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HEADLINES

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2. Union Minister of State for Road Transports and Highways Ajay Tamta visits Kangpokpi district of Manipur and reviews the works of both Central and State Schemes.
3. Union Tourism and Culture minister Gajendra Singh Sekhawat to inaugurate 13th edition of the International Tourism Mart, for the North Eastern Region in Gangtok today.
4. Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha says state government is committed to showcasing Tripura globally through progress in every sector.
5. Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein attends the first-ever Annual Review Meeting of Hydropower Development Department at the Golden Jubilee Banquet Hall, Itanagar.
6. The four-day National Tribal Film Festival and Carnival gets underway in Manipur's capital Imphal as part of Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh celebrations.
7. Centre grants Geographical Indication registration for two traditional Lepcha musical instruments - Tungbuk and Pumontong Pulit belonging to Lepcha community of Sikkim.

VISIT

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, arrived in Nagaland yesterday on a three-day visit to the state. On her arrival at Dimapur Airport, she was received by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang, and other leaders. Upon reaching the Aspirational district of Kiphire, the Union Minister was accorded a Guard of Honour. She visited the District Hospital in Kiphire, and handed over advanced medical equipment worth 64.81 lakh rupees, contributed by the State Bank of India under its CSR initiatives. Sitharaman also flagged off bike ambulances, strengthening last-mile medical

access in the region. The Finance Minister also interacted with nurses and hospital staff, appreciating their service and dedication. During the visit, the Union Minister acknowledged the resource limitations faced by Nagaland, and emphasized her commitment to securing substantial CSR contributions for Nagaland. Today Ms Sitharaman will inaugurate the Government Industrial Training Institute and other projects in Kiphire, and later launch SAMARTH (Students Advancing Mindsets in AI, Robotics Technology and Digital Hardware) at NIELIT in Kohima.

REVIEW

The Union Minister of State for Road Transports and Highways Ajay Tamta visited Kangpokpi district of Manipur yesterday and reviewed the works of both Central and State Schemes. He was accompanied by high ranking officials of National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited. A cultural event was also organised in connection to his visit to the district. Tamta congratulated the district administration and NHIDCL for their efforts in improving the highway connecting Kangpokpi to Kohima and mentioned that multiple work packages are in progress and assured that land acquisition issues will be addressed soon. He also distributed various beneficiary items including Aysushman Bharat cards, stationery under Janjatiya Gaurav, sports materials under Vatsalya and others. He interacted with beneficiaries and joined an event marking 150th year of Vande Mataram.

MART

Union Tourism and Culture minister Gajendra Singh Sekhawat will inaugurate the 13th edition of the International Tourism Mart , ITM for the North Eastern Region in Gangtok today. Chief Minister of host state Sikkim Prem Singh Tamang, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu and the Tourism ministers of North Eastern states will also attend the program. The International Tourism Mart is an annual flagship event of the Ministry of Tourism, designed to showcase the tourism potential of the North Eastern Region to both domestic and international audiences. The 13th International Tourism Mart will witness wide participation from across the globe, with representatives from 19 countries, including Spain, Thailand, France, Russia, Germany, Vietnam among others. The 4-day event will bring together international tour operators, international influencers, 50 domestic buyers and sellers. The Mart will feature a series of technical sessions, panel discussions, product presentations, and B2B meetings aimed at fostering collaboration between domestic and international tourism stakeholders.

COMMITMENT

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha said the state government is committed to showcasing Tripura globally through progress in every sector, health, agriculture, education, and infrastructure. Speaking at Kamalpur in Dhalai district after inaugurating 20 projects and laying foundations for two more, he said Tripura is advancing rapidly under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. The Chief Minister highlighted improvements in law and order, creating a safe environment for investment and employment. He noted that Tripura is emerging as an educational hub and announced plans to develop Agartala, Udaipur, and Dharmanagar as centralized smart towns. Emphasizing inclusive growth, he said development of tribal areas is key to building a "One Tripura, Best Tripura."

QUARTERS

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha on Thursday virtually inaugurated 48 new residential quarters at Dhalai District Hospital and 10 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, giving a boost to the district's healthcare infrastructure. Speaking at a programme in Kamalpur, Dr. Saha said the government aims to take quality healthcare to people's doorsteps. The new facilities will ensure better medical services, free diagnosis, and treatment in rural areas. Health Secretary Kiran Gitte, MLAs Manoj Kanti Deb and Swapna Das Paul, and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

HYDRO

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein yesterday attended the first-ever Annual Review Meeting of the Hydropower Development Department, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, at the Golden Jubilee Banquet Hall, Itanagar. On this occasion DHPD 2.0 was launched, approved by the State Cabinet on 13th May 2025, under this 96 new technical and ministerial posts have been created to strengthen manpower and field operations. The Department is now organised basin-wise: Kameng, Subansiri, Siang, and Dibang-Lohit-Tirap, with Chief Engineers empowered to oversee project execution and monitoring within their respective basins, Work allocation among Chief Engineers has been streamlined to ensure efficiency and coordination, Circles and Divisions have been renamed after major rivers, reflecting the geographical and cultural essence of Arunachal Pradesh. Steps have been taken to enhance engineers' exposure to large-scale projects and to strengthen technical capabilities across all levels.

CELEBRATION

As part of the ongoing celebration of “Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh,” a plantation drive was organized in Arunachal Pradesh under the initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, in collaboration with the Tribal Research Institute, yesterday. The event was graced by Kento Jini, Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment and Tribal Affairs, along with the Yumlam Kaha Director of SJETA. The Minister also visited and inspected the ongoing construction of the Tribal Research Institute office at Senki View, Itanagar. Mr. Jini expressed satisfaction over the progress of the work and appreciated the efforts of the department and the construction team. He further informed that the new TRI office is expected to be inaugurated within the next three months. The Minister also urged the contingency staff to work with dedication.

REGISTRATION

Government of India granted Geographical Indication (GI) registration for two traditional Lepcha musical instruments - Tungbuk and Pumtong Pulit giving a major cultural boost to the Lepcha community of Sikkim. The Tungbuk is a three-string instrument, while the Pumtong Pulit is a bamboo flute. Both are integral to Lepcha folk music and hold deep cultural and spiritual significance. They were officially registered under the Musical Instrument category of the Geographical Indication Registry, Government of India, on 5th November. The GI registration certificates were formally presented yesterday during the 1st Tribal Business Conclave held in New Delhi organised by the Ministries of Culture, Tribal Affairs, and Commerce & Industry. Ugen Palzor Lepcha and Namgyal Lepcha, who had submitted the GI tag applications for the Sikkim Lepcha Tungbuk and Sikkim Lepcha Pumtong Pulit respectively, received the certificates at the event.

WOKSHOP

In Manipur, a one-day Media Workshop ‘VARTALAP’ was held at Hotel Imphal yesterday. The workshop was organised by the Press Information Bureau (PIB), Regional Office Imphal and inaugurated by Director of Information and Public Relations and MAHUD, Manipur Ngangom Uttam Singh along with Director PIB, Imphal- Dr. Engam Pame, President of All Manipur Working Journalists' Union- Asem Bhakta and Secretary General of Editors' Guild Manipur- Yumnam Rupachandra. The workshop featured three technical sessions on the topics- Art & Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports and Cyber Security Awareness followed by a question and answer session. The workshop was held to strengthen the professional capacity of media persons and

enhance their understanding of contemporary issues related to art, culture, sports and cyber security.

FILM

The four-day National Tribal Film Festival and Carnival began in Manipur's capital Imphal as part of Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh celebrations. The festival is showcasing 23 tribal films from nine states and celebrating India's diverse tribal heritage through cinema and culture. Manipur's Additional Chief Secretary Anurag Bajpai said the festival aims to promote and celebrate tribal cinema, culture, and creative expression from across the country's tribal communities. The festival will be held untill 15 of this month at the City Convention Centre and the Manipur State Film Development Society (MSFDS) complex. Features films from Maharashtra, Odisha, West Bengal and six northeastern states are being showcased in the event. Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh is a year-long commemoration of the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.