomerate company that operates a chain of hypermarkets and retail companies besides other companies.

## AYUSHMAN

The government has said that 49 per cent of the Ayushman Cards are issued to women. Out of 7.79 Crore hospital admissions, around 3.61 Crores are utilized by women. Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri – Jan Arogya Yojana AB PM-JAY aims to provide health cover of five lakh rupees per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to approximately 55 crore beneficiaries. States and UTs implementing the AB PM-JAY, have further expanded the beneficiary base at their own cost. AB PM-JAY has also expanded its beneficiary base and provides cover to ASHA workers, Anganwadi Workers and Helpers, Transgenders and Building and Construction Workers beneficiaries. The government has recently given approval to extend the benefits to senior citizens of the age of 70 years and above irrespective of their economic status.

## RHINO

In Assam, the World Rhino Day was celebrated yesterday at various places. A series of events were held at Kaziranga, Orang, Manas national parks among other places on the occasion. Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a social media post expressed his commitment to protecting rhinos, one of the planet's most iconic species. The Prime Minister fondly recalled his own visit to Kaziranga and encouraged others to visit the park as well. Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma also called rhinos the "pride and crown jewel" of the Assam's biodiversity. A Rhino Tableau rally was also held to promote the importance of rhino conservation.

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