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- **Quiet revolution unfolds in Meghalaya as residents step forward to clean streets, villages and public spaces.**
- **Tripura government signs Memorandum of Understanding with Haridwar-based Patanjali Yogpeeth (Trust) to promote collaboration across multiple sectors.**
- **Repolling in Gram Panchayat Segments in Arunachal Pradesh will be held tomorrow.**
- **Manipur observes State Level Vijay Diwas at Auditorium of Manipur State Film Development Society in Imphal.**
- **39 science students from Government Higher Secondary Schools in Nagaland undertake exclusive exposure visit to Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology, Guwahati.**
- **Defence Estates Organisation, Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh receives Raksha Mantri Award for Excellence – 2025 in recognition of its exemplary service, professional dedication and significant contributions to defence land management and record administration.**
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NEWS IN ORDER:-

HIMALAYAN

A preparatory workshop on the Clean Himalayan Hill Cities Initiative was organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi yesterday, bringing together key stakeholders to develop a focused, strategic and outcome-oriented roadmap for achieving visible and sustainable cleanliness in Himalayan hill cities. Presided over by the Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, S. Katikithala, the initiative has brought together urban experts, technical agencies, private partners, technology solution providers, and senior representatives from the 13 North Eastern and Himalayan hill cities. The workshop focusses on evolving a strategy in consultation with a wide range of people from all walks of life. India's Hill and Himalayan States including Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, and select cities in West Bengal, face distinct urban challenges due to fragile ecosystems, steep and unstable terrain, dispersed settlements and extreme climatic conditions.

CLEAN REVOLUTION

In Meghalaya, a quiet revolution is unfolding as residents step forward to care for streets, villages and public spaces once written off as dumping grounds. With brooms in hand and purpose in their stride, these everyday citizens are reclaiming shared spaces as extensions of their own homes. Urban waste is often discussed in terms of infrastructure gaps and policy frameworks, but in the streets of Meghalaya, the response is deeply personal. Plastic bottles and aluminium cans that linger for decades has become one of the most visible signs of neglect in towns and villages. Responding to this challenge, the Urban Affairs Department, Government of Meghalaya has intensified its focus on sustainable waste management. Across the districts of the state, volunteers have taken it upon themselves to clean streets, collect plastic waste, and set examples that quietly influence entire communities and redefining what urban responsibility truly looks like. With these initiatives, Meghalaya's commitment towards a cleaner environment, long after posters fade and campaigns end, will continue its momentum through its Green Deposit scheme.

MoU-PATANJALI

The Tripura government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Haridwar-based Patanjali Yogpeeth (Trust) to promote collaboration across multiple sectors. The MoU signing ceremony was attended by Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha and other senior officials. Under the agreement, the Trust plans to invest and collaborate in Tripura in areas such as biodiversity conservation, bamboo and agarwood value chains, AYUSH and wellness, skill development, tribal welfare, agriculture technology, tourism, information technology, and rural livelihoods. A separate MoU was also signed between the Tripura Forest Department and Patanjali Yogpeeth for the "Development of Forest and Agro-Forest Value Chains" which will focus on research on agarwood including digitization and mapping of forest resources.

REPOLLING

In Arunachal Pradesh, repolling of Gram Panchayat Segments will be held tomorrow. Nongkhong GPS of Namsai, Nisangjang/Besai GPS of Bichom, four GPS in Tirap and Rotom polling station in Kamle district will go for repolling. Counting of votes will be held on the 20th of this month. The polling for the election to 186 Zilla Parishad Constituencies, 1947 Gram Panchayat Constituencies, 16 Itanagar Municipal Corporation and eight Pasighat Municipal corporation was held on the 15th of this month with around 74.92 percent voters turnout.

DIWAS

In Manipur, the State Level Vijay Diwas Observation was held at the Auditorium of Manipur State Film Development Society in Imphal. Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Chief Secretary, Dr. Puneet Kumar Goel, senior officers from the civil administration, police and military along with veterans, students and members of the public attended the observance. In his address, the Governor highlighted the gallantry of Manipur's brave sons, Vir Chakra awardee during Operation SINDOOR-Squadron Leader, Rizwan Malik of the Indian Air Force, Constable Deepak Chingakham of the BSF who was posthumously awarded the Vir Chakra, and Shaurya Chakra awardee, Inspector Jeffrey Hmingchullo Hmar of the CRPF whose courage and sacrifice brought honour to the State and the nation.

He appealed to the citizens to renew their shared resolve to safeguard national unity, preserve peace and uphold democratic ideals.

DIWAS TRIPURA

In Tripura, Vijay Diwas was observed, commemorating the decisive victory of the Indian Armed Forces in the 1971 war. Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu paid homage to brave martyrs of the Indian Armed Forces at the Albert Ekka War Memorial in Lichubagan, Agartala along with Higher Education Minister, Kishore Barman, Director General of Police, Anurag Dhankar, Brigadier Dheeraj Singh, Commander of the 73 Mountain Battalion, Indian Army, and others. Speaking on the relations between India and Bangladesh, the Governor stated that maintaining good relations between neighbours is beneficial for both countries.

INSPECTION

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein yesterday reviewed preparations for the upcoming Parshuram Kund Mela, an annual pilgrimage to be held on sacred days of Makar Sankranti. The mela is scheduled from 12th to 16th January next year. The Deputy Chief Minister along with other officials and key stakeholders inspected the site and river-front area affected by recent floods.

NEP

Tripura Higher Education Minister, Kishore Barman stated that despite the major challenge of achieving 100% implementation of the National Education Policy in the state, the current government is successfully moving towards its rapid and complete execution across Tripura. Speaking in an exclusive interview after attending a fresher's welcome ceremony for new students at Dasharath Deb Memorial College in Khowai New Town Hall, the Minister said that the present administration is working to rectify shortcomings to ensure the NEP is fully reflected in reality.

CITATION

Arunachal Pradesh Governor, KT Parnaik presented the Governor's Citation to the 11th Battalion of Assam Rifles at Lok Bhavan in Itanagar yesterday. The Citation was received by Commandant, Col Vivek Tripathi, Sena Medal along with Subedar Major Lekh Raj and Rifleman (General Duty) Neelesh Kumar, on behalf of all ranks of the Battalion. The Governor congratulated the Commandant and all ranks on behalf of the people of Arunachal Pradesh, and expressed confidence that the Battalion would continue to uphold its high standards of service and dedication.

TRIP

Altogether 39 science students from Government Higher Secondary Schools in Nagaland undertook exclusive exposure visit to the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology, Guwahati. The four days exposure programme from 13th to 16th of this month was organised by the Samagra Shiksha Nagaland, under the Rashtriya Vishkar Abhiyan, with the objective of nurturing scientific curiosity and promoting research-oriented thinking among young learners.

AWARD

The Defence Estates Organisation, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh received the Raksha Mantri Award for Excellence – 2025 in recognition of its exemplary service, professional dedication and significant contributions to defence land management and record administration. The award was presented by Defence Minister, Rajnath

Singh in New Delhi. The award was received by Defence Estates Officer, Itanagar, Gokul Mahajan, on behalf of the organisation. AIR ITANAGAR = 7

ORANGE

In Manipur, a three-day 18th edition of the State Level Orange Festival 2025 will start from today in Tamenglong district, being largest orange producing district in Manipur. Tamenglong Orange has a unique quality and is certified under the GI tag. The Orange Festival is held annually to promote the fruit and encourage the growers. As a curtain raiser, a 12 km long race was organised in Tamenglong headquarter yesterday which was participated by around 400 runners.

JUBILLEE

In Nagaland, the Gorkha Union Mokokchung celebrated its golden jubilee yesterday at town hall Mokokchung. Speaking at the programme, Nagaland Legislative Assembly Speaker, S. Longkumer acknowledged the contribution of the Gorkha community in the development of Mokokchung town over the past decades. He lauded the pioneers and founders of the Union for the history and lasting legacy they have built. Envisioning ‘Vikshit Mokokchung 2047’, the Speaker stressed on the importance of collective contribution and cooperation for all section of the society to achieve a developed Mokokchung by 2047. On the occasion, the jubilee souvenir was released by the Speaker.

SANTOSH TROPHY

Sikkim will participate in the 79th Santosh Trophy National Football Championship, 2025 to be held in Shillong, Meghalaya, from the 19th to 23rd of this month. The Sikkim squad has departed for Meghalaya yesterday. Prior to their departure, a jersey distribution ceremony was held at the Football House, Gangtok. The Sikkim team is led by Head Coach, Gyaltshen D. Moktan, with Ashish Chettri as Assistant Coach, apart from the support staff.
