

VISIT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Tripura on the 22nd of this month to inaugurate the redevelopment and beautification of the Mata Tripurasundari temple, Chief Minister Prof. Dr. Manik Saha announced on Saturday. Speaking at the closing ceremony of the Neermahal Jal Utsav in Melaghar, Dr. Saha said the state Government is committed to developing all major tourist destinations. He highlighted that replicas of all 51 Shakti Peeths are being built at Bandower in Gomati district at an estimated cost of ₹97 crore. The Government is working to promote Neermahal, which is a unique palace blending different cultures”, the Chief Minister said. He further informed that under the Swadesh Darshan scheme, Raj Ghat of Neermahal will also be developed. “Prime Minister Modi is working to preserve the country’s culture and traditions.

INAUGURATION

Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of major infrastructure and industrial development projects worth over 18,530 crore rupees in Assam. Addressing people at Mangaldoi in Darrang district, the Prime Minister said India is the fastest-growing country in the world, and Assam has become one of the fastest-growing states in the country. The development projects include Darrang Medical College & Hospital, GNM School and B.Sc. Nursing College, strengthening medical education and healthcare delivery in the region. The foundation stone also laid for of the Guwahati Ring Road Project to enhance urban mobility, decongest traffic, and improve connectivity in and around the capital city. Besides, the foundation stone also laid for the Kuruwa-Narengi Bridge over the River Brahmaputra, improving connectivity and promoting socio-economic development in the region.

PM

Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi has said that India is on a mission to become Atmanirbhar in the energy sector and is reducing dependence on foreign fuels. He inaugurated India’s first bamboo-based bio-refinery at Golaghat district yesterday. Addressing a huge public rally on the occasion of the inauguration of the Bio Ethanol plant, the Prime Minister said that India will harness its deepwater energy resources and strengthen energy self-reliance and this bio-ethanol plant is one step towards that goal. The Prime Minister informed that India is among the top five nations in solar energy. Mr. Modi also laid the foundation stone of a polypropylene unit at the refinery.

POWER

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu said Arunachal Pradesh’s hydropower journey continues to gain momentum. In this regard, the 9th Steering Committee Meeting reviewing on hydropower was held at Itanagar. In his address, the Chief Minister said the focus was clear to accelerate execution, expand opportunities for local communities; and ensure these projects benefit people directly. Meanwhile, Khandu in his social media post informed, the 2000 MW Lower Subansiri Project is in near completion, the 2880 MW Dibang Multipurpose

Project has surged ahead, and the 3097 MW Etalin Project has advanced through clearance. Across Dibang, Lohit, Kameng, Shi Yomi and Kamle districts, other projects are also progressing steadily with approvals and formalities.

AWARD

Nagaland's Hornbill Festival has been honoured with the 'Silver Banyan Award for Best Cultural Music & Dance' by THE WEEK Heritage Awards. The award ceremony took place in New Delhi, where Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, presented the award. Joint Resident Commissioner of Nagaland House, New Delhi, Sharon Longchari received the award on behalf of the State. The Heritage Awards are presented to protect, preserve and promote the country's rich heritage and culture.

MUDSLIDES

In Nagaland, torrential rains and multiple mudslides have severely affected road connectivity along the Chathe, Paglapahar, and New Chümoukedima sections of National Highway-29, forcing authorities to prohibit vehicular movement until the road is restored. Several mudslides have occurred between Chathe Bridge and New Chümoukedima, severely impacting vehicular movement along the Dimapur–Chümoukedima–Kohima highway on Sunday. According to police sources, no injuries or casualties have been reported at the time of the incident. The Chathe River, swollen above the danger mark due to continuous heavy rainfall, has swept away a suspension bridge linking Chümoukedima and Seithekema villages. Meanwhile, several low-lying colonies in Dimapur town have been inundated, resulting in significant property damage and widespread disruption to daily life. Multiple landslides have also been reported in Kohima, Phek, and Tseminyu districts.

FUNERAL

A State Funeral will be accorded to former Meghalaya Chief Minister, Dr. D.D. Lapang at Students' Field, Jaiaw in Shillong at 1.00 p.m. today. The funeral cortege will thereafter proceed to Jaiaw Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Weiking, for the burial. The funeral proceedings will be live-streamed through the official social media handles of the Directorate of Information and Public Relations on Facebook and YouTube, and through the ABC Digest YouTube Channel, to enable the public to witness the programme. As a mark of final respect to former Meghalaya Chief Minister and former MLA of Nongpoh Constituency D.D. Lapang, who passed away on September 12, at the age of 96, various groups including schools, colleges, social organizations, the Ri Bhoi Dorbar, church bodies, and elders of Ri Bhoi yesterday held a memorial prayer service for the eternal peace of his soul. The memorial and special prayer service were organized yesterday at the memorial monument of Dr. D.D. Lapang, constructed by Young Minds Ri Bhoi at Ri Bhoi College. The program was led by Nongpoh MLA Mr. Mayral Born Syiem. During the service, special prayers were offered for the eternal rest of Dr. D.D. Lapang, and floral tributes were laid at his memorial monument as a mark of last respect to the departed soul.

EARTHQUAKE

An earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale hit Assam and parts of northeast India yesterday. According to the Assam State Disaster Management authority, the tremor was recorded at 4:41 pm with its epicenter in Udalguri district at a shallow depth of 5 km. In Guwahati, many residents rushed out of their homes in panic. The tremor was also felt at twin capital Itanagar Capital Region and Naharlagun. No casualty and no loss of property is reported so far. Meanwhile, 20 districts of Arunachal Pradesh are in yellow alert zone. The tremors were also felt in neighbouring countries of Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh. No immediate loss of lives or damage to property has been reported till the time of filing this report.

HERITAGE

Two remarkable natural sites from Northeast India — the Meghalayan Age Caves in Meghalaya and the Naga Hill Ophiolite in Nagaland — have been added to India's Tentative List of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The submissions highlight the region's extraordinary geological and ecological heritage. Both nominations were formally submitted by the Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO, marking a significant step towards potential inclusion in the prestigious World Heritage List. The sites represent distinct aspects of the region's heritage—the Ophiolite belt as a rare geological formation that reveals Earth's tectonic history, and the caves as archives of the Meghalayan Age, a geological epoch that began 4,200 years ago. With these new inclusions, the Northeast now has a total of eight properties on India's Tentative List, reflecting the region's rich cultural and ecological diversity.
