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:::THE HEADLINES:::

1. Konyak Union holds public rally to protest Centre's decision to scrap Free Movement Regime
2. 10,440 Crore rupees allocated to Assam and North Eastern States for Rail infrastructure and safety projects
3. Opposition creates ruckus in Parliament demanding discussion over Mahakumbh incident
4. And, Unemployment rate reduced to 3.2 percent in country, says Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje



The Konyak Union (KU) has appealed to Nagaland Governor La Ganesan to intervene and persuade the Government of India to revoke its decision to scrap the Free Movement Regime (FMR) provision of 2018. It also called for a reconsideration of the decision to construct a border fence along the Indo-Myanmar boundary. The Union said, the proposed border fencing would adversely impact the Konyak Naga community, whose ancestral lands and people extend across both sides of the border. The Konyak Union highlighted Longwa village, where the border line cuts through the village, and termed any attempt to fence the area as deeply inhumane. It asserted that the Konyak community will not accept any forceful division of its land and people. The union reaffirmed its commitment to protecting the rights, land, and unity of its community and hoped for a just and compassionate resolution to the issue. The Union today held a public rally against border fencing decision and scrapping of FMR in Longwa.



A total of outlay of 10,440 Crore rupees has been allocated to Assam and North Eastern States for Rail infrastructure and safety projects. Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said this today while addressing a video conference related to provision of union budget 2025 for railways related works in the North Eastern region.

Mr Vaishnaw said despite difficulties faced due to the hilly terrain in the region, works are being carried out with dedication to improve connectivity in the Northeastern states.



Both the Houses of Parliament today witnessed noisy scenes as opposition parties demanded discussion on the Mahakumbh incident. In the Lok Sabha, opposition parties started sloganeering alleging mismanagement at the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said, the President in her address to the joint sitting of both the houses, mentioned about the Mahakumbh. He said, members can put their views during the discussion on the motion of thanks on the President' address. He asked the members to maintain the dignity of the House and allow the House to function.

In the Rajya Sabha, opposition parties started sloganeering over the issue as soon as the House met for the day. Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar disallowed the adjournment notices moved by the opposition parties over the Mahakumbh incident and other issues.



Central Government has said that the estimated unemployment rate has decreased from 6 percent five years ago to 3.2 percent during the last fiscal. In a written reply in Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Shobha Karandlaje informed that the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey, indicated the decreased of unemployment rate among persons of 15 years age and above. Stating that the government has implemented several schemes and programmes to enhance employability, the Minister said, five schemes, under the PM's

Package, have been announced during the current financial year to facilitate employment, skilling and opportunities for over four crore youth during next five years.



Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu today said that regular flight operation from Asia's largest Jewar International Airport in Noida will commence from April this year. Replying to supplementaries in the Rajya Sabha today, the Minister said that everything is going according to the timelines and the validation flight also operated in December last year from the airport.

The Minister said that 800 planes are operating in the Indian aviation space and steps have been taken to train a skilled workforce for the smooth operations of flights. He highlighted that the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Directorate General of Civil Aviation are taking concrete steps to minimise technical glitches and safety issues. He said the number of technical glitches incidents has reduced to 273 in 2024 from 723 reported in 2022. The Minister further said that 100 more new airports will be set up under the Udaan Extension scheme during the next 10 years.



Nagaland School Education Department has said it is actively addressing concerns tied to its SMILE App. In a notification, the department said it has received several queries regarding issues with the App. It said, the SMILE App has been updated since the pilot phase in May 2024, and urged all employees to uninstall the old SMILE App and download the latest version. The department implemented the SMILE App across all its establishments and government schools from 1st of this month. The department said one can reach out to helpline service numbers at 6909644519, 8974102488 and 6900222184 for any other queries.



Member of Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Lima Onen Chang today said that linking villages through road will not only meet the basic amenities but will also forge stronger connections with neighbouring villages. Mr. Chang was speaking after inaugurating the road connecting Yali-Noksen Villages under Tuensang district, sponsored by Special Assistance to State for Capital Investment (SASCI). The MLA called on the people not to become victims of bribe and miss judgments, but to unite and work towards prosperity.



India Meteorological Department forecast dense fog conditions are very likely to continue during night and early morning hours in isolated pockets of Nagaland and the adjoining states till the 5th of this month. Temperature over the last 24 hours appreciably above normal by 3 degree Celsius to 5 degree Celsius at isolated places over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.

