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HEADLINES:-

- 1. Ministry of Education grants 15 days extension to two-member committee to submit its probe report into allegations of mismanagement and administrative failures in North Eastern Hill University in Meghalaya.
- 2. Gunfight takes place between suspected armed groups of NSCN (IM) and ZUF (J) at Longsai Part-1 village under Khoupum Police station, Noney District in Manipur.
- 3. Nagaland celebrates its 62nd Statehood Day; Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio reiterates government's commitment to inclusivity, particularly in addressing ENPO issue and resolving Naga political issue.
- 4. Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Annpurna Devi attends "Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi" programme in Guwahati.
- 5. Hornbill Festival kickstarts at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama; Nagaland Governor, La Ganesan describes Hornbill Festival as "Festival of Festivals," celebrating diversity and unity of Nagaland's tribes and India's cultural mosaic.
- 6. 130 road construction companies, operating under the aegis of 764 Border Roads Task Force, Project Swastik, successfully conducted comprehensive medical camp in Padamchen village in Sikkim to provide essential healthcare services to contract paid labourers and their families.
- 7. Governor's Golf Club Golf Tournament 2024 participated by 102 players besides corporate leaders from across the world concluded at Golf Links in Shillong; Meghalaya Governor, C.H. Vijayashankar hands over trophies and mementos to winners.

EXTEND

The Ministry of Education has granted 15 days extension to the two-member committee to submit its probe report into the allegations of mismanagement and administrative failures in the Central university - North Eastern Hill

University. This came after the deadline given to the committee expired on November 29. The ministry has taken note of the allegations including the declining university ranking, controversial appointments, infrastructural neglect and non-responsiveness of the Vice Chancellor, PS Shukla.

GUNFIGHT

A gunfight took place between suspected armed groups of NSCN (IM) and ZUF (J) at Longsai Part-1 village under Khoupum Police station, Noney District in Manipur yesterday. According to the villagers, the gun fight between the suspected armed cadres of the two groups began just after the Sunday Morning Church service. Meanwhile the state government has extended the suspension of internet and data services in 9 districts of Manipur till 5.15 pm tomorrow.

STATEHOOD

Nagaland celebrated its 62nd Statehood Day yesterday. It was on this day in 1963 that Nagaland became the 16th state of India. The state-level celebration was held at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza in Kohima. Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio reiterated his government's commitment to inclusivity, particularly in addressing the ENPO issue. Stating that resolving the Naga political issue remains a top priority, the Chief Minister urged the people to join hands in striving towards the collective goal of taking the state to greater heights, and realize their shared dream of a developed and prosperous Nagaland. In line with the state's vision for progress, the Chief Minister launched several important initiatives which include Teacher Attendance Monitoring System-SMILE App and Smart Secretariat besides laying of foundation stones virtually for seven Light House School Complexes under NECTAR Project. The Chief Minister also inaugurated an exhibition showcasing activities and achievements of the state.

POSHAN

Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Annpurna Devi attended the "Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi" programme in Guwahati yesterday. Addressing the programme, the Minister highlighted the ministry's commitment for early childhood development through the "Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi" programme, which focuses on quality education for children aged 3 to 6 years. She noted that 21,772 master trainers from 35 States and 42,308 Anganwadi workers from 20 states, including 1,600 master trainers from Assam, have been trained under this initiative. Highlighting women's empowerment, Devi shared that through the National Rural Livelihood

Mission nearly 10 crore women, including 43 lakh from Assam have achieved self-reliance and 36 One-Stop Centres in Assam have supported around 21,000 women. Over 60,000 Anganwadi workers and helpers in Assam now have Ayushman cards, ensuring better healthcare access. Certificates to State level master trainers were also distributed during the programme.

HORNBILL

Nagaland's Hornbill Festival kickstarted at the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama yesterday. The 10-day cultural extravaganza will culminate on the 10th of this month. Nagaland Governor, La Ganesan graced the occasion as the chief host. Dignitaries and participants from various states, including Sikkim as a partner state attended the event. The Governor described Hornbill Festival as the "Festival of Festivals," celebrating the diversity and unity of Nagaland's tribes and India's cultural mosaic. Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio while extending a warm welcome to all attendees, highlighted the 25-year journey of Hornbill Festival as a testament to the resilience, creativity, and unity of the Naga people, calling it a celebration of their rich cultural legacy. The festival is a convergence of all 17 tribes of Nagaland, offering visitors an immersive experience of tribal life, local food, traditional games, music and dance, along with the finest handicrafts and textiles and many more.

BROCARES

In Sikkim, 130 road construction companies, operating under the aegis of the 764 Border Roads Task Force, Project Swastik, successfully concluded a comprehensive medical camp in Padamchen village. The camp was organized to provide essential healthcare services to Contract Paid Labourers and their families, who often face significant challenges in accessing medical care. A dedicated medical team from the BRO attended to 137 individuals, including senior citizens, offering free consultations, medicines, and personal hygiene items. Village elders expressed their gratitude to the BRO team and emphasized the need for such initiatives to be conducted regularly.

GOLF

In Meghalaya, the closing ceremony of the Governor's Golf Club Golf Tournament 2024 was held at Golf Links in Shillong yesterday. The event was attended by Meghalaya Governor, C.H. Vijayashankar and a host of dignitaries. The event organised by The Shillong Club Ltd with Shillong Golfer's Association and IIM Shillong, saw the participation of 102 players from Delhi, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Assam, and Meghalaya besides

corporate leaders from across the world. The Governor handed over trophies and mementos to the winners.
