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HEADLINES:-

- ❖ Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik participates in the 150 years of Vande Mataram celebration at the State Banquet Hall, Itanagar.
- ❖ Director General of Akashvani, Rajeev Kumar Jain expresses appreciation to Akashvani Kohima for its unique contribution to public broadcasting.
- ❖ Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Savitri Thakur carries out an extensive inspection of various project sites in Manipur.
- ❖ Nagaland's Advisor for Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak announces plans to establish an Old Age Home in every district of Nagaland.
- ❖ Member of Parliament Saleng A. Sangma joins the Hundred Drums Wangala Festival alongside other dignitaries.
- ❖ Arunachal Pradesh Governor, Lt. General (Retd.) KT Parnaik interacts with a group of students from Goa and Uttarakhand at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

SONG:

In Arunachal Pradesh, Governor Lt. General KT Parnaik participated in the 150 years of Vande Mataram celebration at the State Banquet Hall, Itanagar yesterday. The Governor said that it reminds the glorious past and stands today as a living celebration of unity, courage, and the unbreakable bond and symbol of India's unity, dignity, and resilience. Addressing the youth, the Governor urged them to serve with sincerity, lead with compassion, and uphold the unity and harmony that form the essence of India. Arunachal Chief Minister Pema Khandu also joined the celebration in Tawang and in a social media post said Vande Mataram is a sacred hymn that stirred the hearts of countless freedom fighters, a timeless call of devotion to the Motherland, and a soulful prayer that continues to awaken love for Bharat in every generation.

ANNIVERSARY:

Sikkim joined the 150th Anniversary of Vande Mataram at Manan Kendra, Gangtok yesterday. Governor of Sikkim Mr. Om Prakash Mathur was present as Chief Guest. The program also had Lok Sabha MP from Sikkim Indra Hang Subba. At the beginning of the program, the virtual message of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji was telecasted, Governor Mathur said, "Vande Mataram is not just a song, it is the soul of Mother India." This is the mantra of the consciousness of the freedom struggle and the unity of the nation." Mathur narrated the historical journey of this song composed by prolific writer Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay in 1875 when first sung by legendary poet Rabindranath Tagore in 1896, since then it became a source of inspiration for the freedom fighters and even today for generations. Governor paid tribute to Sikkim's freedom fighters Vande Pokhrel (Trilochan Pokhrel) and Helen Lepcha (Savitri Devi), who actively participated in the uncooperative movement and Charkha movement and lived the spirit of 'Vande Mataram' in their life.

CONTRIBUTION:

Director General of Akashvani Rajeev Kumar Jain yesterday lauded Akashvani Kohima for its unique contribution to public broadcasting. Speaking during an interaction with staff on his second day of visit to Nagaland, Mr Jain said the station is among the few in the country that regularly airs news and programmes in multiple dialects - the highest in the network. He said, this multilingual outreach makes radio a true people's medium, helping preserve linguistic diversity and strengthen Akashvani's connect with communities. Mr Jain also reaffirmed Akashvani's commitment to public service broadcasting and cultural preservation. Noting that Akashvani's strength lies in its talent pool of skilled presenters, he highlighted the importance of continuously integrating fresh talent while retaining experienced voices. He encouraged staff to create unique content and explore untold local

stories that reflect the region's rich culture. The DG also held a review meeting of sections including Program, News and Engineering at Akashvani Kohima.

VANDE MATARAM:

As part of the nationwide celebrations marking 150 years of the National Song Vande Mataram, the employees of Akashvani Aizawl gathered for a Vande Mataram sing-along at their office in Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl. Director and Mizoram Cluster Head Pu D.R. Lalropuia described Vande Mataram as a symbol of unity, strength, and inspiration for the people of India. He said the song continues to guide and uplift citizens, evoking both national pride and emotional connection to India's freedom struggle. "Vande Mataram is the strength and spirit of our people. It inspires us to move forward with renewed determination and reminds us of the sacrifices that built our nation," the Director said, urging everyone to draw new energy and purpose from its message. IIMC Aizawl also observed the anniversary, with faculty members and students joining together to sing the national song and reflect on its historical significance.

VISIT:

In Manipur, Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Savitri Thakur, carried out an extensive inspection of various project sites in Jiribam and Borobekra sub-divisions yesterday. The Minister reviewed ongoing works at Lalpani Primary School, the Sonapur Amrit Sarovar site, the One Stop Centre at Chingdong Leikai, the Gulamchat Child Care Institute at Patchao, and the Kadamtala Anganwadi Centre. The Minister also visited the District Hospital at Ningsingkhul, where she interacted with doctors and patients and assured full support for improving services. Other sites inspected include the Rubber and Agar plantation at Ningsingkhul, the Vanamahotsava Nursery Centre at Uchathol, the Kalinagar Water Treatment Plant, PMAY-Urban houses at Lakhipur Ward-9, and the PWD Guest House at Babupara.

HOME:

Nagaland's Advisor for Social Welfare, Wangpang Konyak has announced plans to establish an Old Age Home in every district of Nagaland. Addressing an Eye camp for Senior Citizens at District Hospital, Mon yesterday, he reaffirmed the department's commitment to uplifting vulnerable groups, including the elderly, by providing social assistance, meeting nutritional standards, and protecting those at risk. He highlighted government schemes such as the Old Age Pension, Elderly Helpline, and Charity Care. The programme was jointly organised by the Social Welfare Department and Mercy Eye Centre Dimapur supported by District Hospital, Mon.

DANCE:

The 49th edition of the Hundred Drums Wangala Festival saw a significant turnout at Wangala A'dam, Chibrage, with Saleng A Sangma, MP, joining the celebrations alongside other dignitaries. The day's events featured the rhythm of 100 drums and the Rugala ceremony, drawing large crowds to witness the vibrant cultural performances. The festival was abuzz with attendees enjoying traditional cuisine and purchasing antique crafts from various stalls. Saleng A Sangma in his address emphasized the importance of preserving the Wangala Festival and the Garo identity, culture, and traditions. He noted that while the festival is celebrated with enthusiasm in Meghalaya, Bangladesh, and Assam, the Achik people are losing their identity, highlighting the need for concerted efforts to preserve their heritage. Sanbor Shullai, Minister of Arts and Culture, Meghalaya, also took part in the festival and interacted with stall owners while sampling traditional drinks. Sanbor Shullai, while talking to media expressed his delight at the celebration, he mentioned plans to discuss financial assistance for the festival with the Chief Minister, highlighting its cultural significance.

INTERACTION:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General (Retd.) KT Parnaik, yesterday interacted with a group of students from Goa and Uttarakhand at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. The students are visiting the State as part of Ashtalakshmi Darshan, a vibrant Youth Exchange Programme designed to deepen national integration and strengthen bonds between young people from different regions of the country. Advising the students on their responsibilities as future leaders, the Governor encouraged them to stay well-informed, uphold self-discipline, and adopt a selfless approach in life, and to take pride in one's cultural heritage, traditions, and nurturing deep love for the nation. He also highlighted the remarkable development taking place in Arunachal Pradesh. During the programme, the Goa team and the Uttarakhand students showcased the rich folk traditions of their regions. The host Rajiv

Gandhi University team presented a Dance, portraying the cultural vibrancy of the many tribes of Arunachal Pradesh.

PAPUMPARE:

Arunachal Pradesh, Papum pare District Deputy Commissioner Vishakha Yadav yesterday chaired a preparatory meeting of Nodal Officers, Returning Officers, and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers for the upcoming Panchayati Raj Elections at Yupia. The DC called upon all concerned officers to put in concerted and coordinated efforts to ensure the peaceful, free, and fair conduct of the elections across the district. She also asked detailed inputs and feedback from the Nodal Officers. During the session, Dr. Dana Unna, Assistant Commissioner, Panchayati Raj, made a detailed presentation highlighting the roles and responsibilities of the Nodal Officers. A separate meeting was convened for the Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers, where key operational and procedural aspects related to the electoral process were discussed in detail.

MOMO:

Acclaimed Fim maker from Sikkim Tribeny Rai’s film Shape of Momo will compete in Indian Languages Film Category in Kolkata International Film Festival 2025 starting from yesterday. The 114 minute long film will be screened on 10th November at Nandan, Kolkata. Rai herself is leaving for Kolkata today to attend the film festival; said Rai. Earlier the film clinched many International Awards including Taipei Film Commission Award and the Songwon Vision Award in Busan International Film Festival. The film ‘Shape of Momo’ talks about Bishnu, who returns to her mountain village after quitting her job. The story progresses & shows Bishnu struggling between her tradition and independence. Directed by Tribeny Rai, the film is produced by Geeta Rai and Kislay, co-produced by Neha Malik, Himanshu Kohli & Jung Woo Lee.
