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HEADLINES:-

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- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman says the GST 2.0 reforms have given a major boost to country's economy during the festival season.
- Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla visits Noney district headquarters and also inspects the world's highest railway bridge being constructed over the Ijei river in Noney district.
- Tripura receives three national awards for excellence in implementing the Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan and PM Janman projects.
- In Manipur, Kangpokpi Police station in Kangpokpi district awarded DGP Manipur trophy for best Police station 2025.
- In a landmark entomological discovery, researchers from the Indian Council of Medical Research–Vector Control Research Centre, Puducherry have identified seven mosquito species never before recorded in India and 61 species new to Meghalaya.

GREETING:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended greetings to the people on the occasion of Dhanteras yesterday. In a social media post, Mr. Modi prayed for happiness, prosperity, and good health for everyone on the occasion. He expressed hope that Lord Dhanvantari bestows his abundant blessings upon all citizens. The festival of Dhanteras is being celebrated across the country. This festival marks the beginning of a series of celebrations, which also include Narak Chaturdashi, also known as Choti Diwali or Kali Chaudas, the main Diwali, Govardhan Puja, and Bhai Dooj.

FINANCE:

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the GST 2.0 reforms have given a major boost to country's economy, leading to record sales across key sectors such as electronics, automobiles, and consumer goods during the festival season. She was addressing the joint press conference on GST Bachat Utsav in New Delhi yesterday along with Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. The Finance Minister said, GST rate cut benefits are reaching to common man. Speaking on this occasion, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, a record sale has been witnessed in this year's Navratri festival. He said, there has been a 25 per cent increase in the sale of electronics in this year Navratri season in comparison to sales recorded in the previous Navratri festival.

INSPECTION:

In Manipur, Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla Ajay Kumar Bhalla visited Noney district headquarters and inspected the world’s highest railway bridge being constructed over the Ijei river in Noney district yesterday. The engineers informed the Governor that the construction of the bridge is expected to be completed by this fiscal year. Governor also appreciated their efforts and encouraged them to continue working in the best interest of the people of the state. Governor also chaired a meeting at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner’s office where he was briefed by the Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police and other District Level Officers. The Deputy Commissioner apprised the Governor of the various developmental initiatives undertaken in the district. He also highlighted key issues related to infrastructure developments including national highway projects.

AWARDS:

Tripura has received three national awards for excellence in implementing the Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan and PM Janman projects. Cooperative Minister Suklacharan Noatia announced this at a press conference in the Secretariat yesterday. He informed that at the National Conference on Aadi Karmyogi Abhiyan organized by the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, President Droupadi Murmu presented the awards. Tripura bagged two national awards as the Best State in implementing both the Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan and PM Janman projects, while North Tripura District was recognized as the Best District under the PM Janman project. The minister said that Dr. K. Sashikumar, Secretary of the Tribal Welfare Department, received the two state-level awards from the President, and District Magistrate Chandni Chandran of North Tripura accepted the district-level award.

TROPHY:

In Manipur, Kangpokpi Police station in Kangpokpi district has been awarded DGP Manipur trophy for best Police station 2025 while City Police station Imphal west and Bishnupur Police station Bishnupur district have been placed in Second and third best police stations. Imphal west district Police Inspector Gunachandra Chanam has been selected for best Police Officer award. The Awards will be distributed during the 134th Manipur Police Rising day to be held at 1st MR Parad ground Imphal on Sunday where Manipur Governor Ajay kumar Bhalla and DGP Rajeev Singh will attend. In connection with the 134th Manipur Police Rising day, a 16 km long marathon race for men and 5 km long marathon race for girls were held in Imphal.

SYMPOSIUM:

The Department of Sociology, Captain Williamson Sangma State University, Balalgre, Tura, is organising a One-Day Symposium on the theme “Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS): Sustainable Future” on 22nd October 2025. As part of the University’s commitment to advancing research and dialogue on indigenous knowledge, culture, and sustainable development,

the symposium aims to bring together scholars, researchers, and practitioners to explore the role of traditional knowledge in addressing contemporary challenges. The Inaugural Session will commence at 10:00 AM on the University premises, with Smt. Hema Nayak, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, South West Garo Hills, gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Keynote Address will be delivered by Prof. Bodhi Sainkumar Rani, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Centre for Social Justice and Governance, School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. The Valedictory Session will be held at 3:00 PM on the same day, with Dr. Vasanthi Vijaykumar, Vice Chancellor, Captain Williamson Sangma State University, as the Chief Guest.

MOSQUITO:

In a landmark entomological discovery, researchers from the Indian Council of Medical Research–Vector Control Research Centre, Puducherry, have identified seven mosquito species never before recorded in India and 61 species new to Meghalaya. The findings, published in Zootaxa, not only underscore Meghalaya’s role as a biodiversity hotspot but also enhance scientific understanding of mosquito ecology amid shifting climatic conditions. The comprehensive study documented 117 mosquito species belonging to 27 genera, collected from 133 sites spread across the Khasi, Jaintia and Garo Hills.

TOURISM:

Community-driven conservation and tourism have put the quiet, little-known settlement of Kaimoi village in Eastern Arunachal Pradesh in the spotlight. The village has bagged the Best Tourism Village Award 2025, conferred by the state’s Tourism Department on World Tourism Day. A visit to Kaimoi is not only breathtaking natural beauty but also a strong collective will to preserve and promote it. Led by Rajiv Wangsa, the energetic Zila Parishad Member of Longchan, the villagers have been galvanised by their newfound recognition. “The Government wants to take Kaimoi beyond the state to the national and even international level,” Wangsa said, reflecting the community’s growing confidence.

CLARIFICATION:

The Manipuri Elders’ Consortium Shillong has dismissed the clarification from Manipur department that the structure of the Manipur Rajbari, also known as the Red Land was in a dilapidated state leading to its demolition. In a statement issued in Shillong, MECS president TS Leima said that the caretaker’s family had been residing in the same bungalow until a few days ago. Mentioning their visit to the bungalow on September 7, she said that the MECS members inspected both the interior and exterior areas and found that nearly all the rooms and the porch were in good condition.

RANJI TROPHY:

The Ranji Trophy 2025-26 plate group match between Meghalaya and Mizoram was abandoned on the fourth and final day without a ball being bowled. Despite extensive work by the dedicated ground staff at the MCA

Ground, the issue of waterlogging in one section of the outfield meant that play was not possible as it was too soft underfoot. Heavy rain over the days preceding the match is thought to be behind this and the Meghalaya Cricket Association will be making every effort to resolve the issue before the second match, which will be between Meghalaya and Sikkim, slated to begin on 25 October. Meghalaya and Mizoram were both awarded 1 point each.

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