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HEADLINES:-

- A total of 278 kilometres of Railways lines have been commissioned in North Eastern Region till March this year with an expenditure of 41 thousand 676 crore rupees, informs Railways Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw in written reply in Lok Sabha.
- Nagaland Government agrees to constitute seven-member Commission to review State Reservation Policy to be spearheaded by a very high-ranking former state government officer as Chairman.
- Assam Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma launches Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Moina 2.0 scheme in Guwahati, a monthly financial assistance scheme to increase girls' enrolment in higher education in the state.
- Tripura government plans to develop six eco parks across the state in major push to strengthen eco-tourism and support rural economies.
- National Institute of Fashion Technology in Meghalaya commences its Handloom Week celebrations in Shillong with insightful and inspiring expert session by Dr. Rajani Kant, popularly known as the GI Man of India.
- Manipur State Commission for Person with Disabilities instructs all banks in State to provide necessary physical infrastructure and digital banking platforms for Persons with Disabilities.
- Manipur Police detects illegal immigrants and foreign nationals without valid documents during special drive.
- Lok Sabha MP from Sikkim, Indra Hang Subba meets Union MoS for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ram Nath Thakur at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi and submits formal representation requesting inclusion of crop damages caused by wild animals under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.
- Deputy Commissioner, Siang District, P N Thungon flags off Siyom River rafting cum cleaning expedition in Arunachal Pradesh to promote adventure sports and environmental consciousness among youth.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

RAILWAYS:

A total of 278 kilometres of Railways lines have been commissioned in the North Eastern Region till March this year with an expenditure of 41 thousand 676 crore rupees. This was stated by Railways Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw in a written reply in the Lok Sabha yesterday. He said, 12 Railway projects of a total length of 777 kilometers have been sanctioned to augment

and increase line capacity of the rail network situated in the North Eastern Region. The commissioned projects include Bogibeel Bridge, Agartala-Sabroom new line, Lumding-Hojai and New Bongaigaon-Agthori doubling of line among others. The Minister stated that 13 new lines, and 4 doubling of line of total length one thousand 790 kilometres in the North East Region have been sanctioned under PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan during the last three years.

RESERVATION:

The Nagaland Government has agreed to constitute a seven-member Commission to review the State Reservation Policy. Nagaland government spokesperson and Minister, KG Kenye yesterday informed that the 'Reservation Review Commission' will be spearheaded by a chairman preferably a very high-ranking former state government officer, three government officials including Head of Department of P&AR, besides a representative from the Justice and Law Department and the Home Commissioner. The other three members will comprise a representative each from ENPO, CNTC and Tenyimi Union Nagaland. The Commission will be given a period of six months to submit its report, subject to extension of time if the need arises.

SCHEME-ASSAM:

Assam Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday launched the Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Moina 2.0 scheme in Guwahati- a monthly financial assistance scheme to increase girls' enrolment in higher education. The Chief Minister ceremonially distributed application forms of the scheme at Birinchi Kumar Barua Auditorium in Gauhati University. Simultaneously, programmes were held all over the state for the ceremonial distribution of forms. Nijut Moina, a flagship initiative of the Assam government, aims to empower girl students by providing financial support to reduce school dropout rates and promote higher education. A student in Higher Secondary first year will be entitled to 10 thousand rupees that is, 1 thousand every month for 10 months. A student at the graduate level will be entitled to 12,500 rupees that is, 1,250 rupees every month. PG level student will be entitled to 25,000 rupees that is, 2500 every month for 10 months in a year. In this financial year, over four lakh girl students will get the benefit of this scheme.

ECO-TOURISM:

In a major push to strengthen eco-tourism and support rural economies, the Tripura government has planned to develop six eco parks across the state. The initiative, announced by Forest Minister Animesh Debbarma, aims to create sustainable tourism infrastructure while generating employment for local communities. The eco parks will be set up in six districts including Dhalai and South Tripura at an estimated cost of 10 crore rupees for each park. These parks will be developed on forest land and operated under the Joint Forest Management Group model. The Minister said that these eco parks will create job opportunities and a source of income for people living near forest areas. The move aligns with Chief Minister Manik Saha's broader vision to transform Tripura into a hub of world class tourism and sustainable development.

NIFT:

In Meghalaya, the National Institute of Fashion Technology, commenced its Handloom Week celebrations in Shillong yesterday with an insightful and inspiring expert session by Dr. Rajani Kant, popularly known as the GI Man of India. The event marked the first day of the week-long celebration dedicated to India's rich handloom heritage and the people who sustain it. On the occasion, Dr. Rajani Kant addressed the students and faculty members on the theme of "Geographical Indications: From Local Craft to Global Identity." Handloom Week at NIFT Shillong will continue till the 13th of this month, featuring live demonstrations, exhibitions, panel discussions, and student-led initiatives to showcase, celebrate, and innovate with India's handloom legacy.

PWDs:

Manipur State Commission for Person with Disabilities has instructed all banks in the State to provide necessary physical infrastructure and digital banking platforms for Persons with Disabilities as per law. Upon receiving various complaints regarding their accessibility to the banks and other difficulties, the Commissioner of Manipur State Commission for Person with Disabilities has taken up a suo moto case.

IMMIGRANTS:

In Manipur, the State Police found illegal immigrants and foreign nationals without valid documents during the special drive. A Police report said that during the drive conducted since last week, police detected 170 persons without ILP Pass and 134 carried expired ILP documents. These defaulters were taken to ILP Counter and made to acquire the required ILP Pass. Meanwhile two cadres of proscribed outfit- KCP (PWG) were arrested during search operations conducted in Imphal East and Imphal West district. They were involved in extortion from the general public. In another operation conducted at Gothol Village of Churachandpur district, police recovered one AK Ghatak rifles, two improvised pumpi mortar, four improvised rocket bomb and 19 improvised pumpi mortar round.

MP-SIKKIM:

Lok Sabha MP from Sikkim, Indra Hang Subba met Ram Nath Thakur, Union MoS for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi yesterday and submitted a formal representation requesting the inclusion of crop damages caused by wild animals under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. In the representation, Dr. Subba highlighted the persistent issue of crop losses faced by farmers in hilly and forest-adjacent regions such as Sikkim due to frequent raids by wild animals like wild boars, monkeys, and deer. Subba also proposed the possibility of initiating a pilot scheme in high-risk districts, in collaboration with Forest Departments and local Panchayats, to assess feasibility and develop effective implementation models.

RIVER RAFTING:

In Arunachal Pradesh, Deputy Commissioner, Siang District, P N Thungon flagged off the Siyom River rafting cum cleaning expedition. Organized by the Department of Youth Affairs, Government of Arunachal Pradesh in collaboration with Ms Kabos Adventure, the event marked a significant milestone in promoting adventure sports and environmental consciousness among the youth, especially empowering youth in the Siang district. The

expedition aims to promote adventure sports such as river rafting as a viable avenue for youth employment and recreation and create awareness about the importance of river and environmental cleanliness among participants and the local community. A total of 50 individuals participated in the expedition.
