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HEADLINES:-

- > Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla directs state Director General of Police Rajiv Singh to prioritise safety and security of people and urges officers from Army and paramilitary forces to extend their fullest cooperation in maintaining law and order.
- > Group of tourists at picturesque Sela Pass in Arunachal Pradesh fall into freezing waters due to crack of ice on frozen lake, but successfully rescued by bystanders.
- > Kaziranga National Park in Assam witnesses record-breaking number of tourists during current year with 2.3 lakh visitors during 2024-25 tourism season, including 7,600 international tourists.
- > Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh informs that 26 Myanmarese nationals deported to their country.
- > Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh will hold review meeting in Guwahati today to study implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
- > Assam Cultural Affairs Minister, Bimal Borah announces winners of Silpi Awards for 2025 to be presented on 17th of this month during Silpi Diwas.

MANIPUR:

Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla has directed the state Director General of Police Rajiv Singh to prioritise the safety and security of the people and urged officers from the Army and paramilitary forces to extend their fullest cooperation to the administration in maintaining law and order in the state. Taking stock of the prevailing law and order situation, the Governor reviewed the security apparatus and its arrangements throughout the state, with a particular focus on the border areas. Bhalla held a high-level meeting with top security officials at Raj Bhavan and reviewed the overall security situation in the troubled state.

TOURISTS:

In Arunachal Pradesh, a group of tourists at the picturesque Sela Pass faced a terrifying moment when they fell into freezing waters after the ice on a frozen lake cracked beneath them. The incident took place in the snow-covered region, a popular winter destination known for its stunning views. A video of the incident has gone viral on social media, showing four people including two women stuck in the frozen lake. Quick action by bystanders averted the tragedy as they successfully rescued the tourists from the freezing waters. Meanwhile authorities have advised the visitors to follow safety rules, while visiting to such places. Union minister Kiren Rijiju who is from Arunachal Pradesh has also urged travellers to stay cautious and prepared when visiting difficult terrains.

PARK:

Kaziranga National Park in Assam has witnessed a record-breaking number of tourists during the current year. As of now, the UNESCO World Heritage Site has attracted 2.3 lakh visitors during this 2024-25 tourism season, including 7,600 international tourists. This information was shared by DFO Arun Vignesh and according to the park authorities, this marks a historic achievement in Kaziranga's tourism history. Meanwhile, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, in his post on X, credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi overnight stay at the park and his call to the people to visit have led to a record-breaking footfall of 1.6 lakh tourists in the past three months—the highest in 20 years.

DEPORT:

Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh yesterday informed that 26 Myanmarese nationals, who had earlier entered India through the state's border, were deported to their country. In a post on X, Singh said that the government of Manipur reaffirmed its commitment to providing humanitarian assistance to those fleeing war, ensuring their care and dignified departure. However, the state maintains a firm stance against allowing illegal migrants to stay back in Manipur. The Myanmarese were handed over to the authorities of the neighbouring country by Manipur police and the central forces deployed along the bordering Moreh town.

FISH:

Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh will hold a review meeting in Guwahati today to study the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. Ministers of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying George Kurian and S.P. Singh Baghel, Fisheries Ministers of all eight North Eastern states will attend the meeting. According to officials, 2,114.73 crore rupees has been invested since 2014-15 under the Blue Revolution and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana in order to boost the fish production in the North Eastern Region. With about 422 reported fish species, the region has witnessed remarkable growth through government investments and this has expanded fish production from 3.78 lakh MT in 2013-14 to 6.41 lakh MT in 2023-24, alongside advancements in hatcheries, scientific fish farming techniques, and infrastructure.

AWARDS:

Assam Cultural Affairs Minister, Bimal Borah has announced the winners of the Silpi Awards for 2025. Renowned singer, Dr. Anima Chowdhury and distinguished folk artist, Mukul Rabha will receive the prestigious Silpi Awards to be presented on the 17th of this month during the Silpi Diwas, organized by the Department of Cultural Affairs in collaboration with the Golaghat District Administration. In addition to the Silpi Award, other notable honours will be given during the event. Actress Reba Phukan will receive the 2024 Nat Surya Phani Sharma Award, actress Hira Neog will be honoured with the Sahityacharya Atul Chandra Hazarika Award, and social worker Jaleshwar Brahma will be presented with the Bhimbhor Deori Award.
