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HEADLINES:-

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- Nagaland's lone Rajya Sabha member, S. Phangnon Konyak says opposition's failure to support women's reservation delays historic step towards greater gender representation in Parliament.
- Leader of Opposition in Assam Legislative Assembly, Debabrata Saikia writes to state human rights commission seeking suo motu cognisance of severe waterlogging in Guwahati.
- Meghalaya government decides to exclude Lumpondeng Island at Umiam lake from agreement to develop Orchid Lake Resort to 5-star Luxury Resort.
- Tripura Transport Minister Sushanta Chowdhury chairs review meeting to discuss ongoing expansion of National Highway-8 from Khayerpur to Champaknagar.
- Arunachal Pradesh Education Minister, Pasang Dorjee Sona urges everyone to actively participate in Self Enumeration Drive for Census 2027.
- Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh unveils memorial stone erected in remembrance of those who lost their lives in bombing by Japanese forces during World War II at Khurai Chingambam Leikai in Imphal East.
- Tripura Chief Secretary, Jitendra Kumar Sinha says government's goal is to develop Tripura into prominent startup hub through innovation-driven and entrepreneurship-based growth.
- Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur declares results of class 12 examination for academic year 2026.
- Stakeholders meeting on proposed smart meter installation held in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand lays foundation stone for construction of new Women Market Shed at New Checkon, Imphal.
- 17 households of Riew village sign additional Memorandum of Understanding for conducting Pre-Feasibility Report activities under Siang Upper Multipurpose Project.
- Nagaland Health Protection Society awarded Best Performing Small State in 'Pre-authorization Approval turnaround time – Portability' category under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

VOTING:

Voting for the 19-member Aizawl Municipal Corporation is being held under tight security today. The polling began at 7 this morning in all polling stations across 19 wards. Over 2.37 lakh electors, including 1.28 lakh women, are eligible to exercise their franchise. Counting of votes will be held on the 27th of this month. A total of

68 candidates, including 28 women, are in the fray. The ruling ZPM, main opposition Mizo National Front and Congress have fielded 19 candidates each, besides 11 candidates of the BJP.

MP:

Nagaland's lone Member of Parliament in Rajya Sabha, S. Phangnon Konyak yesterday said that the opposition's failure to support women's reservation has delayed a historic step towards greater gender representation in Parliament. Addressing a press conference at the State BJP office in Kohima, Konyak referred to the three bills introduced in the Lok Sabha - the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, the Delimitation Bill, and the Union Territories Laws Amendment Bill that are crucial for implementing women's reservation in a structured and constitutional manner, without affecting the existing share of states. Konyak said that empowering women in decision-making roles is essential for equitable development and aligns with the government's vision of women-led growth. National BJP Vice President, M. Chuba Ao said that the NDA will continue to push for the legislation and take the issue to the people until women receive their due share in decision-making bodies.

HUMAN RIGHTS:

Leader of Opposition in the Assam Legislative Assembly Debabrata Saikia yesterday wrote to the state human rights commission seeking suo motu cognisance of the severe waterlogging in Guwahati following heavy overnight rains. In a letter to Assam Human Rights Commission chairperson Justice Arup Kumar Goswami, Saikia drew attention towards what he termed as "continuing violation" of right to life, livelihood, dignity and education due to unsafe civic infrastructure, flooding, non-compliance of judicial directions, impact of Silsako eviction and concerns regarding public expenditure. At least one person died, and normal life was severely disrupted in Guwahati after torrential overnight rains triggered widespread flooding, leaving roads submerged, homes inundated, and traffic paralysed across the city.

RESORT:

The Meghalaya government has decided to exclude Lumpondeng Island at Umiam lake from an agreement to develop the Orchid Lake Resort to a 5-star Luxury Resort. In a statement issued by the Meghalaya Tourism Department yesterday, the government has reiterated its earlier stand that the 5-star Luxury Resort will be built only in an around the 30 acres land where an existing Umiam Lake Resort is currently located.

REVIEW:

A review meeting chaired by Tripura Transport Minister Sushanta Chowdhury was held yesterday at the State Secretariat to discuss the ongoing expansion of National Highway-8 from Khayerpur to Champaknagar. Key issues related to the project and challenges faced during implementation were discussed, along with possible solutions. The minister stressed on completing the work within the stipulated timeline while maintaining high quality standards. He directed the executing agencies and concerned departments to expedite the work, strictly follow administrative guidelines, and submit proper utilization certificates after project completion as per financial norms. Officials from the Public Works Department, NHIDCL, and representatives of concerned agencies were present during the meeting.

CENSUS:

Arunachal Pradesh Education Minister, Pasang Dorjee Sona has urged everyone to actively participate in Self Enumeration Drive for Census 2027, being conducted in the state and complete the self-enumeration on time. Census 2027 is the 16th National Census which began on the 16th of this month in Arunachal Pradesh. To make people aware of the ongoing Census, Sona said in a social media post that Census is not just a government exercise; it is the foundation of planning and

development. He said, one's accurate information helps to ensure better services, better infrastructure, and better opportunities for every community.

MEMORIAL STONE:

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh yesterday unveiled a memorial stone erected in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the bombing by Japanese forces that occurred on 20th April, 1943 during the World War II at Khurai Chingambam Leikai in Imphal East. Paying his tribute, Khemchand Singh reflected on the painful memories associated with the historic event. He also led others in offering Tarpan to the departed souls. During the programme, a commemorative souvenir was also released to mark the occasion. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister appealed to the public to maintain calm and extend their cooperation, noting that bandhs and disruptions cause hardship to the daily wage earners and the general public. He also stressed on the importance of peace, unity, and collective responsibility.

STARTUP HUB:

Tripura Chief Secretary, Jitendra Kumar Sinha yesterday said that the government's goal is to develop Tripura into a prominent startup hub through innovation-driven and entrepreneurship-based growth. The Chief Secretary was speaking at the inauguration of a workshop aimed at strengthening the startup and innovation ecosystem in Tripura organised at the T-Hub Auditorium in Hapania. Sinha highlighted that several initiatives are being undertaken to position the state as an emerging centre for startups and investment. He also urged entrepreneurs, students, and educational institutions to actively participate in this initiative and contribute to developing practical solutions for the State's progress. Emphasising the importance of nurturing a scientific temperament among the youth, he called for fostering a startup-oriented mindset across the State.

CLASS XII RESULTS:

The Council of Higher Secondary Education Manipur has declared the results of the class 12 examination for the academic year 2026. In science stream, Takhellambam Kalpana Devi of Comet School, Changangei and Yohen Longjam of Comprehensive Concept School, Sangaiprou secured first position with 490 marks. In Arts stream, Sarangthem Ayingbi Chanu of Enlighten Knowledge Higher Secondary School, Sangakpham secured first position with 470 marks. In Commerce stream, Thoihenba Thongam of CC Higher Secondary School secured the first position with 454 marks. The total pass percentage of Government Schools is 86.91 and 94.54 of Private Schools.

MEETING:

In Arunachal Pradesh, a stakeholder meeting on proposed smart meter installation was convened in Daporijo under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Upper Subansiri, Tasso Gambo. The Deputy Commissioner highlighted the advantages of smart meters, noting that both prepaid and postpaid systems could improve billing transparency, reduce manual errors, and enhance overall convenience for consumers and power department. Representatives from colonies, market bodies, and community-based organisations participated in the meeting. The district administration also acknowledged the concerns raised over accessibility, affordability, and user-friendliness.

WOMEN MARKET :

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh yesterday laid the foundation stone for the construction of a new Women Market Shed at New Checkon, Imphal. Addressing the function, the Chief Minister said, this project will directly benefit women street vendors by providing a safer, more organised space for their daily vending, easing various challenges and strengthening their livelihoods. He said, the government is firmly committed to develop better infrastructure, supporting women vendors and driving inclusive growth for a stronger, self-reliant Manipur on the path to Vikshit Bharat 2047.

MoU:

In Arunachal Pradesh, an additional Memorandum of Understanding was signed yesterday by 17 households of Riew village, Siang district, for conducting Pre-Feasibility Report activities under Siang Upper Multipurpose Project. The signing of MoU took place in the presence of Deputy Commissioner, along with Chairman Reiw Village Development Committee and Vice chairman. Earlier, 62 percent of households have signed the MoU with the State Government to enable the commencement of Pre-Feasibility Report for the proposed 11,000 Mega Watt hydropower project.

AWARD:

The Nagaland Health Protection Society has been awarded Best Performing Small State in the 'Pre-authorization Approval turnaround time – Portability' category for Financial Year 2025–26 under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. The award was presented by the National Health Authority at Chintan Shivir in Pune recently. The category assesses the timeliness of pre-authorisation approvals for patients seeking treatment outside their home state. In a statement, the Nagaland Health Protection Society said, the recognition reflects the state's commitment to ensuring prompt approval of treatment requests, enabling beneficiaries to access treatment in a seamless and timely manner.
