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### :::THE HEADLINES:::

- **Home Minister Amit Shah assures Northeast youth of job opportunities in their region**
- **Lok Sabha takes up discussion on second batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants and Manipur budget**
- **President Droupadi Murmu highlights women's development as key to societal progress**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi on two-day visit to Mauritius; plants tree as part of Ek Ped Maa ke Naam initiative**

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that Northeast students will not need to leave their region for work. They will get employment opportunities there. Mr. Shah said this while addressing the students from the Northeast at Youth Parliament organised by Students' Experience In Inter-State Living in New Delhi today.

Mr. Shah underscored that by 2027, the capitals of all the states in the North-East will be connected by train, air, and road. Emphasizing the need for further investment in the region, he said, India's longest rail-cum-road bridge is being planned to be built at the Brahmaputra. Rail-line is also being built between Assam

and Bhutan, the Minister said, also highlighting the organic agriculture in Sikkim.

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The Lok Sabha has taken up discussion on the second batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants for 2024-25 and on the Manipur Budget. The government has sought Parliament's nod to spend a net additional 51 thousand 462 crore rupees in the current financial year. On Manipur budget for 2025-26, the government envisaged expenditure of over 35 thousand 103 crore rupees, up from 32 thousand 656 crore rupees in the current financial year. Biplab Kumar Deb of BJP said, the Central Government brought development in Manipur with several initiatives and connected the unconnected areas. He said, the Government has removed the Armed Forces Special Powers Act from 75 percent of the areas of the North-East, and the region is witnessing peace and development after 2014 due to the efforts of the Modi Government. Congress MP from Manipur MP Alfred Kanngam S Arthur accused the Centre of disproportionately sanctioning projects in the valleys of Manipur, alleging it was ignoring the hills where 95 percent of the tribal population reside.

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President Droupadi Murmu today said that the development of women means the development of society. Educated women create a strong society, she said, while addressing the 10th Convocation of the University in Bathinda.

The President expressed joy that 65 percent of the total medal winners were women. Suggesting five good things to be adopted in life -- Curiosity, Originality, Morality, Farsighted-Ness and Spontaneity, she noted that ethics is the cornerstone of a meaningful life. She urged the students to base their means of achieving goals

on morality. The President expressed confidence that the young students will build a developed India in 2047.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Mauritius this morning on a two-day visit to the island nation. He received a warm welcome by Mauritius Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam at the airport. In a social media post, Mr Modi said, he is grateful to the Mauritius Prime Minister and also expressed profound gratitude for the warm welcome from the Indian community in Mauritius. Later, Mr Modi paid homage to former President of Mauritius Sir Anerood Jugnauth and former Prime Minister of Mauritius Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam at Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanic Garden in Pamplemousses. Following the wreath laying ceremony, Mr Modi and his Mauritius counterpart planted a tree as part of the Ek Ped Maa ke Naam initiative in the historic garden. Appreciating Navin Ramgoolam's participation in the initiative, he said that it serves as a tribute to nature, motherhood, and sustainability. Mr Modi further noted that the support symbolizes the shared commitment of both countries to fostering a greener and better future.

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The Election Commission of India has invited suggestions from all national and state political parties by April 30 for any unresolved issues at their respective levels. The commission has written individual letters to political parties, inviting interaction with Party Presidents and senior members to further strengthen electoral processes within the legal framework.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extended greetings to the Sangtam community on the occasion of Tsohsu festival. Mr Rio wished that the festival, which marks the beginning of the cultivation season, may bring blessings of bountiful harvest, prosperity, harmony, and strengthen the bond of unity.

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Advisor to the Chief Minister Dr. Chumben Murry has emphasized the importance of sustainable cultivation, envisioning it as a means to create employment opportunities. He was addressing the National stakeholders' workshop on Strengthening Banana Ecosystem for Sustainable Development held under Krishi Swarna Samriddhi Week today at Wokha Town. Regarding the planned Banana Festival to be held in Wokha, he said it would boost banana production, drive employment and economic growth, and help to address climate change. Dr Murry called for collaborative efforts from the government, farmers, stakeholders, and entrepreneurs to ensure its success.

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In a proud moment for Nagaland, Wanmai Kheang, from Changlangshu Village, Mon District, has been commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Indian Army. Deputy Chief Minister, who is also incharge of Home, Y. Patton, extended his heartfelt congratulations to Lieutenant Kheang. The achievement brings pride not only to his family but also to the people of Nagaland, Mr Patton said, adding that his dedication, discipline, and perseverance would encourage many young individuals who aspire to serve the nation. Conveying best wishes, Mr Patton hoped the Lieutenant would continue to uphold the highest ideals of service and duty in his career with the Indian Army. Mr. Kheang is an alumnus of G. Rio Higher Secondary

School, and was granted the rank of Lieutenant on 8th March after completing his cadet training at the Officers Training Academy in Chennai.

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The wages of Khadi artisans will be increased by 20 percent from April 1 this year. Addressing media in New Delhi, Chairman of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Manoj Kumar, said that presently, spinners receive 12 rupees and 50 paise per hank for spinning on the charkha, which will now be increased to 15 rupees per hank. Mr Kumar said that over the last eleven years, the government has implemented a historic 275 percent increase in the wages of Khadi artisans.

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National Health Mission, Nagaland is conducting a special screening drive for Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) till the end of the month. During the drive, free screening for two common NCDs - Diabetes and Hypertension - is being carried out for individuals above 30 years of age across all health units. This intensified drive aims to ensure widespread NCD screening across all corners of Nagaland. NHM Nagaland has sought support of local leaders, civil societies and community groups to provide citizens with information and resources in this regard.

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