

HEADLINES:-

- Union Minister for Fisheries Rajeew Ranjan Singh says the fisheries sector is contributing more to the country's economy.
- International Museum Day celebrated across the country.
- National Cadet Corps successfully scaled Mount Everest.
- Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Harivansh leads India's official delegation to the solemn ceremony of the inauguration of the Pontificate of Pope Leo XIV in Vatican City.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma says Government is committed to uplift rural economy.

NEWS IN ORDER:-**FISHERIES:**

Union Minister for Fisheries Rajeew Ranjan Singh has said that the fisheries sector is contributing more to the country's economy when compared with the agriculture sector. He said the agriculture sector is contributing around 4-5 per cent towards the national economy. However, the fisheries sector contributes 9 per cent. Speaking after virtually laying the foundation stone for an Integrated Aqua Park at a programme in Agartala yesterday, he said 11 aqua parks will be built across the country, and four of them will come up in the northeast. The Integrated Aqua Park will come up at Kailashahar in Unakoti district of Tripura. The Union Minister emphasised Tripura's vast potential in fish farming. He said the state currently has a demand for 1.5 lakh metric tonnes of fish annually, but there is a significant shortfall, which is met through imports from neighboring Bangladesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and other states. He noted that if Tripura's potential is properly harnessed, the state could not only meet its own demand but also become an exporter of fish.

CELEBRATION:

International Museum Day was celebrated yesterday. The day is celebrated annually to raise awareness about museums as a vital means of cultural exchange, cultural enrichment, and fostering mutual understanding, cooperation, and peace. This year's theme for International Museum Day is Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities. On the occasion, ASI opened its 52 site museums and all ticketed monuments to the public without charge, aiming to encourage broader public participation. This initiative offers a unique opportunity to explore these priceless collections, many of which are vital to understanding India's rich cultural and historical legacy. Having a Pan India reach with 3,698 protected monuments and sites, and 52 museums, ASI's 26 sites are in UNESCO's World Heritage highlighting ASI's commitment in preserving and celebrating the nation's rich historical legacy and architectural marvels.

NCC:

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) created history yet again by achieving a significant milestone as its expedition team successfully scaled Mount Everest (8,848m) yesterday. This was the third ascent of Mount Everest by the NCC,

following previous successful expeditions in 2013 and 2016. The team, according to PRO Defence, comprised 10 NCC cadets, five boys and five girls, along with four officers, two junior commissioned officers, one girl cadet instructor and 10 non-commissioned officers (NCOs). “The selected cadets were novices, chosen from across the country. They underwent a strict selection and training process. As part of their preparation, they conducted a pre-Everest expedition at Mount Abi Gamin. The final team of 15 cadets was then selected to undergo winter and technical training at the Army Mountaineering Institute, Siachen Base Camp. After months of training, ten cadets were selected for the Mount Everest expedition,” PRO Defence said.

DELEGATION:

Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Harivansh led India’s official delegation to the solemn ceremony of the inauguration of the Pontificate of Pope Leo XIV in Vatican City. Deputy Chief Minister of Nagaland, Yanthungo Patton, accompanied the Deputy Chairman at the event. The External Affairs Ministry said the Indian delegation had an audience with Pope Leo XIV after the ceremony. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had earlier tweeted his felicitations to Pope Leo XIV on his election as Supreme Pontiff.

COMMITMENT:

The MDA Government is committed to uplift rural economy by extending support to artisans and weavers through welfare schemes, Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma announced during his trip to Tangmang village on Saturday. The day will be etched in the memory of the locals of Tangmang as it was for the first time a sitting Chief Minister had visited the village located in Pynursla Subdivision under East Khasi Hills. During his visit, Sangma announced plans to establish a handicraft training centre in the village. The centre will have modern infrastructure, machinery, and residential facilities for trainees to learn from master craftsmen. The government’s core vision is to support artisans and weavers through welfare schemes, including support to self-help groups (SHGs) and village organisations, the chief minister said.

WEATHER:

The India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall over Karnataka, Konkan and Goa and Kerala and adjoining Peninsular India till 24 May. Heavy to very heavy rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning is also likely over Northeast India, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim during the next 5 to 6 days.
