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HEADLINES:-

- ❖ Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma met his Meghalaya counterpart Conrad Sangma at his office in Guwahati
- ❖ Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, inaugurates a series of key development projects aimed at boosting sports infrastructure and community facilities in the region.
- ❖ Tripura Agriculture Minister Inaugurates Mega Organic Mango and Jackfruit Plantation Programme
- ❖ Tripura Renewable Energy Development Agency to use roofs of all government buildings to generate solar power
- ❖ Northeast Frontier Railway joins hands with IIT Guwahati to replace plastics with compostable materials.
- ❖ Indian Army launches Arogyam Health and Wellness Centre at DahJhong in Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh
- ❖ Mortal remains of Nagaland Governor La. Ganesan cremated with full state and military honours in Chennai
- ❖ Shillong Lajong FC defeated Indian Navy 2-1 and advanced to the semifinal of the Durand Cup football tournament for the second successive year in Shillong

NEWS IN DETAIL:-

DISCUSSION:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma met his Meghalaya counterpart Conrad K. Sangma at his office in Guwahati and held discussions on various issues. Himanta Biswa Sarma said that he had an excellent discussion with the Chief Minister of Meghalaya Sangma K. Conrad J" Sarma posted on X. The two Chief Ministers discussed a wide gamut of issues to strengthen the mutual growth of both the sister states," he said. Sarma, however, did not elaborate on the issues discussed by the chief ministers of the two neighbouring states. The two Chief Ministers had last met on June 2 and agreed to erect border pillars in five among the six of the total 12 disputed areas, by Independence Day. The two states had signed an agreement in March 2022 to resolve the border dispute in six areas. Border pillars were decided to be constructed in five areas and not in the sixth at Pilingata as there were some "difference of interpretation", because of which the deputy commissioners of both the states were scheduled to discuss the matter.

ENERGY:

The Tripura Renewable Energy Development Agency has set a target to use the roofs of all government buildings in the state to generate solar power, an official said yesterday. According to a recent survey, the northeastern state has around 2,000 government buildings. Around 70-MW power could be

generated by installing rooftop solar panels, it showed. The move came in the backdrop of reduced output in four of the five gas-based power plants in Tripura, due to shortage of adequate gas supply, officials said.

CREMATED:

The mortal remains of Nagaland Governor La. Ganesan were cremated with full state and military honours in Chennai yesterday. The sandal casket containing the body of Mr Ganesan draped in National flag was accorded full State and Military honours with a 42 gun salute as a mark of respect to the veteran leader. The final rites were conducted at the Besant Nagar crematorium where his mortal remains were consigned. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio along with Deputy Chief Ministers T R Zeliang and Y Patton, Chief Secretary Sentiyanger Imchen, DGP Rupin Sharma and other officials attended the state funeral and cremation of Governor, La. Ganesan. Chief Minister Dr Neiphiu Rio paid a floral tribute on behalf of the Government of Nagaland.

MEMORIAL:

A solemn memorial service was held at Raj Bhavan, Kohima, yesterday to honour the life, service, leadership and dedication of the late Nagaland Governor La Ganesan. The service was attended by members of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly who gathered to pay final respects and floral tributes to the departed leader. Assembly Speaker Sharingain Longkumer, described the gathering as a fellowship of love and remembrance, expressing deep sorrow at the passing of the Governor. In keeping with the Naga tradition where the home of the departed is never left empty, the Speaker said the fellowship at Raj Bhavan was a gesture of solidarity with the Governor's family.

GRIEF:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.), has expressed grief over the sudden and untimely demise of the Governor of Nagaland, Shri La Ganesan. Extending his condolences, the Governor said Late Ganesan was a venerable statesman and an exemplary leader, and a devoted social activist, who worked tirelessly for the welfare of the people and upheld the highest values of integrity and humility in public life. He recalled Late Ganesan's distinguished service as Governor of Manipur, West Bengal, and Nagaland, as well as the warmth with which he connected with people across all walks of life. Late Ganesan visited Arunachal Pradesh in March 2025.

INAUGURATION:

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, inaugurated a series of key development projects aimed at boosting sports infrastructure and community facilities in the region. The Union Minister dedicated the newly constructed Assam Cricket Association Pavilion and Indoor Cricket Hall in Dibrugarh, marking a new chapter in the district's sporting landscape. He also inaugurated development works at Bindhakata Higher Secondary School worth ₹90 lakh, as well as a newly built additional classroom block worth ₹51.22 lakh. Further, Sonowal inaugurated a modern gymnasium facility at Mulukgaon Uddipta Yuvak Sangha, installed at a cost of ₹10 lakh under his MPLAD funds for 2022–23 and 2023–24.

AGRICULTURE:

Tripura Agriculture Minister Inaugurates Mega Organic Mango & Jackfruit Plantation Programme Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Ratan Lal Nath yesterday inaugurated a Mega Organic Mango and Jackfruit Plantation Programme at Lefunga, Tripura. The initiative organized under the Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region Phase four, reflects the government's growing emphasis on fruit cultivation and organic farming. Speaking at the event, Mr. Nath highlighted that over twenty seven thousand farmers in Tripura are currently engaged in organic farming, with twenty six thousand hectares of land already sanctioned for this purpose. He further informed that farmers receive Rupees seventeen thousand per hectare, along with necessary equipment and other benefits from the government to promote organic practices.

NER:

The Northeast Frontier Railway and IIT-Guwahati have collaborated to introduce biodegradable and compostable materials as a replacement for conventional plastic to ensure environmental sustainability, officials said. As a pilot initiative, NFR has introduced eco-friendly green bed-roll bags on its trains, replacing traditional plastic bags used for distributing linen to passengers. Developed at IIT-Guwahati's in-house research and development facility, the bio-plastic degrades in compost within a short time, according to an official release.

HEALTH:

In Arunachal Pradesh, under Indian Army's Operation Sadbhavana initiative an 'Arogyam Health and Wellness Centre' was inaugurated at DahJhong in Tawang district yesterday. The centre was inaugurated by Tawang Deputy Commissioner Namgyal Angmo. Equipped with basic life-saving facilities, the centre aims to provide timely health support to villagers and tourists visiting the high-altitude regions of Thingbu, Mago, Jethang, and Luguthang in the district. the Deputy Commissioner expressed gratitude to the Indian Army for establishing the centre and dedicating it to the villagers. The inauguration of the Arogyam Health & Wellness Centre marks a significant step towards strengthening rural healthcare access and promoting wellness in the high-altitude areas of Tawang district.

AWARENESS:

As part of a nationwide effort to sensitise citizens about the ill effects of substance abuse, a two-day Drug Awareness campaign was jointly organised by Narcotics Control Bureau and Central Bureau of Communication in Guwahati. The initiative sought to mobilise public support for building a "Drug-Free India" and to encourage communities to actively resist the menace of narcotics. To reach people directly, a series of street plays (Nukkad Natak) were staged at key public locations including Guwahati Railway Station, City Centre Mall, and Assam State Zoo. The campaign also familiarised people with the MANAS Helpline (1933), encouraging them to report any drug-related incidents or information.

ACTION:

Tripura Chief Minister Prof. Dr. Manik Saha said that police and other security agencies have been instructed to take strict action against people involved in drug smuggling. "The amount of drugs destroyed and seized has increased significantly. Apart from this, Tripura is many steps ahead of other states in the country in blood donation," he said. Dr. Saha said this

while inaugurating a voluntary blood donation camp organized by the Aurobindo Sangha at the AD Nagar Higher Secondary School grounds in Agartala yesterday.

JANMASTHAMI:

In Manipur, Krishna Janmasthanmi was celebrated across the State, marking the birthday celebration for Lord Krishna. The main celebration is being held at Shri Shri Govindajee Temple and ISKON Mandir, both located in Imphal. A large number of devotees visited these temples to offer prayer to Lord Krishna. Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla inaugurated a seminar on ‘Krishna Tattva- Character Building’ and released a special souvenir and launched the official website of ISKCO. The Governor said that qualities like kindness, purity, non-violence and compassion should guide daily living, especially at a time when globalisation and technology bring new challenges.

SPORTS:

In sports, Shillong Lajong FC defeated Indian Navy 2-1 and advanced to the semifinal of the Durand Cup football tournament for the second successive year in Shillong yesterday. Second half goals from Damaitphang Lyngdoh and Everbrightson Sana Mylliempdah gave the home side the victory after Vijay Marandi had given Indian Navy the lead in the first-half of the first quarterfinal match. Shillong Lajong will face defending champions North East United in the semifinals in Shillong on August 19 in a repeat of last year's last-four clash. In the other quarterfinal match of the day played in Assam's Kokrajhar, North East United overpowered Bodoland FC 4–0 in front of a packed SAI Stadium. Moroccan striker Alaaeddine Ajaraie scored in the 29th and 61st minute of the match, Spaniard Andy Garcia scored the 53rd minute and substitute Parthib Gogoi scored in the 2nd minute of the extra time, adding their names to the scoresheet.

RECEPTION:

In a proud display of unity, culture, and patriotism, the Governor of Meghalaya, C. H. Vijayashankar, hosted the state’s traditional At Home reception at the historic Raj Bhavan to mark the 79th Independence Day of India. The gathering was attended by Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma, members of the Legislative Assembly, senior officials, defence personnel, distinguished citizens and representative from different walks of life. The elegant lawns of Raj Bhavan, glowing under the illumination of the Tricolour, served as the backdrop for a meticulously rganized ceremony that honoured India’s legacy of freedom, showcased Meghalaya’s cultural heritage, and celebrated the achievements of exceptional individuals from across the country.
