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- 1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi reaffirms country's commitment to conserving water.**
- 2. Five-member delegation of Supreme Court Judges led by Justice BR Gavai on visit to Manipur.**
- 3. Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Raksha Nikhil Khadse, visits Noklak district, in easternmost part of Nagaland.**
- 4. Meghalaya government to bring home all 22 students infected by suspected food poisoning in Karnataka.**
- 5. International Forest Day observed by IIM Shillong and Saindur Enviro.**
- 6. ICAR, Umiam distributes turmeric processing machines to farmers in Meghalaya.**

WATER

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reaffirmed the country's commitment to conserving water and promoting sustainable development on World Water Day yesterday. He emphasized that water has been the lifeline of civilizations and stressed the need to protect it for future generations. World Water Day highlights the importance of freshwater and advocates for the sustainable management of water resources. The global event aims to raise awareness and inspire actions to tackle water crisis worldwide. The celebration is closely linked to Sustainable Development Goal 6, which aims to ensure water and sanitation for all by 2030.

MANIPUR

A five-member delegation of Supreme Court Judges led by Justice BR Gavai, who is also the Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority, visited Churachandpur in Manipur yesterday. The delegation included Justice Vikram Nath and Justice M.M. Sundresh. They were accompanied by Chief Secretary Prasant Kumar Singh, High Court of Manipur Chief Justice D. Krishna Kumar, Judge Golmei Gaiphulshillu, and DGP Rajiv Singh. They inspected the conditions at Sadbhavna Mandap Relief Camp in Tuibong, engaging with Internally Displaced Persons residing there. They also visited relief camp opened in Moirang College, Bishnupur district. The judges will attend a function to be held at Manipur High Court in Imphal today.

NAGALAND

Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Raksha Nikhil Khadse, visited Noklak district, located in the easternmost part in Nagaland, yesterday. She reviewed the progress of the Thonoknyu Aspirational Block Programme and assessed the impact of the central government’s policies in the region. Ms Khadse lauded the progress, saying it reflects the impact of focused governance and community participation. The minister assured that the government would continue to provide necessary resources and opportunities to the country’s most geographically isolated areas. Later, the Union Minister met with Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio at Kohima, and discussed ways to enhance the sporting landscape in the state.

STUDENTS

The Meghalaya government has planned to bring home all the 22 students infected by suspected food poisoning and undergoing treatment in Mandya district of Karnataka. Commissioner & Secretary in-charge Home (Political) Cyril Diengdoh on Friday said the students, from class five to eight, have their annual exams scheduled and Mandya district authorities have reached out to their parents on how to arrange the exams for the children. Following the legal formalities and resolution of exam issues, the government will bring them back home. Meanwhile, the children are still in hospital, he said while informing about being in regular touch with the Mandya district magistrate.

FOREST

On the occasion of International Forest Day on 21st March, IIM Shillong, in collaboration with the forests and environment department, Meghalaya, hosted a plantation drive on the theme of ‘Forest and Food’. RS Gill, principal chief conservator of forests and head of Forest Force, Meghalaya, highlighted the pivotal role of forests in maintaining ecological balance and ensuring food security. Saindur Enviro, Shillong, collaborated with the departments of botany and environmental science at Sankardev College, Meghalaya State Council of Science, Technology and Environment to observe the International Day for Forests at Nongumlong Secondary School, Upper Shillong. The program was attended by over 190 participants, including school and college students, community members, and experts. Vivek Kumar, director, Saindur Enviro pointed out a decline in forest cover in Meghalaya, with a reduction of 27.21 square kilometers since 2017-2018.

MACHINES

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for North Eastern Hill Region, Umiam, Meghalaya, under the Tribal Sub-Plan project, distributed 15 turmeric washers and 15 turmeric slicer machines to farmers from different districts of the state. The beneficiaries included members of Self-Help Groups and cooperative societies. The machines, which are pedal-operated and gender-friendly, are aimed at reducing drudgery and improving post-harvest efficiency. VK Mishra, director, ICAR emphasized ICAR’s continued efforts toward empowering tribal farmers and urged the beneficiaries to use the machines effectively for the collective benefit of their communities.
