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HEADLINES:-

- ➤ Fifteen students from Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh embark on 10-day National Integration tour being organised by Gajraj Corps of Indian Army under Operation Sadbhavana.
- ➤ Village in each of 35 districts in Assam will be solar-powered; APDCL prepares list of villages proposed by power minister in consultation with MLAs for inclusion in Model Solar Village component under the PM Surya Ghar Scheme.
- > Two persons from Assam die in accident that involved Royal Enfield Himalayan motorcycle and truck on National Highway-6 of Guwahati-Shillong road near Shangbangla, in Meghalaya's Ri-Bhoi District.
- ➤ Indian Railways operates around 25 festival special trains today originating from Delhi-NCR to various parts of country.
- ➤ Week-long programme organised to celebrate Assam's linguistic diversity which coincides with completion of one month of according Classical language status to Assamese.
- ➤ Ningol Chakkouba, one of biggest festivals of Manipur held across the State with religious fervour and gaiety.

INTEGRATION:

In Arunachal Pradesh, 15 students of a school in Tawang yesterday embarked on a 10-day National Integration tour. The tour is being organised by the Gajraj Corps of the Indian Army under Operation Sadbhavana. The students will tour Delhi, Agra and Bharatpur and explore India's most iconic sites including the Taj Mahal, Qutub Minar and the Nehru Planetarium. The official said the initiative will broaden young minds, giving them an exciting chance to experience the spirit of a growing and vibrant 'Viksit Bharat'. The tour reflects the Indian Army's commitment to fostering unity and building a strong sense of national pride.

SOLAR:

In Assam, a village in each of the 35 districts will be solar-powered, and plans have been set in motion to achieve this at the earliest. A list of villages proposed by the power minister in consultation with MLAs for inclusion in the Model Solar Village component under the PM Surya Ghar Scheme has also been prepared by APDCL. After finalisation of the villages by the District Level Committee, the detailed project report for transitioning each village to a solar-powered one will be prepared by the Assam Energy Development Agency with the help of the APDCL.

ACCIDENT:

Two persons from Assam died in an accident that involved a Royal Enfield Himalayan motorcycle and a truck on National Highway-6 of the Guwahati-Shillong road near Shangbangla, in Meghalaya's Ri-Bhoi District yesterday. The motorcycle was traveling from Guwahati to Shillong and the rider attempted to overtake a truck moving in the same direction. The motorcycle was ridden by Nilutpal Dowari from Sarupather in Dibrugarh and he was accompanied by a pillion rider, Ms. Gargee Chutia from Gadadhar Singha Path, Charaideo, Assam. Due to high speed, the rider lost control at a sharp curve, causing the bike to collide with the truck's rear tyre. Both the rider and pillion died on the spot. Emergency responders arrived at the scene, and the bodies were taken to Civil Hospital morgue at Nongpoh for an inquest and post-mortem examination.

TRAINS:

The Indian Railways is operating around 25 festival special trains today originating from Delhi-NCR to various parts of the country. According to the Railways, 145 extra special trains are being operated from the 2nd to the 8th of this month to ensure smooth travel during Chhath pooja. The railway is facilitating the movement of an additional two lakh passengers daily, ensuring seamless travel for millions of devotees during these festive occasions. Indian Railways is operating around 7,000 special trains in view of the festive season to accommodate the significant surge in passenger traffic from the 1st of last month to the 30th of this month. The railway is set to carry more than one crore passengers during the festive period.

LANGUAGE:

A week-long programme to celebrate Assam's linguistic diversity was held yesterday coinciding with the completion of a month of according Classical language status to Assamese. Programmes were organised across the state to honour the contributions made to Assamese language during the 'Bhasha Gaurav Saptah'. The Union Cabinet on 3rd of October had approved conferring the status of Classical language to Assamese, Marathi, Pali, Prakrit and Bengali languages.

FESTIVAL:

One of the biggest festivals of Manipur, Ningol Chakkouba was held across the State with religious fervour and gaiety. It is the biggest festival of the Meitei community but the scenario has changed from the last many years with the participation of different communities in the festival. The festival is held every year on the second day of the lunar month of Hiyangei of the Meitei calendar. The main component of the festival is the visit of married sisters to their maternal homes for grand feast and joyous reunion followed by giving away the gifts. It is customary for the son of the family to extend a formal invitation to his sister for Ningol Chakkouba, a week advance of the gathering. The festival was also held yesterday outside Manipur where Manipuris are settling.
