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HEADLINES:-

- Chief Ministers of Manipur and Nagaland discuss issues concerning mutual interest and cooperation between two States.
- Mizoram holds high-level preparatory meeting to review arrangements for President's three-day visit.
- Assam Chief Minister lays foundation stone for North Eastern Region's first defence equipment manufacturing facility in Kamrup district.
- Constitution Day is being observed today to commemorate adoption of Constitution of India on 26th November, 1949.
- Nagaland Chief Minister and NPF president, Neiphiu Rio reaffirms party's commitment to BJP-led NDA in Manipur.
- Assam government and Bharti Airtel Limited sign MoU to set up two state-of-the-art data centres in Jorhat and Silchar.
- Manipur Cabinet approves several important decisions to promote research, strengthen taxation administration and improve teacher training facilities.
- Tripura undertakes initiatives to strengthen healthcare infrastructure; five Medical ATMs will be installed across Gomati District.
- State-level International Day for Elimination of Violence against women observed in Nagaland.
- Mizoram's Lunglei district selected for prestigious national SKOCH Award in recognition of innovative "Learning Lunglei Initiatives."
- Campaigning for elections to 16 municipal bodies in Tripura ends; dispatching polling personnel will begin today.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister appreciates Indian Army for its efforts to empower students from remote tribal areas through education and career guidance.
- Senior IAS officer, Sampath Kumar appointed as Chief Secretary of Meghalaya.
- Chief Ministers of Meghalaya and Assam express condolences over passing of Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Menamparampil.

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NEWS IN ORDER:-

MANIPUR-NAGALAND:

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh yesterday held a meeting with Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio in Imphal, and discussed a range of issues concerning mutual interest and cooperation between the two neighbouring States. The discussions centred on peace, development, strengthening inter-State relations and exploring greater avenues of cooperation. Both leaders also underscored the importance of ensuring smooth and uninterrupted vehicular movement along the Imphal-Dimapur National Highway, a vital transport lifeline connecting the two States. During the meeting, Neiphiu Rio invited Yumnam Khemchand Singh to attend the forthcoming Hornbill Festival 2026, scheduled to be held in Nagaland from December 1 to 10.

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PRESIDENT's VISIT:

In Mizoram, a high-level preparatory meeting was held to review arrangements for the President's three-day visit to the state. The meeting, chaired by Chief Secretary, Khilli Ram Meena discussed in detail the arrangements and logistical preparations for the President's scheduled engagements during the visit. The President is expected to arrive in Aizawl on Saturday. The itinerary includes a walkthrough of exhibition stalls at Lok Bhawan, followed by a State Banquet-cum-Cultural Programme. On Sunday, the President is scheduled to visit the

Ropuiliani Tribal Freedom Fighters' Museum at Kelsih and the Living Museum at Falkawn, where cultural performances will also be showcased. On Monday, the President will attend the 21st Convocation and Silver Jubilee closing ceremony of Mizoram University and deliver the convocation address. The President will depart Aizawl for Dimapur in the afternoon.

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DEFENCE:

Assam Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday laid the foundation stone for the North Eastern Region's first defence equipment manufacturing facility at Rangia in Kamrup district. Set up by Mumbai-based Speed4 Defence Systems Private Limited at the Assam Industrial Development Corporation Industrial Estate, the 50-crore rupees plant will span approximately 14 acres. Once fully operational, the facility will manufacture 1,500 drones, 100 counter-drone systems, 300 underground bunkers and protective structures, and 5,000 prefabricated rapidly deployable structures annually. The Chief Minister described the project as a turning point in Assam's industrial trajectory. He said that the state will amend the Assam Aerospace and Defence Manufacturing Policy, 2025, to attract more defence investors.

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CONSTITUION DAY:

Constitution Day will be observed today to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India by the Constituent Assembly on 26th November, 1949. The observance seeks to strengthen constitutional awareness, promote responsible citizenship and encourage active participation in upholding the democratic values of the nation. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is facilitating an online reading of the Preamble to the Constitution through the MyGov portal in 23 languages, comprising 22 Scheduled Languages and English. Various activities are being organised across the country by Ministries and Departments of the Central, State and Union Territories governments, autonomous bodies and institutions to mark the occasion.

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NPF-BJP MANIPUR:

Nagaland Chief Minister and NPF president, Neiphiu Rio yesterday reaffirmed the party's commitment to the BJP-led NDA in Manipur and called for greater coordination among alliance partners. In a post on X after interacting with the NPF Manipur State Unit, Rio stressed the need for constructive engagement and mutual respect to strengthen the alliance. He also called for collective and inclusive efforts to restore peace in Manipur, emphasising justice, reconciliation, protection of indigenous interests and rehabilitation of displaced persons. The NPF President further called for an early, honourable and lasting resolution to the Indo-Naga political dialogue.

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DATA CENTRES:

In a major boost to the Northeast's digital infrastructure, the Assam government and Bharti Airtel Limited yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding to set up two state-of-the-art data centres in Jorhat and Silchar. The facility at Jorhat will have a capacity of 10 MW with an initial investment of 200 crore rupees, while the Silchar data centre will be 15 MW with an investment of 255 crore rupees. Both projects have an indicative completion timeline of two years. The agreement was exchanged in the presence of Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma and other officials. The Chief Minister said, the new facilities would power technological development across Upper Assam and Barak Valley, positioning Assam as the digital gateway of the Northeast while ensuring balanced regional growth.

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MANIPUR CABINET:

The Manipur Cabinet yesterday approved several important decisions aimed at promoting research, strengthening taxation administration and improving teacher training facilities in the State. During the meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh, the Cabinet approved the Chief Minister's Financial Assistance Scheme for Research Work in Higher Educational Institutions, under which eligible Ph.D. scholars will receive monthly financial assistance of four thousand rupees for up to three years. The scheme will support up to 50 new scholars annually. The Cabinet also approved the setting up of four Divisional Taxation Offices at Jiribam, Senapati, Moreh and Imphal to provide better taxation services and strengthen revenue collection. Further, the Cabinet has approved the contractual recruitment of 162 staff, including lecturers for six newly established District Institutes of Education and Training.

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MoA-HEALTH:

In Tripura, an important initiative has been undertaken to strengthen the healthcare infrastructure in Gomati District. In this regard, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed yesterday between IndianOil Corporation Limited, Indus Initiative Council, and the District Magistrate & Collector of Gomati District. Under this agreement, a total of five Medical ATMs will be installed across Gomati District to make healthcare services more accessible to the people and facilitate the delivery of improved medical facilities.

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NAGALAND-WOMEN:

In Nagaland, a State-level International Day for Elimination of Violence against women was observed yesterday at the Capital Convention Centre, Kohima. Addressing the programme, Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu Kense, called for zero tolerance towards violence against women and stressed for collective responsibility involving the government, church, civil society and individuals. Secretary for Social Welfare, Limawabang Jamir informed that the state's One Stop Centres had addressed 2,121 cases of gender-based violence since 2016, while Women Helpline 181 had attended to 3,568 cases till October 2026. Chairperson, Nagaland State Commission for Women, W. Nginyeih Konyak also called for stronger institutional coordination, greater awareness of women's rights and survivor-centred support.

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SKOCH AWARD:

Mizoram's Lunglei district has been selected for the prestigious national SKOCH Award in recognition of its innovative educational initiatives under the "Learning Lunglei Initiatives", spearheaded by Deputy Commissioner, Navneet Mann. The award will be presented in New Delhi on December 19 during the 111th SKOCH Summit under the theme "Growth, Prosperity and Resilience". The "Learning Lunglei Initiatives" is a flagship programme of the Lunglei District Administration aimed at improving educational standards through innovative approaches and the use of modern technology. The initiative has so far benefited more than 5,500 students across Lunglei district and the Lungsen Aspirational Block.

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CAMPAIGN:

The high-voltage campaigning for elections to 16 municipal bodies in Tripura came to an end yesterday. On the final day of campaigning, all major political parties, including the BJP, CPI(M) and Congress, made all-out efforts to reach out to voters through rallies, roadshows, door-to-door campaigns, bike rallies and other activities. Meanwhile preparations by the State Election Commission have reached the final stage ahead of polling scheduled for the 27th of this month. The process of dispatching polling personnel to their respective polling stations will begin today.

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ARMY EDUCATION:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu has appreciated the Indian Army for its efforts to empower students from remote tribal areas of the state through education and career guidance. He said that the Indian Army is not only safeguarding the nation's borders but also contributing to the future of border communities through educational support and youth empowerment. Sharing a video on social media, the Chief Minister highlighted the Indian Army's Yuva Sashaktikaran: Mission Sainik School initiative, under which Sela Warriors of Gajraj Corps are mentoring and preparing students from remote areas of the state for admission to Sainik Schools.

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CHIEF SECRETARY:

Senior IAS officer, Sampath Kumar has been appointed as the next Chief Secretary of Meghalaya. He will succeed Dr Shakil P. Ahammed, who is scheduled to retire on the 30th of this month. According to a notification, Kumar, a 1997-batch IAS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, will also hold charge as the State Vigilance Commissioner. Kumar is currently serving as Additional Chief Secretary, overseeing several key departments.

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CONDOLENCE:

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad Kongkal Sangma and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma have expressed condolences over the passing of Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Menamparampil. Sangma described the Archbishop as a man of "selfless service, compassion and an unwavering commitment to peace". His contributions to education and community harmony in Meghalaya, particularly Shillong, would always be remembered. Assam Chief Minister described as a man of deep faith and a tireless champion of peace who worked selflessly for reconciliation among communities and education of young people across Assam and the Northeast. Both leaders extended condolences to the Catholic community and the Salesian family.

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