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### **1. Konrad Sangma became the Chief Minister of Meghalaya for the second time ( March 9, 2023 )**

National People's Party (NPP) President Konrad K Sangma

**National People's Party (NPP) President Konrad K Sangma** was sworn in as the Chief Minister of **Meghalaya** for the second consecutive term on 7 March 2023.

#### **An Overview of the news:**

- Governor Fagu Chauhan also administered oath to 12 ministers along with Sangma.
- 8 MLAs from NPP, 2 from United Democratic Party (UDP), Hill State Peoples Democratic Party (HSPDP) and 1 each from BJP took oath as ministers.
- On 6 March, 58 newly elected members of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly were administered oath by Speaker Pro Tem Timothy D'Shira.
- Meghalaya has 60 assembly seats, but polling in the Sohyeong constituency was postponed following the death of UDP candidate HD R Lyngdoh. Shira, MLA from Resubelpara, was administered oath as the Speaker Pro-tem of the Assembly by Governor Fagu Chauhan.

#### **Preston Tynsong and Sniawbhalang Dhar became Deputy Chief Ministers:**

- Governor Fagu Chauhan administered the oath to the 12-member Council of Ministers, including NPP's Preston Tyansong and BJP's Alexander Lalu Hek.

#### **Chief Minister in Indian Constitution:**

- Article 164 of the Constitution provides that the Chief Minister will be appointed by the Governor.
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### **2. Neiphiu Rio became the Chief Minister of Nagaland for the fifth time ( March 9, 2023 )**

**Neiphiu Rio** was sworn in as Chief Minister for the **fifth time** on 7 March 2023 by **Governor La Ganesan in Nagaland.**

#### **An overview of the news:**

- During this, many other dignitaries including the Prime Minister were present in Kohima, in which Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP President JP Nadda and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma etc. were prominent.

**Taditui Rangkau Zelayang and Yanthungo Patton (BJP) took oath as Deputy Chief Ministers of Meghalaya in Shillong.**

- The assembly elections were held on a total of **60 seats in Nagaland**. In which **NDPP-BJP got 37 seats**, in which NDPP got 25 seats and BJP got 12 seats. After this, the coalition government of NDPP and BJP has been formed.
- NCP has won 7 seats, NPP 5, LJP (Ram Vilas), Naga People's Front (NPF) and RPI (Athawale) 2 each and JD(U) one seat. While 4 independent members have also won.
- Nine legislators, including a woman legislator, **Salhoutuonuo Kruse**, took oath as ministers in the Nagaland cabinet on 7 March 2023.
- For the first time in the 60-year history of Nagaland assembly elections, a woman legislator has been elected. A total of 13 assembly elections have been held in Nagaland so far.

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**3. Manik Saha became the Chief Minister of Tripura for the second time in a row ( March 9, 2023 )**

**Manik Saha** has taken oath as the **Chief Minister of Tripura for the second consecutive** time on 8 March 2023 at Swami Vivekananda Maidan in Agartala, the capital of Tripura. **Governor Satyadev Narayan Arya** administered the oath of office and secrecy to Mr. Saha.

**An Overview of the news:**

- Ratanlal Nath, Pranajit Singha Roy, Pranajit Singha Roy, Tinku Roy Sushant Chowdhary etc have taken oath as ministers of Tripura at the swearing in ceremony of Manik Saha.
- PM Modi, Amit Shah, JP Nadda and chief ministers of BJP-ruled states also attended Mr. Saha's swearing-in ceremony.
- It is worth mentioning that BJP has become the single largest party in Tripura assembly elections by getting **32 seats out of total 60 seats**. Tipra Motha Party came second by winning 13 seats. The Communist Party of India (Marxist) got 11 seats, while the Congress got three.

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#### **4. Shalija Dhami becomes first woman officer to command a fighter unit in IAF ( March 9, 2023 )**

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) has announced on 8 March 2023 that Group Captain **Shalija Dhami** will take over the command of the **Missile Squadron in the Western Sector**. Ms. Dhami has become the **first Indian woman officer to achieve this**.

#### **An overview of the news:**

- Dhami was commissioned as a helicopter pilot in the year 2003.
- She is currently posted in the Operations Branch of Forward Command Headquarters.
- **Dhami is the second deployment after Captain Shiva Chauhan of the Fire and Fury Corps of the Indian Army.**
- Shiva Chauhan is currently the first woman officer to be operationally posted in Siachen.
- In another achievement, **Major Abhilasha Barak** has become the first woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps as a combat aviator after completing her training.

#### **Indian Air Force (IAF):**

- Headquarters: **New Delhi**
- It is the fourth largest air force in the world.
- Motto: **Touching the sky with glory** (taken from the eleventh chapter of the Bhagavad Gita).
- Chief of the Air Staff: **Air Chief Marshal VR Chowdhary**.

#### **5. Belarus court jails Nobel Peace Prize winner Ales Bialiatski for 10 years ( March 4, 2023 )**

**A court in Belarus** on March 3 sentenced **2022 Nobel Peace Prize winner** and human rights activist **Ales Bialiatski** to **10 years in prison** for financing protests and other crimes.

## **An overview of the news**

- He has been given this sentence in the case of activities disturbing public order, financing and smuggling.
- A fine of 65 thousand US dollars has also been imposed on **60-year-old Bialiatsky**.
- He is co-founder of the **Viasna human rights group**.
- In October 2022, he was awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize for his work on human rights and democracy**.
- Along with Bialyatsky, representatives of the Vesna Human Rights Center, **Valentin Stefanovich and Vladimir Labkovich**, were also sentenced to **9 years and 7 years**, respectively.
- Investigation revealed that Ales Bialiatsky and other members received funds from various organizations in Lithuania during April **2016 to July 2021**.
- After this these funds were sent outside the Eurasian Economic Union with the help of many people.
- According to the law of Belarus, this is a crime and the maximum **punishment for this crime is 12 years**.
- Bialiatsky, a Belarusian litterateur, school teacher and museum director, has been involved in pro-democracy protests since the **1980s**.
- He was an avid supporter of Belarus' independence from the **Soviet Union in the early 1980s**, organizing anti-Soviet protests across the country.

## **6. Former Chief Justice of India Justice AM Ahmadi passed away ( March 4, 2023 )**

**Former Chief Justice of India AM Ahmadi** passed away on 2 March 2023 at the age of 91.

### **News Overview**

- Ahmadi was appointed **judge of the City Civil and Sessions Court, Ahmedabad in 1964**.
- He was appointed as a **judge of the High Court of Gujarat in 1976**.
- Ahmadi took over as the **Chief Justice of India in 1994**.
- Some notable judgments Ahmadi was part of include **Indra Sawhney v. Union of India** and **Ismail Farooqui v. Union of India**.
- Justice Ahmadi served as the **Chief Justice of India from 25 October 1994** until his retirement on **24 March 1997**.
- Justice Ahmadi was also the **third Muslim to serve as CJI**.

Current Chief Justice (CJI) – **Dr. Justice Dhananjay Yashwant Chandrachud**

## **7. Former Union Minister Satyabrata Mukherjee passed away ( March 4, 2023 )**

**Satyabrata Mukherjee, former Union Minister and President of the West Bengal unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)**, passed away on 3 March 2023 in **Kolkata**.

- Satyabrata Mukherjee died at the age of 90 due to old age ailments.
- He was also known as '**Jolu Babu**' within the Bengal BJP.

### **About Satyabrata Mukherjee**

- He was selected as a BJP candidate from the **Krishna Nagar** seat in the 1999 **Lok Sabha elections**.
- Mukherjee was the **Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers in the Vajpayee government** from September 2000 to June 2002.
- Served as **Minister of Commerce and Industry** from **July 2002 to October 2003**.
- Mukherjee also served as the **Additional Solicitor General of India**.

## **8. Hockey India appoints South African Craig Fulton as new Chief Coach of Indian men's hockey team ( March 4, 2023 )**

Hockey India has appointed **Craig Fulton of South Africa** as the **new head coach of the Indian men's hockey team**.

### **An overview of the news**

- Craig Fulton will replace **Graham Reid** who resigned in January 2023 following **India's poor performance in the World Cup**.
- Craig Fulton represented South Africa at the **Atlanta 1996 and Athens 2004 Olympics** and earned **195 international caps** in a career spanning more than a decade.
- Fulton managed the **Irish men's hockey team** between 2014 and 2018 and helped them qualify for the **Rio 2016 Olympics**.
- He also won the **FIH Coach of the Year in 2015** while with the Irish team.
- Fulton has nearly **25 years of coaching experience** and has **earned 195 caps for South Africa** over a span of 10 years.
- He also played in the Atlanta and Athens Olympics.

## **9. Vo Van Thuong elected as new President of Vietnam ( March 3, 2023 )**

**Vo Van Thuong**, a member of the Politburo of the **Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV)**, was elected as the **country's new President** by the National Assembly of Vietnam.

Overview of the news

- Thuong's election came after the sudden resignation of the previous president, **Nguyen Xuan Phuc**.
- Thuong is the youngest member of the party's Politburo, the country's top decision-making body.

### **About Vo Van Thuong**

- Thuong began his political career in **1993**.
- In 2003, Thuong became secretary of the Communist Youth Union of **Ho Chi Minh City**.
- Thuong was elected as a member of the **SPV Central Committee** for the third time in 2021 and became a member of the Politburo for the second time.

### **About Vietnam**

- It lies in **South East Asia** and it is a member of **Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN)**
- Capital: **Hanoi**
- Currency: **Dong**
- President: **Vo Van Thuong**

## **10. Jishanu Barua was appointed as the new chairperson of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission ( March 3, 2023 )**

**Jishanu Barua** has been appointed as the new **chairman of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)**.

**An overview of the news**

- Union Minister for Power **R K Singh** administered the oath of office and secrecy to Jishnu Barua in New Delhi on 3 March.
- Barua has been the **Chief Secretary of Assam** from October 2020 to August 2022.
- Earlier, he also served as **Additional Chief Secretary of Assam** to take care of various departments of the state from August 2017 to October 2020.

- After retirement, Barua took charge as the **Chairman of Assam Power Distribution Company Limited**.
- Barua has obtained M. Phil degree in defense and strategic studies, he is also a post graduate in history and graduation in Philosophy.

### **Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)**

- It has been established by the **Government of India** under the provisions of the **Electricity Regulatory Commission Act, 1998**.
- It is a regulator of the power sector in India.
- The commission consists of a **chairperson and four other members**, including the chairperson of the Central Electricity Authority.
- Its **main functions are** -regulating the tariffs of power generation of companies owned by the government, regulating tariffs of other power generation companies, regulating electricity inter -state transmission and determining tariffs for such transmission of electricity, Etc.