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HEADLINES:-

- Sixteenth Finance Commission team headed by Chairman Dr. Arvind Panagariya is in Nagaland to attend series of meetings with Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, his cabinet, and senior government officials and discuss state's financial planning and development initiatives.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi extends wishes to people of Assam on Bhasha Gaurav Saptah, being observed from 3rd to 9th of this month.
- Seven Bangladeshi nationals who illegally crossed into India detained by alert residents of Boldamgre village in Meghalaya's South West Garo Hills district.
- Voting to elect 12 members of Sinlung Hills Council is underway today from 7 AM till 4 PM.
- Election Commission announces change of date of voting for bye elections to 14 assembly constituencies of Kerala, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh; but date of voting remains unchanged for bypolls to five Assembly seats in Assam and one seat in Meghalaya.
- Nagaland government officially declares Meluri, inhabited by Pochury Naga tribe as 17th district of the state.

NAGALAND-FC:

A delegation of the 16th Finance Commission headed by Chairman Dr. Arvind Panagariya arrived in Nagaland yesterday. The team was received by Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister, Yanthungo Patton and other officials at Dimapur Airport. The team visited Heirloom Naga Centre, Sovima in Chumoukedima, where they were given a tour by the centre's founder Jesmina Zeliang. Today, the delegation will attend a series of meetings with Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, his cabinet, and senior government officials. The panel will also meet with various political parties, local bodies and representatives of trade, industries and commerce. The visit of the team is crucial for the state's financial planning and development initiatives as it will review and discuss key monetary issues. The team is also scheduled to visit various sites of historical importance in and around Kohima on Wednesday.

MODI:

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has extended wishes to the people of Assam on Bhasha Gaurav Saptah, being observed from the 3rd to 9th of this month. Sharing a post by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma about Bhasha Gaurav Saptah, the Prime Minister said, the week is a remarkable attempt to highlight the enthusiasm of the people of Assam in giving Assamese the status of a classical language. He added that activities to celebrate the week should deepen the connection between the people of the state and Assamese culture. The Prime Minister also urged Assamese people outside Assam to participate in the program.

BANGLADESHIS:

In Meghalaya, seven Bangladeshi nationals who illegally crossed into India were detained yesterday by alert residents of Boldamgre village in South West Garo Hills district. They were carrying items like Bangladeshi passports, currency, mobile phones, and SIM cards. A case has been registered at Mahendraganj Police Station. The arrest was part of the joint operations between the South West Garo Hills District Police and Border Security Force along the India-Bangladesh border. Villagers have been encouraged to report suspicious activities as part of the efforts to strengthen the security. In previous incidents, ten Bangladeshi nationals were detained on September 27 while traveling to Zikzak, and another Bangladeshi national was detained at Bakdagre on October 8, with one suspect managed to escape. Local authorities are working with the BSF and maintain their vigil to prevent illegal border crossing.

POLLS:

In Mizoram, the voting to elect 12 members of the Sinlung Hills Council is underway today from 7 AM till 4 PM. A total of more than 23 thousand voters will participate in the voting being held in 19 polling stations to decide the fate of 49 candidates in the fray. There are six polling stations declared as “critical”. Speaking to Akashvani News, Secretary of the Mizoram State Election Commission, K Laldingliana said that all preparations including elaborate security arrangements are in place for the conduct of free and fair, smooth and peaceful elections.

BY POLL DATE:

The Election Commission has announced the change of the date of voting for the bye elections to 14 assembly constituencies of Kerala, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh. Now the polling will be held on the 20th of this month instead of the 13th of this month. However, the polling in five Assembly seats in Assam and one Assembly seat in Meghalaya remained unchanged as the polling will be held on the 13th of this month. The date of counting remained unchanged and will be held on the 23rd of this month. The decision was taken by the Commission after receiving representations from various political parties and some social organisations that demanded to change the date of polling in the 14 constituencies due to large-scale social, cultural and religious engagements on the 13th of this month.

NEW DISTRICT:

Meluri, inhabited by the Pochury Naga tribe, has officially been declared as the 17th district of Nagaland. The state government has announced the elevation of Meluri Sub-Division, currently part of Phek District, to a full-fledged district, with immediate effect. A notification officially issued by Chief Secretary Dr. J. Alam, stated that the jurisdiction of the newly formed district will encompass the area previously designated as Meluri Sub-Division. This move, aimed at improving governance and development in the region following the cabinet's approval on the 1st of this month.

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