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HEADLINES:-

- **Ministry of Culture launches a powerful and binding initiative, Ek Desh Ek Dhadkan (One Nation, One Heartbeat), to honour the brave hearts of the nation.**
- **DoNER Minister, Jyotiraditya M Scindia holds a comprehensive review meeting with the Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma.**
- **Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting Dr L. Murugan says that 97.55 per cent of job card holders enrolled under MGNREGA have been receiving jobs in the South Tripura district.**
- **A Workshop on DREAM Project: Selection of a Counsellor for schools in their role in the anti-drugs Campaign and Super Campaign organised at Dakopgre in Meghalaya's West Garo Hills District.**
- **Sikkim celebrates its 50th Statehood Day with grandeur and full enthusiasm.**

INITIATIVE:

The Ministry of Culture has launched a powerful and binding initiative, Ek Desh Ek Dhadkan (One Nation, One Heartbeat), to honour the brave hearts of the nation. The slogan Ek Desh Ek Dhadkan is being widely adopted across digital platforms, amplifying the spirit of unity, patriotic fervour and reverence for the Tiranga. The campaign has already begun to resonate strongly with citizens across India. Over the past 48 hours, all 43 institutions under its aegis of the Ministry of Culture have shown cohesive and enthusiastic participation. The Ministry said, prominent cultural institutions and heritage sites have been illuminated in the colours of the Indian flag. Under the supervision of the Archaeological Survey of India, more than 60 heritage monuments across the country have been lit with the tricolour.

REVIEW:

Union Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Jyotiraditya M Scindia, held a comprehensive review meeting with the Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma, in Guwahati yesterday to assess the progress of key development projects in the state. During the meeting, Scindia reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to playing the role of a proactive facilitator in supporting Assam's development journey. He emphasized the need to drive 100% saturation of critical social goals in Vibrant Villages, taking up specific issues on a mission mode to ensure tangible impact. Discussions also highlighted the immense potential of agarwood and the importance of developing it as a high-value economic asset for the state. The Minister emphasised on the need for end-to-end value addition in Assam's unique Muga silk industry, enabling local weavers to move up the value chain and derive sustainable livelihoods.

JOB CARD:

Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs, Dr L. Murugan said that 97.55 per cent of job card holders enrolled under MGNREGA have been receiving jobs in the South Tripura district of the state. Addressing a press briefing on his second and last day visit to South Tripura in Belonia, the minister said 97 thousand people have MGNREGA job cards. He said, as mandated in the scheme, over 2 thousand people in the district are being provided a legal guarantee of 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to adult members of rural households who demand employment and are willing to do unskilled manual work. Besides, under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, more than 21 thousand beneficiaries receive 600 rupees directly into their bank accounts every month.

DRREAM:

A Workshop on DREAM Project: Selection of a Counsellor for schools in their role in the anti-drugs Campaign and Super Campaign (Single Use Plastic Eco Recycling) was organised at the Conference Hall of SMELC, Dakopgre, Tura yesterday. Banteilang J. Kharshandi, Director School Education and Literacy, Meghalaya, Shillong while addressing the gathering on his maiden visit to Garo Hills, stressed on three specific messages covering three main areas of which the DREAM Project is a project of Social Welfare department which deals with the campaign against drugs. Reiterating that drugs is a major social issue in the State of Meghalaya particularly in East Khasi Hills. This drug menace is found to be rampant even in school level and therefore after much deliberations the department has decided to start counselling the students who are not yet exposed to this menace in collaboration with Sanker Hospital, a rehabilitation Centre in Shillong which treats patients with mental issues.

STATEHOOD:

Sikkim celebrated its 50th Statehood Day yesterday with grandeur and full enthusiasm. The People of Sikkim witnessed Tiranga Yatra led by Chief Minister of Sikkim Prem Singh Tamang from M.G Marg Gangtok early morning. The Yatra ended at Paljor Stadium. The Yatra had active participation of hundreds of citizens of Sikkim. The formal celebration started at Paljor Stadium, Gangtok right after the conclusion of the yatra. Governor of Sikkim Om Prakash Mathur graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The program also had the presence of Chief Minister of Sikkim. In his address the Governor said this golden jubilee is more than just a celebration, it marks a meaningful milestone in the shared journey of the people, institutions, and hope for the future. The Governor added that the 16th May, 1975 was a turning point, when the people of Sikkim, through democratic will and vision, chose to become part of the Indian Union as its 22nd state.
