

HEADLINES:-

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- The bye-election to the Gambegre Assembly constituency in Meghalaya is being held today.
- Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region will attend the Cherry Blossom Festival 2024 in Meghalaya.
- The three-day workshop on “Impact Assessment & Capacity Building Workshop for Akashvani’s Kisanvani and Doordarshan’s Kisan and Krishi Darshan programme producers from the East Zone and North East Region” get under way at ICAR in Umiam, Meghalaya.
- Manipur security forces recovered the bodies of two Internally Displaced civilians.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

LAND:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Secretary Manish Gupta reviewed the land acquisition cases and other issues related to the Frontier Highway roads and other important roads in the state yesterday. The Frontier Highway comprises 1,859 kilometres of roads covering 11 districts, starting from Nafra in West Kameng District in the west to Vijaynagar in Changlang District in the extreme east, at the Indo-Myanmar border. The Chief Secretary also asked the requiring agencies to extend support in the districts to expedite the land acquisition process.

BYE-POLLS:

In Assam, all preparations have been made for the bye-polls today in five assembly seats. Over 9 lakh voters will decide the political fate of 34 candidates. A total of 1 thousand 78 polling booths have been set up. Adequate security personnel have been deployed to ensure peaceful polling in all the 5 assembly seats including Samaguri. The Samaguri assembly seat has witnessed

several pre-poll violence incidents. The AAP and Bodoland People's Front also fielded candidates in two and one seat respectively.

BYE-ELECTION:

The bye-election to the Gembegre Assembly constituency in Meghalaya is being held today. The Gembegre bye-election is facing a four-cornered contest. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma's wife, Mehtab Chandee A. Sangma is contesting the Assembly seat of Garo Hills region from the National People's Party. The member of Garo Hills Autonomous District Council from Tura, Mr. Bernard Marak is contesting the seat from the BJP. Mr. Jingjang M. Sangma of the Congress and Mrs. Sadhiarani M. Sangma of the Trinamool Congress are also in the fray. The bye-election was necessitated by the resignation of Saleng A. Sangma, who was elected to the Lok Sabha from Tura parliamentary seat. The the results will be declared on November 23.

FESTIVAL:

Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister of Communications and Development of the North Eastern Region (DoNER) will attend the Cherry Blossom Festival 2024 being held at Ri-bhoi district of Meghalaya on 15th November as part of his three-day tour of the North Eastern states starting tomorrow. During his visit to the other Northeastern states, Mr. Scindia will hold review meetings with the Chief Ministers of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram, and Tripura. Mr. Scindia will also attend the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas programme in Agartala on 15th November.

WORKSHOP:

The three-day workshop on "Impact Assessment & Capacity Building Workshop for Akashvani's Kisanvani and Doordarshan's Kisan and Krishi Darshan programme producers from the East Zone and North East Region" began yesterday with an inaugural session at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in Umiam, Meghalaya. The three-day workshop from November the 12th to 14th , aims to strengthen agricultural programming to uplift rural livelihoods across the East Zone and Northeast region. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. B. D. R Tiwari, Commissioner & Secretary to the Governor of Meghalaya. In his keynote address, Dr. B.D.R Tiwari highlighted the importance of Akashvani and Doordarshan as key sources of trusted information for India's farming communities.

OPERATION:

In Manipur, the security forces have recovered the bodies of two Internally Displaced civilians (IDP) and rescue operations underway to ensure safety of six civilians including three minors in Jiribam district who were abducted by suspected militants. The Inspector General of Police (Operation) Manipur Dr. I.K. Muivah informed the media persons that the attack by militants at Borobrekra Police Station and the adjacent CRPF post in Jakuradhor in Jiribam

district was repelled successfully. After the gunfight, security forces conducted a search operation and recovered the bodies of 10 militants and various cache of weapons and ammunition.

DANCE:

In Meghalaya, the five-day Shad Nongkrem annual festival came to an end yesterday. Held at Smit, the festival brought together hundreds of men, women, and children dressed in traditional attire to celebrate the age-old customs. The Shad Nongkrem, is a thanksgiving ritual to seek divine blessings for a bountiful harvest and the prosperity of the people. Central to the festival is the 'Pomblang' ceremony, where goats are sacrificed to appease the deity, followed by dances by men and girls.
