

HEADLINES:-

- Union Power Minister, Manohar Lal inaugurates commercial operation of 2nd unit of Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project.
- Arunachal Pradesh Governor KT Parnaik chairs high-level security review meeting.
- Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha lays foundation stone for 100-bedded district hospital in Khowai.
- Good Governance Week campaign being observed across Manipur.
- Arunachal Pradesh chief minister Pema Khandu announces launch of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning skilling programme.
- Meghalaya Governor C.H. Vijayashankar visits Cathedral Church in Shillong to extend Christmas greetings.
- All state capitals in northeast illuminated on Christmas Eve.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

SUBANSIRI

Union Power Minister, Manohar Lal, virtually inaugurated the commercial operation of the 2nd unit of 250 megawatts of the two-thousand-MegaWatt Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project. The project is located on the Assam- Arunachal Pradesh border. The project stands as a symbol of India's commitment to clean and sustainable energy, supporting North-East India's growth, strengthening the national grid and advancing India's ambitious Net Zero goals. The Subansiri Project, with eight units of 250 megawatts each, is expected to generate more than 7 thousand 400 million units of renewable electricity annually, contributing significantly to India's green energy future.

MANIPUR

In Manipur, the Good Governance Week campaign is being observed by organising different activities at district levels. The campaign is observed across the country from 19th to 25th December under the theme 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore'. The Jiribam District Administration organised a workshop-cum-grievance redressal camp at DC Office complex as part of the campaign under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Krishna Kumar. The camp focused on grievance redressal and delivery of services to the public on-the-spot under various schemes and programmes. In Kakching district, a short film on the Serou Water Supply Scheme was screened, highlighting the provision of safe drinking water through the newly completed Water Treatment Plant. District Level Workshops were also organised in Churachandpur and Pherzawl on various Government schemes.

ARUNACHAL

Arunachal Pradesh Governor KT Parnaik chaired a high-level security review meeting at Lok Bhavan in Itanagar yesterday. State Home Minister Mama Natung, Chief Secretary Manish Gupta, senior officials, representatives from the State Police, Border Roads, Assam Rifles, and Central Reserve Police Force, Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police of Tirap, Changlang, and Longding Districts, participated in the meeting. Referring to the arrest of agents and highlighting the strategic importance of Arunachal Pradesh, he cautioned that external forces and elements from neighbouring States may attempt to create disturbances. He said that when Arunachal Pradesh is secured, the nation is secured. Home Minister Natung highlighted several important initiatives, including the surrender policy aimed at bringing misguided youth back into the mainstream, the implementation of the e-Inner Line Permit (e-ILP) system, and other measures taken to strengthen internal security and governance.

MACHINE

Arunachal Pradesh chief minister Pema Khandu has announced the launch of an Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning skilling programme in the state following an MoU with Ranchovation Labs Private Limited, supported by IIT Delhi. The initiative will offer a 60-hour job-ready AI course for college students, graduates and youth, along with a five-day AI Explorer Bootcamp for school students from Classes 6 to 12. The programme is scheduled to begin from 12th January 2026.

NAGALAND

Nagaland's Rajya Sabha MP, S Phangnon Konyak, paid tributes to farmers for their tireless dedication in ensuring food security and sustaining lives. On the occasion of National Farmers' Day yesterday, Ms

Konyak said, the hard work and resilience of farmers continue to nurture the soil and strengthen the country. National Farmers' Day is being observed across the country, honouring the invaluable contributions of farmers to the nation's growth and development. The day marks the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Chaudhary Charan Singh, renowned for his deep understanding of rural issues and commitment to farmers' welfare.

SIKKIM

Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, East Sikkim, in collaboration with ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hill Region, organised Kisan Diwas and National Mushroom Day at Namin, Samlick Marchak Gram Panchayat Unit in Gangtok district. Altogether 48 farmers, comprising 27 men and 21 women, from Namin and Samlick villages attended the Farmers' Day function. Union Minister of Agriculture, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, through a live telecast addressing the nation, briefed participants on the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Bill, 2025. The Bill aims to strengthen rural income security by providing 125 days of guaranteed wage employment per household, along with the creation of water security assets, road connectivity, and livelihood-related infrastructure.

GOVERNOR

Sikkim Chief Secretary Ravindra Telang called on Governor Om Prakash Mathur at Lok Bhavan yesterday to discuss developmental progress. The governor emphasized on timely implementation of Central Government schemes to ensure Sikkim's continued progress. Mr Mathur highlighted the importance of infrastructure development, particularly in road connectivity, digital connectivity, which are vital for Sikkim's growth.

TRIPURA

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha yesterday laid foundation stone, performed bhumi pujan and unveiled the plaques for a new 100-bedded district hospital and a 50-bedded de-addiction and rehabilitation centre at Dhalabil in Khowai district. He also virtually inaugurated eight more projects, including newly constructed government residential quarters, installation of the statue of Syama Prasad Mukherjee, inauguration of a park, among others. The chief minister said that the State Budget in the previous financial year stood at 27,000 crore rupees, which has been increased to 32,000 crore rupees for the 2025-26 financial year. He said that the enhanced budget allocation has been made primarily to improve the quality of infrastructure across the state. Highlighting Tripura's development initiatives, he said that it is the only state where an e-Office system at the three-tier Panchayat level has been introduced to facilitate smoother functioning of Panchayati Raj institutions.

WASTE

Tripura Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu yesterday said that the Central Government has laid greater emphasis on segregation and processing of waste materials to reduce soil and atmospheric pollution. The Governor inspected the waste processing centre operated by the Agartala Municipal Corporation at Devendra Nagar. He stressed the need to increase the pace of waste collection and processing by handling larger quantities of waste. Describing Agartala as a beautiful city, the Governor said that waste collection and processing must be carried out in a proper and systematic manner to maintain its cleanliness.

SKILL

Tripura Panchayat Minister Kishore Barman has said the Panchayat Department has laid special emphasis on skill development and employment generation for citizens in rural areas. He also stated that the Central Government's new law, G Ram G, replacing MGNREGA, will play a crucial role in creating rural employment and preventing financial irregularities. Under this initiative, the Central Government has earmarked nearly 1.5 lakh crore rupees, with an allocation of 1 crore for the development of each Gram Panchayat across the country.

GUV

Meghalaya Governor C.H. Vijayashankar yesterday visited the Cathedral Church at Laitumkhrah to extend Christmas greetings to the Christian community of the State. During the visit, the church choir presented Christmas hymns and songs. The Catholic Association of Shillong, thanked the Governor for visiting the church and for extending his best wishes to the entire Christian community of Meghalaya. The Governor praised the church and appreciated the choir members for their performance.

CM

Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma yesterday spread Christmas cheer at Tura market with a series of spontaneous humanitarian gestures that touched many. Arriving without official protocol, the Chief Minister interacted freely with vendors and shoppers, extending festive greetings. During the visit, he assisted several specially-abled individuals and purchased a pair of shoes for a man who requested help. He also responded to a mother's appeal by arranging a sweater for her daughter and shoes for her. Mr Sangma spent time speaking with visually impaired persons, listening to their concerns and offering words of encouragement.

EVE

All state capitals in the northeast have been illuminated in festive splendour on Christmas Eve. Streets, markets, and landmarks have transformed into dazzling spectacles of lights and colours. Police Bazar-Kyndailad in Shillong, the scenic Tura supermarket, churches and public places are decorated with Christmas trees.
