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1. President Droupadi Murmu assents to Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Bill, 2025.
2. Deputy Commissioner Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang says progress should be measured by strength of character.
3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi lays foundation stone of fertilizer plant at Namrup in Assam. And,
4. Vice President CP Radhakrishnan highlights transformative power of meditation on World Meditation Day.

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President Droupadi Murmu has given assent to the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Bill, 2025. The Parliament had earlier passed it during the winter session. The Act enhances the statutory wage employment guarantee to 125 days per financial year for rural households. The Ministry of Rural Development highlighted that this marks a significant milestone in the transformation of rural employment policy. It added that the Act seeks to advance empowerment, inclusive growth, convergence of development initiatives and saturation-based delivery. The VB-G RAM G Act replaces the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005.

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Deputy Commissioner of Dimapur, Dr. Tinojongshi Chang has said that progress should not be measured only by infrastructure or economic growth, but by the strength of character within society. He asserted that in a diverse and vibrant state like Nagaland, good citizenship acts as the glue that binds people from different backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs. Speaking at the Chalie Kevichusa Essay Awards 2025 and A. Kevichusa Citizenship Awards 2025, in Dimapur yesterday, Mr. Chang said that remembering and honouring individuals through initiatives that promote good citizenship is one of the most meaningful ways of keeping their legacy alive. Emphasizing that citizenship goes beyond legal identity or voting rights, he said it was reflected in everyday conduct. Mr. Chang added that citizenship is a shared responsibility, where public institutions function effectively only when citizens cooperate actively, and governance remains transparent, accountable and inclusive. Congratulating the recipient of the A. Kevichusa Citizenship Award 2025, the DC said that the awardee stood as a shining example of responsible and committed citizenship.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of a fertilizer plant worth 10 thousand 601 crore rupees at Namrup in Dibrugarh district of Assam today. The project is aimed at strengthening fertilizer production and supporting agricultural growth in the region. The plant will have an annual production capacity of 12.7 lakh metric tonnes of urea. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Modi said, in addition to catering to Assam's fertiliser needs, the plant will serve neighbouring states, reduce dependence on fertilizer imports, generate substantial employment opportunities, and act as a catalyst for industrial development in the region.

Earlier today, Prime Minister visited the Swahid Smarak Kshetra at Paschim Boragaon in Guwahati, where he paid homage to the martyrs of the Assam Movement.

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Vice President CP Radhakrishnan today emphasized on the transformative power of meditation for building a positive and inclusive society. Speaking at the event

marking the Second World Meditation Day held at Kanha Shanti Vanam on the outskirts of Hyderabad this morning, the Vice President said an open and conscious mind will bring positive transformation in public service and society at large.

Emphasizing the country's ancient spiritual heritage, he said meditation in India is not merely a practice but a time-tested science of the mind and spirit. He called upon people to make meditation an integral part of their daily life. The Vice President also said the core values of peace, compassion, unity and harmony are more relevant now than ever in a world marked by divisions and conflict.

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Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the government will introduce a bill against fake fertilizers and pesticides in the next session of Parliament. He expressed concern over the sale of fake fertilizers, pesticides and other unauthorized bio-stimulants disguised under misleading tags. Addressing the 'Chaudhary Charan Singh Kisan Samman Ceremony' organised by Kisan Trust in New Delhi, Mr. Chouhan said, strict laws will be enacted, and stringent actions will be taken against dishonest traders.

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Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya said that Sunday on Cycle has today become a passion and a culture among people. Talking to media on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Sunday on Cycle programm today, Dr Mandaviya said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this initiative was launched to promote fitness and fight obesity.

He said the programme also encourages people to adopt cycling as a solution to reduce pollution. The Minister highlighted that public participation has increased significantly. He highlighted that the initiative began with just 500 participants at

five locations and now being organized at around eight thousand locations across the country.

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The Union Home Ministry has increased the quota of ex-Agniveers for constable recruitment in the Border Security Force from 10 percent to 50 percent. According to a gazette notification, the first batch of ex-Agniveers will also get upper age-limit relaxation up to five years, while the rest of the ex-Agniveers will get relaxation of three years. The notification said that the ex-Agniveers shall also be exempted from Physical Standard Test and Physical Efficiency Test.

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The Railways has rationalized its fare structure with effect from the 26th of this month. Under the revised structure, there will be no increase in fares for journeys of up to 215 kilometers in the Ordinary Class. For journeys beyond 215 kilometers, fares will increase by one paise per kilometer in the Ordinary Class, while fares will go up by two paise per kilometer for Non-AC class in Mail and Express trains. In AC class, the railways has increased the fare by two paise per kilometer. It also highlighted that fare in suburban and monthly season ticket have not been increased.

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Union Science and Technology Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh has said that electric mobility is emerging as a powerful engine of entrepreneurship, employment and livelihoods. He was speaking to the media during a visit to the Electric Vehicle (EV) Expo in New Delhi today. He said, the government-backed ecosystem has enabled young entrepreneurs to start EV-related ventures with modest investments and scale them into high-turnover enterprises. Dr. Singh added that electric mobility represents a promising pathway for innovation-driven growth, self-reliance and sustainable development.

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