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HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses ‘Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment and Infrastructure Summit’ in Guwahati and says faith on India’s growth is because of its large youth population who are getting skilled at a very fast pace and leading innovations.
- Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Ashwini Vaishnaw says Assam will be the growth engine of India and informs that semiconductor plant in Jageroi will transform Assam into semiconductor hub.
- Vice President, Jagdeep Dhankhar will visit Arunachal Pradesh today to participate as chief guest in first ever joint mega Nyokum Yullo celebration at Boasimla under Kaporijo circle in Kamle district.
- Various looted arms and ammunition including 38 guns and many other items surrendered to various police stations within Bishnupur district in Manipur in response to Governor’s appeal regarding surrender of illegally looted weapons.
- As Mizoram records highest HIV prevalence rate in India at 2.73 per cent, Mizoram Health Minister, Lalrinpuii calls for stronger action from legislators to tackle the epidemic.
- Meghalaya is taking significant strides to enhance its adventure tourism sector, with focus on both hard and soft adventure experiences to cater to adventure seekers who prefer trekking without specialized equipment.
- Internally displaced persons at Sajiwa in Manipur’s Imphal East find solace in vegetable cultivation amid ongoing ethnic strife as many take to farming as means to cope with stress while ensuring sustenance for their families.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

PM-GROWTH:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that even amidst an atmosphere of global uncertainty, all experts across the world are certain about India’s fast growth. Addressing the inaugural session of the Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment and Infrastructure Summit in Guwahati yesterday, the Prime Minister said, the faith on India’s growth is because of its large youth population who are getting skilled at a very fast pace and leading innovations. The Prime Minister informed that his government is working on improvement of connectivity, infrastructure and also strengthening the local supply chains in the North Eastern region. He also said that the Assam government has created an environment of ease of doing business and prepared best ever policies for industries and has set a target of becoming a 1.5 billion economy by 2030.

ASSAM-GROWTH:

Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Ashwini Vaishnaw said that Assam will be the growth engine of India as the government is working on the ground for

the development of this area. Addressing the session on ‘Advancing Semiconductor Horizons in Assam for Viksit Bharat,’ as part of the ‘Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment and Infrastructure Summit’, the Union Minister stated that the semiconductor plant in Jagirod will transform Assam into a semiconductor hub. He also announced that a state-of-the-art IT hub will be developed on the Railway Station land in Guwahati. The Centre has also sanctioned two new Amrit Bharat trains, one train coach manufacturing unit at the BTR area, and one train engine rebuilding unit at Lumding.

VP-VISIT:

Vice President, Jagdeep Dhankhar will visit Arunachal Pradesh today and he will participate as the chief guest in the first ever joint mega Nyokum Yullo celebration at Boasimla under Kamporijo circle in Kamle district. Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs, Kiren Rijiju will also attend the celebration. This will be Dhankhar's third visit to the state after assuming office. Nyokum is a festival celebrated by the Nyishi tribe of the state. The festival is celebrated for better productivity, prosperity and happiness of all human beings on earth.

LOOTED WEAPONS:

In Manipur, various looted arms and ammunition including 38 guns and many other items were surrendered to various police stations within Bishnupur district. The response came after Manipur Governor's appeal regarding surrender of illegally looted weapons. These police stations include Nambol Police station, Moirang Police Station, Phougakchao Ikhai Police Station and Bishnupur commando Unit. The surrendered weapons include 23 guns, various explosive items, baofeng handsets and other ammunition.

HIV-MIZORAM:

With Mizoram recording the highest HIV prevalence rate in India at 2.73 per cent, Mizoram Health Minister Lalrinpuui has called for stronger action from legislators to tackle the epidemic. Addressing a meeting of the Mizoram Legislative Forum on AIDS, a high-level committee of legislators tasked with responding to HIV/AIDS, the minister said, Mizoram's infection rate was far higher than the national average of 0.2 percent. During the meeting, MSACS Project Director Dr Jane R Ralte presented an overview of the State's HIV scenario. She said that as in January this year, a total of 32,287 people in Mizoram had tested positive for HIV, with 5,511 recorded deaths.

TOURISM:

Meghalaya is taking significant strides to enhance its adventure tourism sector, with a focus on both hard and soft adventure experiences. Tourism Director, Cyril V.D. Diengdoh highlighted the state's initiative to map and document various hiking trails in a newly published book. The objective is to cater to adventure seekers who prefer trekking without specialized equipment while also ensuring safety measures for activities like caving, which require professional gear and guidance. The government is actively promoting adventure sports, including paragliding, and is working to strengthen the capacity of local guides and service providers. Plans are also in progress regarding helicopter services for tourism circuits. The transport department is identifying key locations, such as Sohra to develop heliports with improved passenger facilities.

MANIPUR:

In the midst of ongoing ethnic strife in Manipur, internally displaced persons at Sajiwa in Imphal East have found solace in vegetable cultivation. Struggling with

loss and displacement, many have taken to farming as a means to cope with stress while ensuring sustenance for their families. Sajiwa, home to one of the largest prefabricated housing complexes for displaced individuals, now hosts a small but vibrant farming community. Residents have begun cultivating seasonal vegetables on adjacent arable land after securing approval from local authorities.
