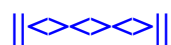


Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that country's digital ecosystem is setting global standards for innovation and inclusion. Addressing the Global Fintech Fest 2025 in Mumbai, Mr. Modi said, India is one of the most technologically inclusive societies due to democratisation of technology. He said, the country is witnessing 20 billion transactions worth 25 lakh crore rupees through UPI every month. United Kingdom Prime Minister Keir Starmer said that UK and India are natural partners and global leaders in fintech.



The District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting for Zunheboto was held yesterday. Chairing the meeting, Member of Parliament and DISHA Chairperson, S. Supongmeren Jamir, urged officials to work in close coordination with the district administration to ensure that central welfare schemes reach the grassroots. He stressed that no beneficiary should be left out and called for addressing local challenges in project implementation. The MP also appealed to officials and councilors to plant at least one tree during their tenure in the district. Presentations were made by DRDA, PHED, and the Social Welfare Department. The PHED reported that water quality in most villages is good, though E. coli was earlier detected in six villages, which has since been resolved. A Water Testing Laboratory has also been set up at the PHED Office, Zunheboto, for continuous monitoring of water quality.



Dimapur police successfully rescued four kidnapped victims and arrested four accused persons following a swift operation carried out yesterday. The victims, including a man from Patna, Bihar, were abducted from Hotel New Rajasthan Place. Acting on technical inputs, a joint team of East Police Station, Special Operations Team, and Indian Reserve rescued the victims the same day. A report:

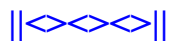
Based on technical inputs and intelligence gathering, the team tracked down the suspected location at United North Block, Burma Camp area. In a coordinated operation, the victims were rescued the same day, and four individuals were apprehended. The arrested accused linked with NSCN-IM have been identified Saul Chophy, Bento Shohe, Kavito Yeptho and Kivipu

Zhimo. A case has been registered at East Police Station and investigation is underway.

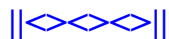


GST Bachat Utsav, which was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and commenced on 22nd of last month, is benefiting all sections of society. Today, our correspondent brings a report on the GST reforms that will boost the economy of the state of Arunachal Pradesh.

The new GST reform is a major boost for Arunachal Pradesh's artisans, farmers, and small businesses. Under the revised structure, many goods in the state will now attract only 5 percent GST instead of the earlier 12 or 18 percent. Agricultural and processed food items, such as juices and jams, which were earlier taxed at 12 percent, are now taxed at 5 percent. Apart from this, the GST rate on processed forms of ginger has been reduced from 12 percent to 5 percent, making pickled products around 7 percent cheaper. Similarly, handicraft goods and traditional textiles produced by local artisans now attract a 5 percent tax. The next generation GST reforms aim to make products more affordable for consumers and lift margins for producers.



A State Level Tribal Painting Competition was organised by the Tribal Research Institute, Department of Tribal Affairs, Nagaland, in collaboration with the District Administration and Education Office Kohima yesterday at the DC Office, Kohima. The event was part of the celebrations for the Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh 2024-25, themed "My State My Pride. The event, part of Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh 2024–25 celebrations themed "My State My Pride," saw 36 students from 18 schools showcase their creativity. Winners received citations and cash prizes, while all participants were awarded certificates. Deputy Commissioner Kohima, B. Henok Buchem, praised the students' professional-level work and advised them to nurture their talents while avoiding distractions like mobile phones. He also stressed the need to balance talent with interest when choosing careers. Joint Secretary, Tribal Affairs, T.L. Kiusumong Tikhir, urged students to draw inspiration from Bhagwan Birsa Munda, calling the event a celebration of tribal pride and resilience.



In view of the recent assessments by road safety and geotechnical experts, the Tsiedukhru stretch of National Highway 29 has been declared highly fragile.

In this regard, authorities have issued new restrictions on the movement of multi-axle vehicles which will now be strictly regulated with immediate effect until the conditions stabilize. We have a report-

Multi-axle vehicles on the Tsiedukhru stretch of NH-29 will be allowed only between 10 AM and 5 PM, under traffic police supervision. Speed is limited to 20 kilometers per hour, with proper spacing between vehicles. Overloaded trucks are banned, and vehicles above 30 tonnes will not be allowed. The Transport Department and NHIDCL will support traffic police in checking loads and clearing any blockages. Officials have warned that traffic will be stopped immediately if slope movement is detected. Drivers are also advised to stay alert for falling debris and to cooperate fully with enforcement personnel.

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And, India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heavy rainfall over Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura today.

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