

HEADLINES:-

- Two Members of Parliament from Assam - Birendra Prasad Baishya of Asom Gana Parishad and Kanad Purkayastha of BJP - take oath as members of Rajya Sabha in Parliament.
- Sitting Mizo National Front legislator from Dampa assembly constituency, Lalrintluanga Sailo passes away in hospital in Delhi.
- Senior Indian Administrative Service Officer, Dr. Puneet Kumar Goel assumes charge as new Chief Secretary of Manipur.
- Landslides and mudslides reported across various parts of Nagaland following heavy rainfall; Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio visits landslide-affected area near old Kohima Municipal Council dumping site to assess current situation.
- Tripura government forms task forces to identify and deport illegal immigrants, particularly Rohingyas and Bangladeshi nationals staying unlawfully in state.
- Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu holds meeting with Director General Border Roads, Lt-Gen Raghu Srinivasan to assess progress of infrastructure initiatives undertaken by BRO across the state.

OATH:

Two Members of Parliament from Assam - Birendra Prasad Baishya of the Asom Gana Parishad and Kanad Purkayastha of the BJP - took oath as members of the Rajya Sabha in Parliament yesterday. Vice President who is the Rajya Sabha Chairman, Jagdeep Dhankhar administered an oath to the two elected members besides three nominated Members of the Upper House. The five Rajya Sabha members took their oath of allegiance to the Constitution yesterday, the first day of the Monsoon Session. The nominated Rajya Sabha members are Dr Meenakshi Jain, C Sadanandan Master and Harsh Vardhan Shringla. The Rajya Sabha also paid tributes to seven of its former Members who passed away recently.

MLA-OBITUARY:

Sitting Mizo National Front legislator from Dampa assembly constituency, Lalrintluanga Sailo passed away in a hospital in Delhi yesterday. He was 65. Family sources said the MNF leader died of complicated ailments, including scrub typhus. He was flown to Delhi on June 29 after he had high fever and was undergoing treatment at Max Superspeciality hospital. Born in 1960, Sailo joined the MNF when it spearheaded a secessionist movement in Mizoram for 20 years between 1966 and 1986. He successfully contested the state assembly polls in 2018 from Dampa constituency and was re-elected from the same constituency in the last assembly polls held in November 2023. Meanwhile, Mizoram Governor, Vijay Kumar Singh and Chief Minister, Lalduhoma condoled the demise of Sailo.

CS-MANIPUR:

Senior Indian Administrative Service Officer, Dr. Puneet Kumar Goel has officially assumed charge as the new Chief Secretary of Manipur. The 1991 batch officer of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory cadre of Indian Administrative Service has replaced Prashant Kumar Singh who has now been appointed as Secretary of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes. An order issued by the Manipur Government yesterday said that in addition to the charge of Chief Secretary, Dr. PK Goel will hold the charge of Chief Vigilance Commissioner Manipur and Principal Resident Commissioner of Manipur Bhawan, New Delhi with immediate effect until further order.

LANDSLIDES:

In Nagaland, landslides and mudslides have been reported across various parts of the state following heavy rainfall. In Kohima, a massive mudslide occurred along the alternative route connecting between Phesama and Kisama-Kigwema, causing extensive damage to public infrastructure and rendering the road impassable. This route had been serving as a temporary bypass for Light Motor Vehicles after the complete collapse of National Highway-2 near Kisama earlier in June. The National Highway-2 connecting Kohima with Manipur, has been under partial restoration. Restoration work along the damaged alternative road began yesterday morning. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio visited the landslide-affected area near the old Kohima Municipal Council dumping site along with Deputy Chief Minister TR Zeliang and assessed the current situation. Rio said, the state government is taking all necessary measures to minimise inconvenience to citizens and restore normalcy at the earliest.

TRIPURA:

The Tripura government has formed task forces to identify and deport illegal immigrants, particularly Rohingyas and Bangladeshi nationals staying unlawfully in the state. Tripura Chief Minister, Manik Saha said that the district-level task forces would identify the illegal migrants and take due course of action. As per the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, people belonging to Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians who came to India from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan before December 31, 2014 would be allowed to stay in India. The task forces would identify the foreign nationals and also verify when they came to Tripura. The task forces would also check whether any people came to Tripura recently or after the turmoil in Bangladesh last year.

ROAD:

Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu yesterday held a meeting with Director General Border Roads, Lt-Gen Raghu Srinivasan to assess the progress of infrastructure initiatives undertaken by the BRO across the state. During the meeting, Lt-Gen. Srinivasan provided a comprehensive overview of BRO's ongoing and upcoming infrastructure development efforts, with a focus on enhancing road connectivity in remote and strategically significant areas of Arunachal Pradesh.
