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HEADLINES:-

- 1. President Droupadi Murmu says central government taking all steps to improve infrastructural facilities in tribal villages.
- 2. Assam Rifles celebrates 190th Raising Day in Shillong.
- 3. Zoram People's Movement government headed by chief minister Lalduhoma reshuffles portfolios of seven ministers.
- 4. World Tuberculosis Day observed across various districts in Nagaland.
- 5. Garo Students' Union urges Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma to expedite process to declare Tura as Winter Capital of Meghalaya.
- 6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi invites inputs from citizens for Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani, to take place on the 30th March.
- 7. Indian national football team to take on Bangladesh in third-round match of AFC Asian Cup Saudi Arabia 2027 Qualifiers in Shillong today.

PRESIDENT

President Droupadi Murmu yesterday said that the central government is taking all steps to improve infrastructural facilities in tribal villages, including quality education, skill development, and mobile networks. Speaking at the foundation day of Bharatiya Biswabasu Shabara Samaj at Kaliapalli in Odisha, the president emphasized that tribals should strive to become self-dependent by taking advantage of all the central schemes. The President said that all Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups also need to come into the mainstream to help take the country to the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. President Murmu said that only by educating themselves can tribals learn about the different schemes of the central government.

ARMY

Assam Rifles, one of the oldest and most prestigious paramilitary forces in India, celebrated its 190th Raising Day yesterday with pride and solemnity at its headquarters in Shillong. Lieutenant General Vikas Lakhera, DG Assam Rifles and all ranks of the Force paid homage at the War Memorial. The DGAR addressed all ranks of Force and complimented them for their outstanding contribution in fighting insurgency in the North East & Kashmir.

RESHUFFLE

The Zoram People's Movement government headed by chief minister Lalduhoma reshuffled the portfolios of seven ministers, including home minister K. Sapdanga yesterday. The disaster management and rehabilitation portfolio, which was earlier held by K. Sapdanga, has been given to minister of state Lalnilawma. Minister of state Lalnghinglova Hmar will take tourism from cabinet minister Lalrinpuii. Horticulture, which was earlier held by Lalnilawma, has now been assigned to cabinet minister C. Lalsawivunga. The information, public relations, printing and stationery department has been given to cabinet minister Vanlahlana.

TB

In Nagaland, World Tuberculosis Day was observed across various districts yesterday. A state level programme was organized by the National TB Elimination Programme, Nagaland, at the Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Kohima. Additional Secretary of Health & Family Welfare, S. Tainiu said a holistic approach by all sectors along with a strong political commitment and support by civil societies and community is essential to achieving the desired goals and objectives in Nagaland. Addressing the stigma and discrimination that often accompanies TB, hindering patients from seeking necessary healthcare and support, Ms Tainu added that it is crucial to create an inclusive environment where those affected by TB are treated with dignity, respect, and care. Meanwhile, 14 villages of Nagaland received the TB free village award under the silver category and 126 villages under bronze.

CAPITAL

The Garo Students' Union (GSU) has urged Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma to expedite the process to declare Tura as the Winter Capital of Meghalaya, calling it an "obligation to historical justice and equitable statecraft". In a letter to the Chief Minister, GSU Central Executive Committee president Teng'sak Gabil Momin underscored the longstanding demand of 'institutionalizing Tura as the Winter Capital of Meghalaya'. This is a demand rooted in the aspirations of the Garo Hills populace and the broader imperative of equitable governance.

BAAT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invited inputs from citizens for the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani, which will take place on the 30th of this month. People can submit their ideas and suggestions for the programme through the toll-free number 1800-11-7800. They can also share their input online via the Narendra Modi App or the MyGov Open Forum. Suggestions for the upcoming episode will be accepted until the 28th of this month. The programme will be broadcast on Akashvani and Doordarshan's entire network, the AIR News website, and the NewsOnAir mobile app.

FOOTBALL

The Indian national football team will take on Bangladesh in the crucial third-round match of the AFC Asian Cup Saudi Arabia 2027 Qualifiers to be played at Jawaharlal Nehru stadium, Polo Grounds, Shillong today. The Blue Tigers are gearing up to take on the Bengal Tigers following an impressive 3-0 victory over the Maldives during the international friendly match played at the same venue.
