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3. **Arunachal Governor, Lt. General Retd. KT Parnaik pays homage to the former Arunachal Pradesh Education Minister Late Dera Natung and urges the people to draw inspiration from his vision.**
4. **Tripura Government is working to revive the fading tribal culture and strengthen the state's composite heritage, says Tribal Welfare Minister Bikash Debbarma.**
5. **Naga People's Front appeals to Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio to return to the party and assume its leadership.**

FLOOD

President Droupadi Murmu has commended the spirit of those involved in the rescue and relief operations during natural calamities across the country. In a social media post, the President said, she is deeply anguished every time she comes to know about natural calamities during the monsoon this year. She said that cloudbursts in the hills and floods in the plains have taken a heavy toll, leaving death and destruction in their wake in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Assam and many other parts of the country. She said that the nation shares the sorrow of the people affected by calamities and is with them in this crisis. She added that together the nation will overcome this challenge.

GST

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said she will personally monitor the passing on of GST benefits to citizens. In an interview with a media channel, the Finance Minister said people from across the country have termed the GST reforms as a welcome move. She urged people to report if the benefits are not being passed on to them. She added that several industry players have already pledged to pass on the benefits. She further stated that the GST reforms required long working hours and bureaucratic effort.

CULTURE

Tripura Government is working to revive the fading tribal culture and strengthen the state’s composite heritage, said Tribal Welfare Minister Bikash Debbarma yesterday. He was speaking as the chief guest at a programme organized by the Tripura State Academy of Tribal Research at Khumulwng as part of the Janjatiya Gaurav Utsav, where traditional attire and musical instruments were distributed among tribal communities. The exchange of food habits, traditions, and culture between tribal and non-tribal communities will further strengthen the foundation of Tripura’s composite culture. The aim of the Government is to pass on this message to future generations,” the Minister said. He further added that both the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister have placed top priority on the development and welfare of tribal people.

APPEAL

In a major political move, the Naga People's Front (NPF), the oldest regional party in the Northeastern region, has formally appealed to Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio to return to the party and assume its leadership. A resolution to this effect was adopted by the party’s Central Executive Council (CEC) during a meeting held at the NPF Central Office in Kohima yesterday. The resolution comes amid increasing speculation about a possible merger between the ruling Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) and the NPF. Addressing media persons, NPF Secretary General and MLA Achumbemo Kikon stated that the CEC had resolved to make a formal and special appeal to Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio to rejoin the NPF and take charge of the party's leadership in the greater interest of both the party and the Naga people. Mr Kikon added that the NPF continues to view Mr. Rio as an integral part of the party, and that his return to his original political platform would send a positive message to the public.

EMPOWERMENT

Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale has said that the Central Government is committed to the development of Scheduled Tribes in the country. Speaking to the media in Bengaluru, he informed that the Bengaluru Shilpotsava 2025 has been organized to provide a market for the products made by the tribals and the Scheduled caste and Tribes. The main objective of this program is to provide a marketing platform for the products of the communities financed by the three national corporations functioning under the Ministry namely, Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes, Safai Karamcharis, and artisans.

TRAFFICKING

In a significant crackdown on illegal activities, the Kohima Police have successfully rescued a minor girl from a human trafficking and sexual exploitation ring. Nine individuals, including the key accused, were apprehended during the raid. The operation was launched following a suo motu FIR registered by the Kohima Women Police Station, after a meticulous enquiry into a missing person report. During the enquiry, reliable information led officials to trace and rescue the girl from a hotel in Kohima on August 30. Based on the victim’s disclosure, one of the primary accused, Ms. Neisedenuo, was apprehended. During interrogation, she revealed that she operated under the direction of the main accused, one Mr. Rakesh, and played a key role in recruiting the minor victim. Acting on credible

intelligence and extensive surveillance, a coordinated team comprising personnel from North Police Station and Women Police Station, led by the Officer-in-Charge of Women PS, executed further raids, resulting in the arrest of additional suspects.

FOUNDATION DAY

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General Retd. KT Parnaik, participated in the inaugural session of the 47th foundation day celebration of Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar on Friday. The Governor, while paying homage to the former Arunachal Pradesh Education Minister Late Dera Natung, urged the people to draw inspiration from his vision and to carry forward his legacy by dedicating themselves to the noble cause of education. He appealed for a collective commitment to nurture a brighter, more enlightened future for the State. Looking ahead to Viksit Bharat@2047, the Governor emphasized that the youth must align their personal goals with the larger national vision. He called the Students torchbearers of the nation’s future. Governor K.T Parnaik felicitated achievers of the college, including Rajiv Gandhi University toppers, student achievers in zonal National and international competitions and outstanding alumni.

EMPORIUM

In Pasighat, East Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh, The New District Emporium, was inaugurated by State Minister for Textiles & Handicrafts Nyato Dukam. In his address minister Dukam called for the New District Emporiums to be a vibrant hub for marketing innovative products of Self Helps Groups, Artisans and Weavers in the true spirit of promoting “Vocal for Local” initiative of the State Government for strengthening the handloom sector. This new emporium is one of the projects taken up in a phased manner for upgradation and revamping of District.

MoU

The Meghalaya State Skill Development Society signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding with Asean One Co. Ltd., Japan, in Tokyo on Friday. This was the outcome of the Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma’s official visit to Japan in April 2025, during which he articulated a forward-looking vision to create international career pathways for the youth of Meghalaya. The partnership focuses on building pathways in healthcare, caregiving, hospitality, IT, and other sectors aligned with Japan’s workforce needs, while also providing Japanese language and cultural integration training. It will support the training and overseas placement of Meghalaya’s youth, starting with 500 candidates in the first year and scaling up to 5,000 over the next five years.

TRIPURA:

Spraying pesticides using drones on rubber trees has been undertaken for the first time in Tripura to combat the outbreak of fungal infection in the rubber plantation. Government official said Drone-spraying of fungicides was successfully carried out at the Taranagar farm of the Rubber Board in West Tripura, in response to the recent phytophthora outbreak across three major rubber-growing districts in the state. the phytophthora is a genus of plant-

damaging oomycetes, whose member species cause financial loss to crops as well as environmental damage, he said

BOOK

The timely release of the collection of Khasi poems titled, “Na Synnai Batlem”, by Miss Esabel Kharlukhi, which can be loosely translated as ‘From Screened Mid Might’ has added another feather to the Khasi poetry and literature in general. The book was released by Meghalaya Legislator, H.S. Kharpran, who represents Mawryng-kneng Constituency in East Khasi Hills District amidst renowned authors and writers belonging to Khasi Authors’s Society at a function, held in the Office of Khasi Authors’ Society in Shillong. Speaking on the occasion as Chief Guest, H.S. Kharpran encouraged the young poet to continue burning the midnight candle by writing more poems to enrich the Khasi literature. Mr.H.S. Kharpran also spoke on the need for inclusion of Khasi language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India.
