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HEADLINES

- **Indian Air Force presses helicopters and aircraft into service to search for missing Sukhoi fighter jet with two pilots onboard over Tezpur in Assam.**
- **Polling for lone Rajya Sabha seat of Manipur starts at nine in Manipur Legislative Assembly, Imphal today.**
- **Nagaland MLA, Khriehu Leizietsu resigns to pave way for his father and Chief Minister, Shurhozelie Liezietsu to contest from Northern Angami-I.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi asks all state governments to accord high priority to Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems to ensure better law and order.**
- **Assam Chief Minister Sarbanand Sonowal says his government is committed to seal Indo-Bangladesh border soon and fight against corruption.**
- **Special session of Nagaland Legislative Assembly for consideration of GST Bill will be held on Saturday.**

NEWS IN ORDER

SEARCH:

Helicopters and aircraft have been pressed into service by the Indian Air Force to search for the Sukhoi fighter jet that went missing with two pilots onboard over Tezpur in Assam. The IAF said, search operation is continuing despite overcast sky and spells of rains and thundershowers in parts of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh where the Su-30 MKI plane is suspected to have crashed. The Sukhoi jet went missing after taking off from Tezpur Air Force station at 10:30 AM on Tuesday. An IAF spokesperson said in New Delhi that a Su-30 aircraft with recce capability is also being utilised for locating the missing plane. Apart from the aerial assets, four groups of IAF personnel, nine parties of the Indian Army and two teams from the state administration have been deployed to look for the fighter jet. The first batch of the Russia-made fighter jet was inducted by the IAF in the late 1990s.

RAJYA SABHA:

Polling for the lone Rajya Sabha seat of Manipur is starting at nine this morning at the Manipur Legislative Assembly in Imphal. BJP Manipur Pradesh president, Kshetrimayum Bhabananda Singh is fighting for the seat against opposition Congress candidate, Elangbam Dwijamani. In the 60-member state legislature, the BJP has 28 MLAs and enjoyed the support of four legislators each of the Naga People's Front and National People's Party; one Lok Janshakti Party legislator and one Independent. Polling will end at four this evening and counting will start at five. The Rajya Sabha seat from the state fell vacant following the demise of sitting Rajya Sabha MP, Haji Abdul Salam of the Congress in February.

RESIGN:

Nagaland MLA, Khriehu Leizietsu yesterday resigned from the post to pave the way for his father and Chief Minister, Shurhozelie Liezietsu to contest from Northern Angami-I in the bye-election. It is mandatory for Mr Shurhozelie to get elected to the Assembly within six months of taking over as chief minister.

Mr Khriehu was elected from Northern Angami-I in the 2013 Assembly election on the Naga People s Front ticket and was inducted as Parliamentary Secretary, in-charge Youth Resources and Sports in the then T.R Zeliang government. Mr Shurhozelie, who is the president of the Naga People's Front, took over as chief minister on February 22 following mass protest against the then government's decision to conduct urban local body elections with women quota. Meanwhile, the Nagaland Legislative Assembly Speaker has declared the Northern Angami-I Assembly seat vacant.

CCTNS:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asked all state governments to accord high priority to the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) to ensure better law and order. During a meeting of PRAGATI yesterday, Mr Modi said high priority should be given to this network, so that maximum benefit could be taken from it, in the interest of law and order, and bringing criminals to book. CCTNS is a project of the Central government for creating a comprehensive and integrated system for effective policing through e-governance.

SONOWAL:

Assam Chief Minister Sarbanand Sonowal said that his government was committed to seal the Indo-Bangladesh border soon. Talking to media persons in Guwahati on completion of 1 year of the BJP-led government in office, Mr Sonowal announced that government's efforts would be to reduce cross border arms and cattle smuggling. The Chief Minister also said that the draft roll of the National Register of Citizens will be published by the 31st of December this year. Stating that his government has taken stern measure against corruption, Mr Sonowal said that the vigilance wing of the state police has taken up around 100 such cases, adding that nobody will be spared if involved in corruption. Mr. Sonowal said that an investment of 6500 crore rupees have also been registered during the first year of his government, and over 10 lakh toilets have been constructed in the state under the Swacch Bharat Mission.

SESSION:

A special session of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly will be held on Saturday. The Special Session has been convened to deliberate consider the GST Bill. Introduction, consideration and passing of government resolution and Bills, laying of reports and rules have been lined up for the one day special session.
