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23rd March, 2024.**:: THE HEADLINES ::**

- Supreme Court Judge, Justice Surya Kant underlines need to strengthen backbone of district judiciary system
- Around 1.8 crore first-time voters aged between 18 to 19 years to exercise their franchise in ensuing LS polls
- Congress party leaders expresses resentment at freezing of party accounts
- And, In the 3rd North East Games 2024, Manipur clinches gold in football; Nagaland settles for bronze

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Supreme Court Judge, Justice Surya Kant today underlined the need to strengthen the backbone of the district judiciary system which he said is the true representative of the judicial system before the masses. Speaking at the 10th Judicial Conclave at the Tripura Judicial Academy in Agartala, Justice Kant said the judiciary system at the district court level should be made robust. He noted that not many people can afford to come to the high courts, or travel to the Supreme Court situated in

Delhi. He said, it is the judicial system that provides a peaceful resolution of conflicts and restores social harmony in society. Justice Kant added that in the criminal administration system, one should not look only at the accused but should also be attentive to the victims. The rights of the victims, their participation and protection at the same time is also of utmost importance, Justice Kant added.

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Around one crore 80 lakh first-time voters aged between 18 to 19 years will exercise their franchise in the ensuing Lok Sabha polls. Several social media campaigns like IVote4Sure are underway to encourage young and first-time voters. This time around, 19 crore 74 lakh voters are in the age group of 20 to 29 years. Election Commission said, over 13.4 lakh advance applications have been received from people aged over 17 years. The poll body is collaborating with National icons, through social media campaigns and radio engagement, to enhance youth participation in the festival of democracy. To address barriers in youth participation, the Commission is implementing the Turnout Implementation Plan.

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Congress party leaders today accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of using blackmailing to extort the people. This was stated during a press conference addressed by the All India Congress Committee (AICC) National Spokesperson & National Media Coordinator for NER, Mathew Antony along with the NPCC President S Supongmeren Jamir and other party leaders at Congress Bhavan Kohima. Antony alleged that BJP lied to 140 crore people of India when they said they will eradicate black money, but instead betrayed them with the largest

engineered scam of Electoral Bonds. He also questioned enforcement agencies for not investigating allegations of money laundering against the ruling party. Expressing resentment over the freezing of Congress party accounts, Antony termed it as oppression of the opposition parties. Meanwhile, NPCC President S Supongmeren Jamir said the ruling government failed to deliver on promises to the people, and played against minority communities. Jamir is the INC candidate for the ensuing Lok Sabha election.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned to Delhi this afternoon after concluding his two-day state visit to Bhutan. In a special gesture, King of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck accompanied by Bhutan Prime Minister accorded a warm send off to Modi at the airport. In a social media post, Modi said he is honoured by the special gesture. He termed his Bhutan visit as very special as he had the opportunity to meet the King and Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay. He added that their talks will add even more vigour to the India-Bhutan friendship. He also expressed gratitude to have been conferred the Order of the Druk Gyalpo. He also thanked the people of Bhutan for their warmth and hospitality, saying that India will always be a reliable friend and partner for Bhutan. Earlier today, Modi and Tobgay inaugurated the Gyaltsuen Jetsun Pema Mother and Child Hospital, a state-of-the-art hospital in Thimphu, built with the assistance of the Government of India. The 150-bedded hospital would add value to the quality of mother and child health services in Bhutan.

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Three hundred new recruits today passed out from the Assam Rifles Training Centre and School, Shokhuvi. Inspector General Assam Rifles (East), Major General Suresh Kumar Bhambhu emphasized the huge responsibility being bestowed upon their shoulders as sentinels of the North East. He called upon the newly attested riflemen to serve the nation with all sincerity besides asking them to keep pace with technology. He congratulated them and their parents on successful completion of their training and wished them success and happiness in all their future endeavours. The newly passed technical recruits will now join their respective units in all frontline duties.

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Several cadets of Sainik School, Punglwa, attended the Attestation Parade at the Assam Rifles Training Centre and School in Sukhovi. The passing out parade is a milestone for the soldiers and also inspire young cadets to render service to the motherland. After the parade, the cadets interacted with IGAR (East) Major General Suresh Kumar Bhambhu, who was the Reviewing Officer of the parade. He urged the cadets to embrace the virtues of valour and zeal. The Major General also encouraged them to pursue a future in the defence and paramilitary forces.

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In a bid to promote environmental awareness and conservation efforts, the Arms Incorporation today undertook a cleanliness drive around Chümoukedima. Staff and students participated in the cleanliness drive which spanned from 4th Mile junction to Naga United Village. It highlighted the dual objectives of fostering community involvement and collaboration, while ensuring the cleanliness and hygiene of public

spaces. The institute, located at C. Edge College in Naga United Village, offers various training programmes to prepare students for job opportunities in Japan.

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Nagaland Governor La Ganesan today paid tribute to all martyrs on the occasion of Shaheed Diwas. On this day, we honor the brave souls who sacrificed everything for our nation's freedom, he said. The Governor added that their courage and sacrifice will forever inspire generations. India commemorates Shaheed Diwas or Martyr's Day on March 23, the anniversary of the deaths of freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar and Shivaram Rajguru, to pay homage to their sacrifices.

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In the 3rd North East Games 2024, Manipur today clinched gold in the football tournament. The Manipur team defeated Mizoram with a score of 2-1 in the final match to claim the top spot. Goals by Deny Singh and Pn. Sanathoi Mestei sealed the win. Meanwhile, Nagaland secured the third place with a win against Arunachal Pradesh. Nagaland emerged triumphant with a 4-2 score in the third-place match.

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India Meteorological Department has forecast light to moderate rain at many places over the North Eastern states during the next five days. Nagaland is likely to witness partly cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers during the period. The state capital Kohima today recorded a minimum temperature of 11 degree Celsius and

maximum temperature of 18 degree
Celsius.

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