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HEADLINES:-

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2. Chief Minister of Tripura Dr. Manik Saha says engineers play a crucial role in the development of any state or the country.
3. Justice M. Sundar sworn in as the tenth Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur.
4. Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla says women empowerment are at the core of India's development journey.
5. Central Board of Secondary Education says 75 percent attendance is mandatory for students to appear in the class 10th and 12th board exams.
6. Five-time former Chief Minister Dr. Donwa Dethwelson Lapang accorded a state funeral with full honours in Shillong.

HOMAGE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah yesterday paid homage to Bharat Ratna M. Visvesvaraya on the occasion of Engineer's Day. In a social media post, Mr Modi said that Mr. Visvesvaraya's brilliance left an indelible mark on India's engineering landscape. He said that engineers will continue playing a crucial role in the collective efforts to build a Viksit Bharat. The Prime Minister also extended his warm greetings to all engineers who, through their creativity and determination, continue to drive innovation and tackle tough challenges across sectors. Meanwhile, Home Minister Amit Shah called M Visvesvaraya a legendary engineer who set the country on a transformative path. In a social media post, he also hailed all the engineers, underlining that their vision, innovation, and dedication are fast advancing the country to the pinnacle of technological progress.

ENGINEERS

The Chief Minister of Tripura Dr. Manik Saha said that engineers play a crucial role in the development of any state or the country. Without their contribution, development is impossible. He described engineers as the "cream layer of society." Speaking at the inaugural function of the 58th Engineers' Day at Pragya Bhavan, Agartala—organized by The Institution of Engineers (India), Tripura State Centre, the Chief Minister paid tribute to Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya on his birth anniversary. Addressing engineers, Dr. Saha urged them to pledge to take Tripura forward. Stressing the importance of skill enhancement and innovation, he noted that without infrastructure development no state can progress, which is why the government has increased budgetary allocation in this sector. He also highlighted that the establishment of an engineering college in the state was in line with the needs of the time.

ASSOCIATION

The Arunachal Pradesh Engineering Service Association celebrated 58th Engineers’ Day on Monday at Golden Jubilee Banquet Hall in Itanagar. On the occasion, appreciating the engineers, Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Water Resources Biyuram Wahge appealed all to keep up the good work in their chosen fields. Meanwhile, retire Chief Engineers Nani Robin, Taka Tapak, Bar Takum and Atek Mihu were given with Lifetime Achievement Awards for their contribution in various engineering departments in the state government.

SWORN-IN

The Chief Justice designate of High Court of Manipur, Justice M. Sundar was sworn in today as the tenth Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur. Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla administered the oath of office to Justice M. Sundar in the Swearing in Ceremony held at the Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan, Imphal. Justice M. Sundar of Madras High Court was appointed as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur by the President of India on last Saturday following the superannuation of the incumbent Justice Kampaiah Somashekar. Speaker of Manipur Legislative Assembly- Thokchom Satyabrata, MLAs, Judges of the High Court of Manipur, Manipur's Chief Secretary, Security Advisor, DGP, civil, police, military officers and representatives of Bar Association attended the Swearing in Ceremony.

BAR ASSOCIATION

The High Court Bar Association, Kohima yesterday conducted its Annual General Meeting at the Bar Room, High Court premises. Delivering the presidential address, Senior Advocate and President of HCBA, C.T. Jamir, highlighted various activities undertaken by the association and issues being pursued, including appointment of judges from the state in the Guwahati High Court, designation of senior advocates, and a separate High Court for Nagaland. Mr Jamir noted that the HCBA had submitted a representation to the Chief Justice of Guwahati High Court on the issues during his visit to Kohima last month. The event featured presentation of various reports. C.T. Jamir has been re-elected as President of HCBA for the tenure 2025-28.

FUNERAL

Five-time former Chief Minister Dr. Donwa Dethwelson Lapang was accorded a state funeral with full honours today in Shillong. The ceremony at Student Field (Madan Student), Jaiaw, witnessed the national anthem and a gun salute before leaders, officials, and citizens paid their final respects. Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma described Lapang as a visionary statesman whose contributions shaped Meghalaya’s growth, while Leader of Opposition Dr. Mukul Sangma remembered him as a master of accommodative politics. Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong and Lapang’s son, Baluk R. Blah, also delivered heartfelt tributes. East Khasi Hills DC R.M. Kurbah read out Assembly Speaker Thomas A. Sangma’s condolence message. Later, Lapang’s mortal remains were laid to rest at Jaiaw Presbyterian Church cemetery, Weiking. The funeral was attended by Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, MDCs, former legislators, Chief Secretary D.P. Wahlang, senior government officials, along with family members, friends and well-wishers.

MURDER

In Meghalaya, the East Khasi Hills Superintendent of Police Vivek Syiem confirmed that four-year-old Insaphira Lyngdoh Mawnai of Nongrah Nonglum, who went missing on Sunday, was murdered. The body has been sent to NEIGRIHMS for post-mortem, while forensic experts and a dog squad collected evidence from the site.

BOARD

The Central Board of Secondary Education said that 75 percent attendance is mandatory for students to appear in the class 10th and 12th board exams. CBSE in its notice said that student’s attendance will now be directly tied to internal assessment, making regular participation essential across the two-year academic cycle. It added that students who do not follow the mandatory criteria, will not be allowed to appear in the board exams. The board also clarified rules for choosing additional subjects. It said that students in Class 10 may opt for two additional subjects besides the compulsory five, while Class 12 students may choose one. However, students must study these subjects over two academic years. CBSE has also warned schools against offering subjects, for which they lack trained teachers, laboratories, or approval, stating that students cannot take such subjects as main or additional papers.

MANAGEMENT

In response to widespread damage caused by recent extreme weather events, the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority held an emergency meeting yesterday with all line departments to assess the situation and coordinate response measures. Chairing the meeting, Advisor of Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority underscored the urgency of restoring road connectivity and assigning additional machinery in disaster-prone areas. Highlighting the risk posed by rising water levels, the Advisor called for continuous monitoring of vulnerable areas like the Chathe and Dhansiri rivers. He also urged all stakeholders to enhance infrastructure resilience and sustainable construction solutions tailored to Nagaland's hilly terrain to withstand extreme weather conditions.

WOMEN

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla said that women empowerment has always been at the core of India's development journey and under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Speaking at the 19th Foundation Day Celebration of the Manipur State Commission for Women held today at Imphal, Mr. Bhalla said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Central Government has launched various flagship programs for women including Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, PM Ujjwala Yojana, PM Mudra Yojana, Mission Shakti, Lakhpati Didi and others in the country. He also said that the Manipur Government has also adopted the Central Government's Childcare Leave policy granting eligible women employees and even single male employees up to 730 days of paid leave during their entire service. Praising the Manipuri women's legacy of economic leadership and women market in the State, the Governor said that the recent inauguration of four new women market by the Prime Minister will further strengthen the legacy by creating new avenues for women's participation in the economy. He appealed the people of Manipur to renew the pledge to make every town, village and workplace a safe and empowering space for women and urged everyone to work together to build Manipur where opportunities know no gender and where every citizen can dream, aspire and achieve.

PISTOL

The 12th North East Zone Shooting Championship Rifle Pistol 2025 Concluded Successfully in Aizawl yesterday. Championship witnessed showcase of talent, resilience, and sporting spirit displayed by shooters from across the Northeast. The Championship concluded on a high note, bringing together some of the finest shooters from across the region and the armed forces. The championship saw 258 participants representing different states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland and including the Army Marksmanship Unit and the Assam Rifles Marksmanship Unit.

MOUNTEERING

The Indian Army’s Spear Corps is undertaking a challenging mountaineering expedition to Mount Gorichen of 6,488 metres height, the highest peak of Arunachal Pradesh, located in Tawang district. The expedition was formally flagged off on 20th of last month with the aim to promote adventure, resilience and team spirit while showcasing the indomitable character of the Indian soldier. This expedition also aims to strengthen civil-military relations by promoting awareness about the spirit of mountaineering and adventure in Arunachal Pradesh. It highlights the Indian Army’s role as a source of inspiration for the youth, motivating them to imbibe qualities of discipline, courage and perseverance.
