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HEADLINES:-

1. Lok Sabha begins the special discussion on the glorious journey of 75 years of the Constitution of India.
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the fourth National Conference of Chief Secretaries in New Delhi today.
3. Bomb threats received at Guwahati railway station and in seven locations of the Gauhati University campus.
4. Meghalaya Ex-Servicemen Rally 2024 will be held on the 17th of this month at 58 Gorkha Training Centre (GTC), Happy Valley, in Shillong.
5. Meghalaya Institute of Governance organises a felicitation programme for teachers and students who have undergone Life Skills Training at Don Bosco Higher Secondary School Hall, Baghmara in Garo Hills.
6. Meghalaya's forest cover declines by 12.46% between 2001 and 2021, says a new study published in the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment journal.

CONSTITUTION

The Lok Sabha yesterday began a special discussion on the glorious journey of 75 years of the Constitution of India. Initiating the discussion, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said, the Indian Constitution paves the way for nation-building by touching all aspects of social, economic, political and cultural life. Participating in the discussion, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra of Congress said, the Constitution is the safety armour to keep the citizens safe. She said it is the armour of justice, unity and the right to express. Akhilesh Yadav of Samajwadi Party said, Constitution is the soul of democracy. He said the House is again discussing the constitution after 75 years.

CONFERENCE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the fourth National Conference of Chief Secretaries in New Delhi today. The conference aims to further strengthen the partnership between the Centre and State Governments, with a focus on enhancing cooperative federalism and ensuring better coordination to achieve faster growth and development. The first such conference was held in Dharamshala in June 2022, followed by the second edition in January 2023 and the third edition in December last year in New Delhi. Akashvani correspondent reports that Chief Secretaries, senior officials of all States and Union Territories and domain experts among others will be present at the Conference. The Conference of Chief Secretaries has been a key initiative driven by the Prime Minister Modi's vision of fostering stronger collaboration between the Centre and States. The fourth National Conference is focused on the theme 'Promoting Entrepreneurship, Employment and Skilling – Leveraging the Demographic Dividend' covering best practices and strategies for States and Union Territories to follow.

BOMB

Bomb threats were received at Guwahati railway station and in seven locations of the Gauhati University campus yesterday. Guwahati Police Commissioner Diganta Barah said the Meghalaya Police Control Room in Shillong received a call stating that a bomb might be planted at the Guwahati railway station. "Accordingly, the investigation with Meghalaya Police was carried out as precautionary measures at the station.

RALLY

The Director of Sainik Welfare, Meghalaya has informed that the Ex-Servicemen (ESM) Rally 2024 will be held on 17th of this month at 58 Gorkha Training Centre (GTC), Happy Valley, Shillong. A press release issued in Shillong yesterday, said that the rally will provide an interactive platform and mitigate issues related to the welfare of ex-servicemen, widows and their dependents.

FELICITATION

Meghalaya Institute of Governance, Shillong yesterday organised a felicitation programme for teachers and students who have under gone Life Skills Training under the theme ' Building Young Leaders by Empowering Adolescents boys and girls with transformational life skills' at Don Bosco Higher Secondary School Hall Baghmara. The Additional Deputy Commissioner South Garo Hills District and Project Director, Mr. P.R.Marak while congratulating the teachers as well as the students who have received the Certificate stated that " Through this program the teachers have learnt self-confidence and how to prepare themselves for the future in facing various challenges that may come on their way." This skills will help the teachers in contributing towards personal growth and postering the sense of social responsibility and community engagement.

FOREST

Though Meghalaya’s forest cover declined by 12.46% between 2001 and 2021, deforestation susceptibility of the state is less compared to others in the Northeast, says a new study, published in the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment journal which assesses. The study, led by researchers from Fakir Mohan University, Utkal University, and several international collaborators investigates the dynamics of forest cover change and susceptibility to deforestation in this region from 2001 to 2021. The study identified regions of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, and Arunachal Pradesh were identified as experiencing significant forest cover loss, indicating a pronounced susceptibility to future deforestation. The study found that deforestation susceptibility ranges from low to medium in the four models used. Meghalaya’s deforestation is closely linked to human activities, particularly agricultural expansion, infrastructure development, and settlement growth.
