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HEADLINES:-

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- 21st Annual Conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, India Region, Zone III concludes at Aizawl in Mizoram.
- Assam government is on mission to enhance food security; Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma says his government will enlist new beneficiaries across all 126 Assembly constituencies.
- Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla, visits market in Aizawl and promotes "Vocal for Local" by purchasing bamboo hat and other unique products besides interacting with local shopkeepers and craftsmen.
- Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Kiren Rijiju attends third India-Japan Education conclave at Cotton University in Guwahati and says learning Japanese language and understanding their culture could transform lives of youths from North East.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

MODI

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on Akashvani at 11 AM today. It will be the 114th episode of the monthly radio program. It will also be the fourth episode after he assumed charge as the Prime Minister for the third consecutive time. The programme will be broadcast on the entire network of Akashvani and Doordarshan, AIR News website, and Newsonair mobile app. It will also be live-streamed on YouTube channels of AIR News, DD News, PMO, and Information and Broadcasting Ministry. The Akashwani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast.

CPA

The 21st Annual Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, India Region, Zone III concluded at Aizawl in Mizoram yesterday. Mizoram hosted the conference for two days which was inaugurated on Friday by Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla, who is the Chairman of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, India Region. Speaker of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly, Mingma Norbu Sherpa, Deputy Speaker, Raj Kumari Thapa, and other Speakers and officers of state legislative assemblies from various states of the North East attended the conference in the presence of Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Harivansh, and other dignitaries. Deputy Speaker of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, Timothy D Shira also participated in the conference. The event concluded with a cultural program and dinner hosted by Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma.

FOOD SECURITY

In a ground-breaking initiative to secure nutritional coverage for over 70% of its population, the Assam government is on a mission to enhance food security across the state. Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma said, to ensure that no one is left behind, his government has launched a comprehensive drive to enlist new beneficiaries across all 126 Assembly constituencies. This initiative takes into account individuals previously excluded for not having Aadhaar related to the issue of NRC biometric lock. All newly enlisted beneficiaries would be added to the Priority Household category. The entire enrolment process is expected to conclude by November this year. With a new total targeted beneficiary count of over 2.51 crore under NFSA 2013, this ambitious drive aims to uplift the lives of numerous individuals and families. In January this year, the Assam government has successfully enrolled over 42 lakh new beneficiaries, bringing the total number of eligible individuals to 2.31 crore.

BIRLA

Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla, who attended the 21st Annual Conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, India Region Zone III, performed Shramdaan at the Swachhta Abhiyan in Aizawl yesterday. He also visited the market in Aizawl, promoting "Vocal for Local" by purchasing a bamboo hat and other unique products. In a nod to the future of India's economy, he promoted digital transactions by paying for these items via UPI, scanning the QR code seamlessly. The Lok Sabha Speaker also spent around 20 minutes walking through the market and engaged in meaningful conversations with local shopkeepers and craftsmen. During his visit, he explored the fruit and vegetable markets, where he purchased local fruits and interacted with vendors. He also interacted with public representatives of the panchayat at Falkawn village, near Aizawl city. Birla praised the development in the village, and urged them to continue with the good work. He also invited them to make a visit to Parliament House.

INDO-JAPAN

Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Kiren Rijiju said that for the people of the North East, the Indo-Japan partnership is opening doors to multiple global opportunities, and learning the Japanese language and understanding their culture could transform lives of the youth of the North East. Attending the third India-Japan Education conclave at Cotton University in Guwahati, Rijiju said that there is a growing bond between India and Japan envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former Japanese Prime Minister late Shinzo Abe. He said that the relationship between the two countries touches lives particularly through education, trade and culture. He further mentioned that the Japan-India Vision 2025 emphasized the power of academic and people to people collaborations for a shared future.
