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HEADLINES:-

- Nagaland government signs Memorandum of Understanding with Jobs-in-Germany 'GmbH' to expand global employment opportunities for skilled youth.
- Nagaland Board of School Education cancels the examinations of 14 students from eight different schools in Dimapur for their alleged involvement in question paper leak.
- Tribal Welfare Minister Bikash Debbarma says Tripura government is continuously working to bring hidden skills and talents of rural youth into mainstream.
- After 150 years, *Ranunculus trichophyllus* re-discovered in high-altitude wetlands of Tawang district in Arunachal Pradesh.
- State-level workshop on promotion of jute cultivation held at Tura in Meghalaya to encourage farmers to adopt jute cultivation and explore its potential for sustainable livelihoods.
- Manipur State Commission for Women organises one-day sensitization programme in Imphal on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplaces (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal), Act 2013.
- Nagaland register 3–0 victory over Manipur in Group-D match of Santosh Trophy National Football Championship; Meghalaya will take on Sikkim in Shillong in Group-E match on Friday.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

MOU

The Nagaland government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Jobs-in-Germany 'GmbH' to expand global employment opportunities for skilled youth from the state. The agreement provides for German language training, cultural orientation, faculty training, curriculum support and direct linkages with German employers. In the first phase, 22 candidates have been selected for the seven-month training programme which will start in January 2026. The MoU also covers vocational training, apprenticeships and employment opportunities. The MoU is a first-of-its-kind institutional initiative in India, positioning Nagaland as a pioneer in government-led international workforce mobility.

PAPER LEAK

The Nagaland Board of School Education has cancelled the examinations of 14 students from eight different schools in Dimapur for their alleged involvement in a question paper leak during the Class IX (Phase-II) examinations. The decision was taken after

receiving the Police Investigation Report, which confirmed that the leaked question papers were circulated within a closed group of 14 students from eight schools in Dimapur. The investigation revealed that the modus operandi and primary source of the question paper leak originated from PM Shri Government High School, Burma Camp, Dimapur. Consequently, an examination centre for Classes VIII and IX in this school has been withdrawn.

RURAL YOUTH

Tribal Welfare Minister Bikash Debbarma said that the state government is continuously working to bring the hidden skills and talents of rural youth into the mainstream. He added that transforming Tripura into a state rich in skilled human resources is one of the government's key objectives. The minister made these remarks while inaugurating the "Abhayam Project" at Banamalipur Personality Development Centre in Agartala yesterday. He said that even today, many talented individuals in remote rural areas of Tripura are being left behind solely due to a lack of opportunities. The primary objective of the Abhayam Project is to identify such hidden talents, convert them into modern skills, and make the youth self-reliant.

KHANDU

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu yesterday conducted a ground inspection in Tawang town to understand on-ground realities, for planned, people-centric and sustainable urban development guided by community needs. During his visit, he held a meeting with landowners of Gyangkhar village to discuss and plan for future development. He also visited the Buddha Statue (Buddha Park), and the Tawang archery ground at Tawang to review the infrastructure needs. Khandu also applauded the Centre for Financial Literacy team of Jang & Tawang for their efforts in spreading banking and digital awareness to remote areas.

WORKSHOP-JUTE

In Meghalaya, a state-level workshop on promotion of jute cultivation was held at the SMELC Hall, Dakopgre in Tura yesterday. The event aimed to encourage farmers to adopt jute cultivation and explore its potential for sustainable livelihoods. In his address, Manager (O&M) Jute Corporation of India, Partha Sarathi Rontray highlighted the success of the ICAR scheme, which has led to increased production and quality benefits for jute farmers. He emphasized the potential of Meghalaya's soil and climate for jute cultivation and urged farmers to take advantage of the schemes and policies introduced by the government. The technical session covered topics such as I-Care Scheme, certified seeds, modern agronomic practices, and marketing prospects of jute.

ACT

The Manipur State Commission for Women in collaboration with the District Administration, Imphal organised a one-day sensitization programme on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplaces (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal), Act 2013. The programme was held at the Conference Hall, DC Imphal East Office Complex in Porompat. Chairperson of the Commission, Th. Tiningpham Monsang, members and others attended the programme. During the technical session, experts elaborated on the provisions and objectives of the Act, highlighting the mechanisms for prevention and redressal.

HERB

After 150 years, a plant, *Ranunculus trichophyllus* has been re-discovered in the high-altitude wetlands of Tawang district in Arunachal Pradesh, marking its first recorded presence in the state. It was found near P T Tso Lake at an elevation of about 4,000 metres. This cold-water aquatic herb was last documented in Sikkim in 1909.

STUDENTS TOUR

A group of 20 B.Sc Agriculture students from ICAR-IARI, Umiam in Meghalaya, accompanied by two teachers, visited the School of Agricultural Sciences, Nagaland University, Medziphema Campus as part of an educational tour. The students explored key academic and research facilities, including the library, education museum, insect and disease museums, and the All India Coordinated Research Project on Honeybees and Pollinators. The visit provided hands-on learning and insights into agricultural research and innovations. The students also interacted with the Pro Vice-Chancellor Medziphema Campus, Prof. Dipak Sinha.

CLEAN RIVER

Arunachal's 'The Youth Mission for Clean River' has been included in the Mountains of Change booklet under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0. The inclusion showcases a powerful community-led model, inspiring effective waste management solutions for mountainous regions nationwide across India. The Youth Mission for Clean River has been at the forefront of river conservation in Arunachal Pradesh since 2016, mobilizing youths with regular clean-ups, awareness drives, and collaborations to nurture a healthier environment for generations to come.

ORANGE

In Manipur, the 18th edition of State Level Orange Festival 2025 kicked off at the Mini Stadium in Tamenglong district headquarters yesterday. Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla inaugurated the three-day festival. Addressing the gathering, the Governor lauded the unity and cultural diversity of Tamenglong and reiterated the State government's commitment to inclusive development, preservation of indigenous culture and promotion of livelihoods. He highlighted that Tamenglong orange which received the Geographical Indication tag in 2017, contributes over 50 percent of the State's orange production and has emerged as a vital source of income for local farmers. The Governor also participated in a traditional fire-making show and lamp lighting ceremony, which formally kicked off the Orange Competition, and inspected the stalls and visited an orange orchard to interact with local growers.

DESIGNER AWARD

Nyabom Bagra Lomi of Arunachal Pradesh has received the Best Handwoven Fabric Designer Award at the National Designers Award 2025 held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. Minister for Social Justice, Empowerment & Tribal affairs, Kento Jini has termed it a well-deserved recognition and a testament to Bagra Lomi's exceptional craftsmanship, creative vision, and tireless dedication, bringing immense pride to the state and the community.

FILM

After earning top honours at several international film festivals, acclaimed Khasi film, Ha Lyngkha Bneng, directed by noted filmmaker Pradip Kurbah, made an emotional homecoming with a special screening at St Anthony's College, Shillong. The special screening was organised by the Department of Mass Media, St Anthony's College, in collaboration with Kurbah Films, Hello Meghalaya, and Ka Knup Creatives. Ha Lyngkha Bneng has already won major awards, including Best Director, Best Film, and Best Asian Cinema in Moscow, Best Director at the Kolkata Film Festival, and Best Editor at an international film festival in London. MLA, Paul Lyngdoh praised the film as both "realistic and futuristic," stating that it captures the anxieties of a society on the brink of fragmentation. PR = 15

SANTOSH TROPHY

Nagaland yesterday registered victory from Group-D match of the Santosh Trophy National Senior Football Championship, 2025. Nagaland defeated Manipur 3–0 in the match played at Umakanta Mini Stadium, Agartala in Tripura. Meanwhile, the Meghalaya Football Association yesterday announced a 22-member squad for the Santosh Trophy preliminary round to be held in Shillong. The Group E matches in Shillong consist of Meghalaya, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. Meghalaya will take on Sikkim tomorrow, and Arunachal on the 23 of this month. Sikkim and Arunachal will face each other on the 21 of this month.
