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HEADLINES

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- **Security forces in Arunachal Pradesh apprehend an NSCN (K) cadre during an operation.**
- **Two Myanmar nationals arrested for carrying heroin near Dawn village in Lunglei district of Manipur.**
- **Arunachal fails to achieve target of providing free and compulsory education to children despite implementation of Right to Education Act, says CAG.**
- **Arunachal Pradesh State Health and Family Welfare Parliamentary Secretary Phurpa Tsering flags off 27 ambulances under National Health Mission at Civil Secretariat in Itanagar.**
- **Maidan heavyweights Mohun Bagan win 37th All India Governor's Gold Cup football tournament for the 10th time by defeating Partha Chakra by a narrow 1-0 margin.**

ORDER

RIJIJU

Union minister Kiren Rijiju yesterday said the rights of indigenous people of Arunachal Pradesh would be protected and they would not be let down because of Chakma and Hajong refugees. The Supreme Court had in 2015

directed the central government to grant citizenship to Chakma and Hajong refugees, mostly staying in Arunachal Pradesh. The nearly one lakh refugees came from the erstwhile East Pakistan five decades ago. The Minister of State for Home Affairs called upon all stakeholders, including the state government and All Arunachal Pradesh Students Union, to coordinate their efforts to solve the vexed issue.

NSCN

Security forces in Arunachal Pradesh apprehended an NSCN (K) cadre during an operation yesterday. The rebel was extorting money and trying to terrorise the local people of Jairampur. The Jairampur battalion of Assam Rifles, during an operation at Longman village in Changlang district, arrested the NSCN (K) militant, a Myanmar national. Defence spokesman Colonel Chiranjit Konwer said a pistol and live rounds of ammunition were recovered from his possession. During interrogation the cadre admitted to be an active member of the extortion network of outfit in Changlang and Tirap districts.

ARREST

Two Myanmar nationals were arrested for carrying 305 grams of heroin near Dawn village in Lunglei district, a police report said yesterday. Both the Myanmarese were travelling on a motorcycle in which the contraband was hidden. The seized contraband, worth around 12 lakh rupees in the local market, was suspected to have been smuggled from Myanmar. The two accused were booked under relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and also under Foreigners' Act.

RTE

Arunachal has failed to achieve the target of providing free and compulsory education to every child even after six years of implementation of Right to Education Act. This was noted by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in a recent report, tabled in the state Assembly by Finance Minister Chowna Mein. The findings revealed that altogether 232 primary school buildings and 130 upper primary schools were constructed by the state government during the period 2014 to 2016. However, the schools were yet to be handed over to the school authorities. The report also highlighted 42 per cent shortfall in Science and Mathematics teachers till March 2016. PTI

ARUNACHAL

Arunachal Pradesh State Health and Family Welfare Parliamentary Secretary Phurpa Tsering yesterday flagged-off 27 ambulances under National Health Mission at Civil Secretariat in Itanagar. The ambulances will be placed at various Community Health Centres and Primary Health Centres across the state. Mr. Tsering said these will help the Government in achieving the objective of providing effective health care facility on wheels to far flung villages in the state.

ACCIDENT

One passenger was killed and 10 others were injured in the early morning yesterday when the vehicle they were travelling in fell into a 20-metre deep gorge from NH-37 in Manipur. The incident happened in Noney district between Awangkhul and Tamlok, about 85 km from Imphal. The injured were taken to Noney primary health centre, a police officer said. Later, they were referred to hospitals in Imphal.

FOOTBALL-SIKKIM

Maidan heavyweights Mohun Bagan yesterday won the 37th All India Governor's Gold Cup football tournament for the 10th time by defeating Partha Chakra by a narrow 1-0 margin. In the final match played at Paljor Stadium, Mohun Bagan's striker GA Kramah scored the lone goal in the seventh minute. Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling attended the final and gave away trophies and cash prize to winners and the runner-up.

FOOTBALL

Three teams from Meghalaya will be representing the state in the Northeast Level after qualifying in the 'Meghalaya's Master' of the Sunfeast Cup Football Tournament held in Ri Bhoi District. The Sunfeast Cup Football Tournament was conducted by the SPT Sports Management Private Limited, Bangalore in collaboration with Mawlein Youth Sports Club. Altogether, 102 teams from across the Districts of Meghalaya participated in the tournament.
