

**HEADLINES:-**

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- Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha attends the 125th edition of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly programme Mann Ki Baat at a remote village of Khowai Sub Division of Tripura.
- Arunachal Pradesh, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein chairs a coordination meeting to review the district's key developmental issues at the DC's Conference Hall, Namsai.
- Indian Army successfully conducted Exercise Yudh Kaushal 3.0 in the formidable terrain and extreme weather conditions of the Eastern Himalayas in the Kameng region of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Lok Sabha MP and President of NPCC, S. Supongmeren Jamir launches an anti-drug campaign themed 'Say No to Drugs'.
- Union Minister of State Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region DONER Dr Sukanta Majumder graces Behdeinhlam festival of Seinraij Mukhla through online mode.

**MAAN KI BAAT:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the nation has to move forward with the mantra of Vocal for Local, path of Atmanirbhar Bharat and goal of Developed India. Sharing his thought in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani yesterday, Mr Modi said, during the festive season the countrymen should never forget about Swadeshi. He said, gifts should be those made in India, attire should be that woven in India, decor should be that made from materials made in India, everything in every need of life should be Swadeshi. He said, amidst all this joy, people should keep emphasizing on cleanliness, because where there is cleanliness, the joy of festivals rises even more.

**PROGRAMME:**

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha yesterday attended the 125th edition of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly programme Mann Ki Baat, organised in Takchaya, a remote village of Khowai subdivision of Tripura. The programme was also attended by Ratan Ghosh, Tripura incharge of Mann Ki Baat, BJP Khowai District Committee president Binoy Debbarma, along with senior officials of the district and police administration. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that Mann Ki Baat has become an important medium of communication between the Prime Minister and the people of the country. Through this programme the Prime Minister listens to the voice of common citizens and addresses their aspirations. Dr. Saha further stressed that peace is essential for development in Tripura. He urged people to maintain brotherhood among communities and assured that no attack on democracy will be tolerated. He also informed that police have been instructed to work independently to uphold law and order.

**MEETING:**

Arunachal Pradesh, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein chaired a coordination meeting to review the district's key developmental issues at the DC's Conference Hall, Namsai yesterday. The meeting deliberated on the finalization of institution's name and important infrastructures in honour of former leaders from the district. Important decisions were taken to conserve rich biodiversity of Nongsaya Lake (Borbeel), implementation of strict ban on illegal hunting and fishing, creating awareness and preventive measures to stop

drug menace. Additionally, decisions were also taken to ensure professional management, cleanliness, and smooth relocation of Sunday market, smooth functioning of Government Model Degree College at Namsai and proper guidelines to the tourists on do's and don'ts in the district.

#### **ARMY:**

The Indian Army successfully conducted Exercise Yudh Kaushal 3.0 in the formidable terrain and extreme weather conditions of the Eastern Himalayas in the Kameng region of Arunachal Pradesh. The exercise, witnessed by the General Officer Commanding, Gajraj Corps displayed a synergy of advanced technology, operational innovation, and professional excellence by the troops. A major highlight was the operational debut of the newly raised ASHNI platoons, who showcased how next-generation technology, seamlessly fused with battle-hardened tactics, can deliver a decisive edge in contemporary and future conflicts. A distinctive aspect of Exercise Yudh Kaushal 3.0 was the active integration of the Indian Civil Defence Industry, symbolizing India's ongoing "Decade of Transformation."

#### **FI:**

As part of the ongoing nationwide drive launched by the Finance Ministry's Department of Financial Services, a financial inclusion campaign was held at Sirhima Village in Medziphema block on Saturday. Addressing the event, Chief General Manager of RBI's FIDD, R Giridharan, highlighted the importance of banking in a person's life and stressed that KYC is essential for building mutual trust. The event was organized by the Financial Inclusion and Development Department, Kohima, with participation from banks, including SBI and Bank of Baroda. About 300 villagers attended the session and were made aware of key government schemes like PM Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Suraksha Bima Yojana, PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, and Atal Pension Yojana, along with other banking services and digital fraud. The campaign runs from July 1 to September 30.

#### **DRUG:**

Lok Sabha MP and President of NPCC, S. Supongmeren Jamir on Saturday launched an anti-drug campaign themed 'Say No to Drugs'. Organized by the Jawahar Bal Manch under the NPCC, the initiative aims to raise awareness on drug abuse among youth through creative activities like art and speech competitions. At the event, Mr Jamir lauded JBM's growing grassroots work and emphasized that youth engagement is vital for a progressive society.

#### **CLEAN UP:**

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal advised States and Union Territories to fast-track cleanup of dirty spots with high focus on visible cleanliness. Chairing a high level virtual meeting on Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, the Minister emphasized that cleanliness and urban development go hand in hand, describing them as two sides of the same coin. He also highlighted the critical role of Cleaning Target Units (CTU) as engines of change for urban development and policy implementation. Mr Manohar further said that the ministry has drafted a framework for time-bound clearance of these urban lands, that will focus on regular reviews and aggressive monitoring by states, citizen mobilization and interface for mapping CTUs via Swachhata App. He said that CTUs is about converting eyesores into areas of pride, restoring dignity of public spaces and ensuring that cleanliness is not just on paper but visible and felt.

#### **SOLUNG:**

The Solung Festival, an agro-based and socio-religious festival of the Adi tribe in Arunachal Pradesh is being celebrated today to pray for a successful harvest, prosperity, and well-being. The festival's three main parts include ritualistic sacrifices, the worship of the goddess of crops, and rituals for protection against harm from evil spirits, often culminating in the recounting of ancestral stories through song and dance. The festivity reinforces the cultural vibrancy and traditions of the state. Solung strengthens the bond between humanity and nature and a constant reminder that people should protect the environment.

**FESTIVAL:**

In Meghalaya, the three-day four night Behdeĩkhlam festival of Seinraij Mukhla culminated at Aitnar Mukhla yesterday. Union Minister of State Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region DONER Dr Sukanta Majumder graced the occasion as Chief Guest through online mode. He praised the uniqueness of people of the state and expressed his keen interest to preserve the indigenous culture and tradition of the state. He further said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, North East is under special consideration in all sphere of life. Making the day memorable, Dr. Sukanta Majumder announced the six schemes of North Eastern Council under the Ministry of DONER which costs around 1.93 crore rupees for the six Rajj of Jaintia Hills for maintenance of the galary around the Aitnar, retaining wall and for construction of Cultural Hall. The Behdeĩkhlam of Seinraij Mukhla culminated with immersion of Rath (Rod) at Aitnar pool in Mukhla.

**CONCERT:**

In Meghalaya, the National People's Party will observe the commemorative celebration of the 78th Birth Anniversary of former Lok Sabha Speaker, late Purno Agitok Sangma, coinciding with the NPP foundation day celebrations at Williamnagar today. The National President and Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma, will be the chief guest at the event. The programme has been structured in such a way to pay tribute to the legacy of a visionary leader and also to celebrate the founding principles of Late P.A. Sangma's party. In this connection, a Concert will held from 5.00 p.m. onwards at Rongrengre Field, Williamnagar, East Garo Hills. Meghalaya legislator, Marcuise N. Marak in his social post expressed his loving memory of Late P.A. Sangma, the founder of the National People's Party. He also said, he fondly remembers Late P.A. Sangma and the legacy of a true stalwart of North East Indian politics.

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