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HEADLINES:-

- **Regional Connectivity Scheme, Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik completes eight years of its launch today.**
- **President Droupadi Murmu will confer the 5th National Water Awards 2023 in New Delhi tomorrow.**
- **Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launches the Mission Basundhara 3.0 in Guwahati to provide land rights to indigenous people.**
- **A state-of-the-art robotic surgery unit will be launched at the Assam Medical College and Hospital in Dibrugarh from November, 2024.**
- **All Meghalaya SSA School Teachers Association decides to marching to the Secretariat as the Government has failed to address their demands.**
- **All Upper Siang District Students' Union organizes public hearing at Yingkiong on the proposed 12,500 MW Siang Upper Multipurpose Project in Arunachal Pradesh.**

SCHEME:

The Regional Connectivity Scheme, Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) today completed eight years of its launch. The scheme was launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation on 21st of October, 2016. The UDAN scheme focuses on improving unserved air routes in underserved regions of the country and fulfilling the aspirations of the common citizens. Under it, the first RCS- UDAN flight was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the 27th of April 2017. Since the launch of the scheme, over 600 UDAN routes have been operationalized and more than one crore forty-four lakh passengers have travelled by flight. The scheme has so far connected 34 States and Union territories across the length and breadth of the country. Under the scheme, ten airports have also been operationalized in the Northeast region in addition to two heliports. The scheme has become a game changer for many airports by triggering air connectivity and regional growth.

AWARDS:

President Droupadi Murmu will confer the 5th National Water Awards 2023 in New Delhi on Tuesday. Union Jal Shakti Ministry has announced 38 winners in nine categories including Best State, Best District, Best Village Panchayat, Best Urban Local Body, Best Water User Association and Best Civil Society. Each, award winner will be conferred with a citation and a trophy as well as cash prizes in certain categories. The Ministry said, government has been undertaking a comprehensive campaign to spread awareness about water management and water conservation on a national level. The National Water Awards focus on the good work and efforts made by individuals and the organizations across the country in attaining the government's vision of a Jal Samridh Bharat.

MISSION:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday launched the Mission Basundhara 3.0 in Guwahati to provide land rights to indigenous people. Under this, steps will also be taken to digitize various land related services and publish maps for the benefits of the people of the state. The Chief Minister also launched the Revenue Department’s Digidoc, a digital directory for non-registrable and optional registrable documents. The directory will streamline services, reduce processing time, and enhance public convenience and improving accessibility and efficiency. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that immediately after assuming office, his government decided to provide land rights to indigenous communities in Assam, an exercise undertaken after 75 years of independence. He further said that the Assam government disposed eight lakh applications in nine months under Mission Basundhara.

SURGERY:

A state-of-the-art robotic surgery unit will be launched at the Assam Medical College and Hospital in Dibrugarh from November, 2024. This will probably be the first in the entire Northeast India for any government-run hospital. The improved method will enable complicated surgeries for many diseases to be performed smoothly and patients will not need to go abroad for better treatment. This was stated by Dr Sanjeeb Kakati, principal of AMCH on the occasion of World Anaesthesia Day celebration at the John Berry White Hall.

TEACHERS:

The All-Meghalaya SSA School Teachers Association has decided to take a bold step by marching to the Secretariat, as the Government has failed to address their demands despite 19 days of protests. According to AMSSASTA President Peter Thyrniang, he said that the government's lack of response has left them with no choice but to escalate their actions. He also informed that on the 23rd of October 2024 they planned to gather at Malki, and march to the secretariat. They have called all teachers to join the movement by shutting down schools and urging other organizations to lend their support.

MEETING:

A public consultation meeting on the proposed 12,500 MW Siang Upper Multipurpose Project was organised by All Upper Siang District Students' Union (AUSDSU) at Yingkiong in Arunachal Pradesh. Elected public representatives, civil society organisations and representatives from project affected families attended the meeting. The discussion centred on the pre-feasibility report of the project.
