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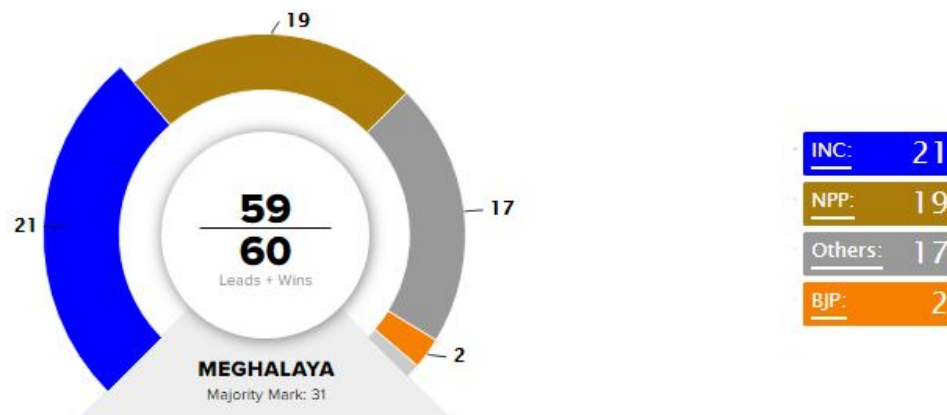
Northeast Elections

- ❖ Tripura went to the polls on February 18 and elections were held in Nagaland and Meghalaya on February 27.
- ❖ The terms of elected governments in the Meghalaya, Nagaland, and Tripura are scheduled to expire on 6, 13 and 14 March respectively.
- ❖ The three north-eastern states have 60 assembly constituencies each.

Meghalaya

- ❖ National People's Party (NPP) president Conrad Sangma was sworn in as Meghalaya chief minister,
- ❖ Meghalaya governor Ganga Prasad governed the oath in Shillong.
- ❖ Sangma will be leading an alliance of the NPP, BJP, United Democratic Party (UDP), Hill State People's Democratic Party (HSPDP) and others.

MEGHALAYA ELECTION RESULTS

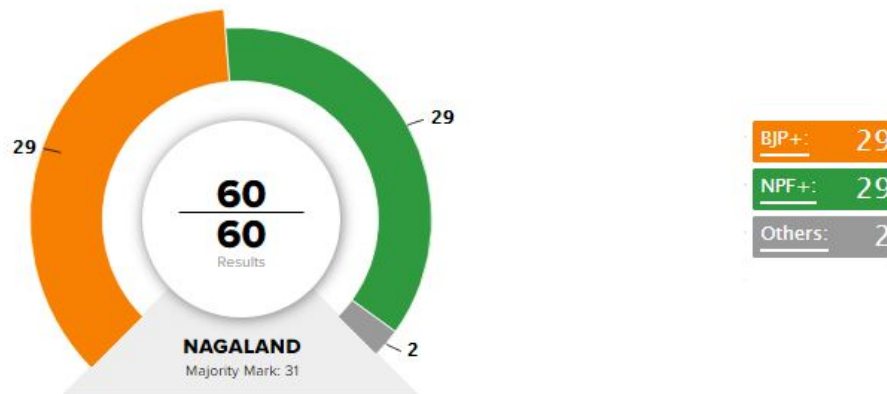


Nagaland

- ❖ Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) leader Neiphiu Rio was sworn in as Nagaland chief minister and Nagaland governor P.B. Acharya governed the oath.
- ❖ BJP's Y. Patton sworn as the deputy chief minister of Nagaland.
- ❖ This is Rio's fourth time as the chief minister of the north eastern state.

- ❖ Rio is heading the 'People's Democratic Alliance' government in partnership with the BJP in the state.
- ❖ Neiphiu Rio was the Chief Minister of Nagaland for three terms between 2003 and 2014, making him the only Nagaland Chief Minister to have served three consecutive terms.

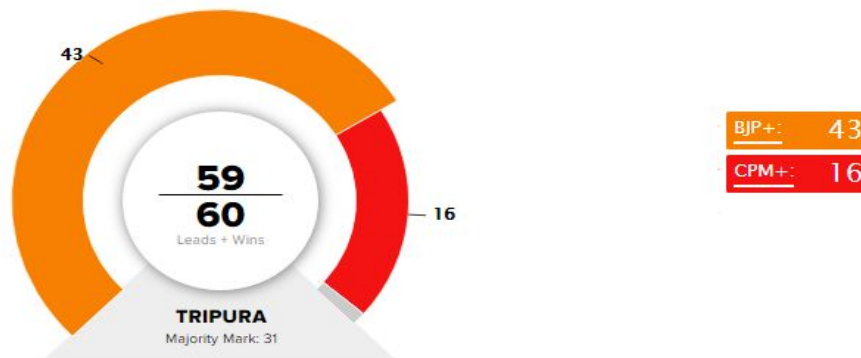
NAGALAND ELECTION RESULTS



Tripura

- ❖ In the Left Front bastion of Tripura, the BJP and its ally Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) won a total of 43 seats against CPM 16.
- ❖ Biplab Kumar Deb, the Tripura BJP president, is set to take oath as the 10th chief minister of the state.
- ❖ Manik Sarkar, the Ex chief minister has governed Tripura since 1998. He was at the helm for the four consecutive times.

TRIPURA ELECTION RESULTS



Global Fire Power Index 2017

- ❖ According to the Global Fire Power Index 2017, India has been ranked the fourth most powerful military power out of 133 countries in the world.
- ❖ US, Russia, and China are in the first three places. India's Rival Pakistan ranks 13th on the list.
- ❖ According to the report, France, Germany, UK, Japan and Israel, though in top 15, rank much behind India.
- ❖ The Global Firepower index relied on 50 parameters like military resources, natural resources, geographical features, and available manpower.
- ❖ The list did not take nuclear stockpiles into account "but recognised/suspected nuclear powers received a bonus."

1		United States	PwrIndx: 0.0857, GFP Affiliations: North America; NATO; Apacific
2		Russia	PwrIndx: 0.0928, GFP Affiliations: Apacific; EasternEuro; Asia
3		China	PwrIndx: 0.0945, GFP Affiliations: Apacific; Asia
4		India	PwrIndx: 0.1593, GFP Affiliations: Apacific; Asia
5		France	PwrIndx: 0.1914, GFP Affiliations: Europe; NATO; European Union
6		United Kingdom	PwrIndx: 0.2131, GFP Affiliations: Europe; NATO; European Union
7		Japan	PwrIndx: 0.2137, GFP Affiliations: Apacific; Asia
8		Turkey	PwrIndx: 0.2491, GFP Affiliations: Middle East; NATO; Balkan; Asia
9		Germany	PwrIndx: 0.2609, GFP Affiliations: Europe; NATO; European Union
10		Egypt	PwrIndx: 0.2676, GFP Affiliations: Africa; Middle East

Number of billionaires - India

- ❖ India comes third after China and USA with 31 new Indians on Hurun's Global Rich List 2018.
- ❖ The Hurun Rich List 2018 ranked 2,694 billionaires from 68 countries and 2,157 companies.
- ❖ Although Mukesh Ambani remains the richest Indian, one of the Indians to see a massive growth in wealth is Gautam Adani whose wealth doubled and grew by 109% to USD 14 billion.
- ❖ The Three of the youngest billionaires in India Shradha Agarwal, Divyank Turakhia, Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma are is at 32nd rank 35th rank, 39th rank respectively.
- ❖ The richest person in the world is Jeff Bezos of Amazon, followed by Warren Buffett of Berkshire Hathaway, Bill Gates of Microsoft, Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook.

Top 10 Countries With the Highest Number of Billionaires

COUNTRIES	NO. OF BILLIONAIRES	NEW BILLIONAIRES IN 2017
Greater China	819	210
USA	571	19
India	131	31
UK	118	29
Germany	114	5
Switzerland	83	6
Russia	71	3
France	51	1
Brazil	49	6
Canada	49	14

Source: Hurun Report, Global Rich List 2018

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Meri e-Pustak

- ❖ The Haryana State Council of Educational Research and Training has developed a new mobile application 'Meri e-Pustak'.
- ❖ It has also started a test version of digi-LEP (learning enhancement programme) teacher training online course.
- ❖ As NCERT recognizes 'Meri e-Pustak' of SCERT, Haryana has become the first state to develop its in-house app by its departmental resources and NCERT support.

STATES

Shigmotsav 2018

- ❖ Shigmotsav has been organized enthusiastically in Goa. Shigmotsav or Shigmo is one of the several cultural festivals of the coastal state and is celebrated through colours, costumes, music, dance and parades.
- ❖ Shigmo parades offer glimpses of Goan life depicted through folk dance and music performances by locals.

Healthcare Scheme - Karnataka

- ❖ Karnataka Chief Minister unveiled a healthcare scheme named 'Arogya Karnataka' (Healthy Karnataka) aimed at benefitting about 1.43 crore households in the state.
- ❖ It will provide quality primary, secondary and tertiary treatment to both below-poverty-line (BPL) and above-poverty-line (APL) families in the state.
- ❖ Through the scheme, all the BPL households will get free treatment at government hospitals while for APL households, the state will bear about 30% of the treatment cost.

SPORTS

Tal Memorial Rapid chess title

- ❖ World rapid chess champion Viswanathan Anand lifted the 11th Tal Memorial rapid chess title after registering a final round draw against Boris Gelfand of Israel in Moscow.
- ❖ Anand, whose solitary loss came at the hands of Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan in the third round, beat four other opponents on his way to the tournament's final round.

ISSF World Cup

- ❖ World Cup debutant Manu Bhaker marked her international debut with the gold in the women's 10m Air Pistol final held in Guadalajara, Mexico.
- ❖ The 16-year-old Bhaker pocketed India's second gold medal by defeating Alejandra Zavala Vazquez of Mexico in the women's 10m Air Pistol final.
- ❖ Manu, partnered with Om Prakash Mitharval for the 10m air pistol mixed team and contributed two gold medals for India.
- ❖ In total, India has seven medals and is now on top of the medal tally in this World Cup.
