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HEADLINES:-

- Meghalaya Government to appoint nodal officer to ensure full compliance of the Agreed Text Settlement arrived between the ANVC, ANVC-B and the State and Central Government in 2014
- Bodoland People's Front emerging as the single-largest party in Assam's Bodoland Territorial Council elections.
- IAS Officer Shakeel Ahammed as the new Chief Secretary of Meghalaya
- Quick Response Team (QRT) constituted in Mizoram detects and punishes at least 10 business houses in Aizawl for not decreasing the GST rates
- United States keen to invest in any potential sector in Mizoram, says Kathy Giles Diaz, Consul General of US Consulate General
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma reviews preparations for the 13th-day Vedic rituals of late singer Zubeen Garg
- Arunachal Pradesh Manish Kr Gupta flags off a cycling competition as a part of World Tourism Day 2025 celebration
- Nagaland Government signs MoU with the National Jute Board, Jute Corporation of India Limited, and ICAR-Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibers, West Bengal.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu pays floral tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika
- 15-day long Hindi Pakhwada organized by Akashvani Kohima culminates

ANVC:

The Meghalaya Government has decided to appoint a nodal officer to ensure full compliance of the Agreed Text Settlement arrived between the ANVC, ANVC-B and the State and the Central Government 2014. The Government has also informed that 50-60 percent of the agreement has been already implemented. Speaking to media persons after the meeting members of the two groups in Shillong with the State Government, Deputy Chief Minister, in charge Home, Prestone Tynsong said that the Agreed Text Settlement was discussed clause by clause in the meeting. He also informed that No resolution could be arrived on few subjects as the State Government cannot take a decision until the 125th amendment of the constitution is passed by the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha. The 125th amendment of the constitution was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee and the Committee have already submitted its recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

ELECTION:

The Bodoland People's Front (BPF), a former ally of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), is emerging as the single-largest party in Assam's Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) elections. The party was leading in 21 of the autonomous council's 40 seats after the counting of votes began at 8 a.m. on Friday. Officials of the Assam Election Commission said that the results are expected to be announced today. The ruling United People's Party Liberal (UPPL) was leading in 11 seats and its ally-turned-rival BJP in eight seats, almost as many seats as they won in the 2020 BTC polls. The elections to the BTC, currently ruled by the UPPL, BJP, and the regional Gana Suraksha Party, was held on September 22. The council governs the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR), comprising five districts – Baksa, Chirang, Kokrajhar, Tamulpur, and Udalguri.

CS:

Meghalaya Government has appointed Additional Chief Secretary Shakeel Ahammed as the new Chief Secretary. A notification issued by the Commissioner and Secretary of the Personnel Department, CVD Diengdoh said that he will take over as the Chief Secretary following the superannuation of incumbent Chief Secretary DP Wahlang on September 30. Shakeel Ahmed, a 1992 batch IAS Officer on assuming the charge as Chief Secretary would also function as the State Vigilance Officer. Meanwhile, outgoing Chief Secretary DP Wahlang who is set to retire on September 30 will be appointed as the new Chairperson of the Meghalaya State Food Commission after the State Cabinet recently approved his name for the new assignment.

GST:

Mizoram Commissioner for State Tax, HK Lalhawngliana has informed that a Quick Response Team (QRT) has been constituted which has detected and punished at least 10 business houses in the capital Aizawl city for not decreasing the rates of their goods after the rates of Goods & Services Tax (GST) were lowered from recently. Lalhawngliana said that such traders were fined on the spot and the QRT continues its operation as a plethora of complaints have been received from consumers.

He said business houses refusing to reduce prices of their goods in line with reduction of GST rates from Monday last are being punished as per the anti-profiteering measure. Meanwhile, Sub-Committee on Tax and Non-Tax under the Mizoram Resource Mobilization Committee (MRMC) has been working on expansion on tax base in the urban areas especially a to launch a crackdown on those traders who are not registered under GST but has a financial annual turnover of Rs. 20 lakh with the cooperation of the local councils and the taxation department officials.

INVEST:

The United States is ready to invest in any potential sector in Mizoram, an official said. Kathy Giles Diaz, Consul General of US Consulate General in Kolkata called on Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma and discussed investment opportunities in Mizoram. Diaz informed Lalduhoma that US is ready to extend help to the Mizoram government if there is any area in which US-based companies can invest in the state. Lalduhoma thanked Diaz to help Mizoram and informed that foreign funding projects are being executed with the permission of the Centre. The Chief Minister said that a good relation between Mizoram and the US is necessary as the number of Mizos willing to visit the US has increased many folds recently. Diaz also met leaders of Central Young Mizo Association (CYMA) and had a fruitful discussion on different issues of Mizoram.

ZUBEEN:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma conducted a review of the preparations for the 13th-day Vedic rituals of late singer Zubeen Garg, to be held in Jorhat, where the iconic musician spent much of his early life. The Chief Minister held a video conference with Jorhat Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat MLA Hiten Goswami, Mariani MLA Rupjyoti Kurmi, and other stakeholders to finalise arrangements for the event and discuss the development of a memorial (Samadhi) in Jorhat to honour Zubeen’s legacy. The Chief Minister’s Office (CMO) posted on social media that the state government will organise the 13th-day rituals in Jorhat, and Zubeen’s ashes (chitabhasma) will also be brought to the town for the ceremony. Zubeen Garg (52) passed away in Singapore. His mortal remains were brought back to Assam and cremated at Kamarkuchi, near Guwahati, with full state honours amidst an overwhelming public outpouring of grief.

CYCLING:

As a part of World Tourism Day 2025, Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh, Manish Kr Gupta flagged off a cycling competition on Friday from DK State Convention Centre, Itanagar. While participating in the cycling competition, the Chief Secretary informed that this year’s theme, “Tourism and Sustainable Transformation” highlights the need to protect the environment, empower communities, and promote healthy lifestyles. He added that Cycling reflects all these values and Arunachal Pradesh with its natural beauty and cultural richness, is the perfect backdrop for sustainable tourism. Later in the day, the Chief Secretary interacted with Commissioner, Arunachal Pradesh State Election Commission, Rinchin Tashi to discuss the upcoming Panchayati Raj Elections and has assured full support and cooperation of the state government for a smooth and fair electoral process.

JUTE:

Nagaland Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Jute Board, Jute Corporation of India Limited, and ICAR-Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibers, West Bengal. The signing took place between Agricultural Production Commissioner Wepre Kenye and officials from the three entities, in the presence of Joint Secretary (Fibre), Ministry of Textiles, Padmini Singla. The MoU aims to promote and expand jute cultivation across the state, building on the existing farming practices. It seeks to encourage more farmers to grow jute on a larger scale, improve agronomy and cultivation techniques, and ultimately help farmers achieve better quality jute, higher yields, and increased income. In addition to jute, the MoU includes introducing new-age natural fibers like sisal, flax and ramie. These fibers will be cultivated on a pilot scale to explore their potential as alternative crops.

HAZARIKA:

Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu on Friday paid floral tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika at the “Statue of Brotherhood in Lower Dibang Valley district. Khandu termed the iconic statue as a symbol of unity and cultural harmony, reflecting Dr Hazarika’s unparalleled contribution in bringing Arunachal Pradesh and Assam closer through his music and vision. On the occasion, the Chief Minister also inaugurated Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Museum and Cultural Centre and unveiled a photo gallery cum exhibition stalls dedicated to Dr Hazarika, offering glimpses of his artistic journey and cultural legacy. The inaugural ‘Bhupen Hazarika Samannay Award’ was presented to Hemanta Bengia for his close association with Dr. Hazarika in promoting and preserving Arunachal’s rich cultural heritage.

HINDI:

The 15-day long Hindi Pakhwada organized by Akashvani Kohima culminated on Friday. To mark the occasion, a competition on Hindi Film songs for Central Government Employee members of Town Official Language Implementation Committee, was held. Speaking at the event, Head of Programme Akashvani, Ella Kayina highlighted the role of Akashvani in promoting Hindi and shaping the country's cultural landscape. Staff from CRPF, DDK, PIB, NIELIT, and Postal Service participated in the competition. DG Long from 45 Assam Rifles won first prize, followed by Prakash Singa from Postal Services and Dhanpal from 105 Battalion BSF, while five participants received consolation prizes. During the programme, winners of various competitions held throughout the festival were facilitated.
