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THE HEADLINES :-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates Grand International Exposition of Sacred Piprahwa Relics.
- Nation's first Vande Bharat sleeper train to run between Guwahati and Kolkata.
- Draft photo roll published for Koridang Assembly Constituency in Mokokchung district.
- President, Nagaland Archery Association, Chekrovolu Swuro elected as Vice-President, Archery Association of India.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated the Grand International Exposition of Sacred Piprahwa Relics related to Bhagwan Buddha, titled The Light and the Lotus: Relics of the Awakened One, at the Rai Pithora Cultural Complex in New Delhi. He also unveiled the catalogue of this Exposition. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Modi said that the wisdom and path shown by Bhagwan Buddha belong to all of humanity, and his sacred relics are not merely artefacts but part of the country's revered heritage. He said, these relics are an inseparable part of its civilization.

The Exposition brings together, for the first time, the Piprahwa relics repatriated after more than a century from Piprahwa that are preserved in the collections of the National Museum, New Delhi, and the Indian Museum, Kolkata.

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Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav today inspected the nation's first Vande Bharat sleeper train. Talking to the media Mr. Vaishnav said that the train is designed for overnight and long-haul journeys. He stated that the fully air-conditioned sleeper service will be flagged off in the second half of this month between Guwahati and Kolkata, marking a major upgrade in long-distance rail journeys under Indian Railways. The Union Minister added that the Vande Bharat sleeper marks the next phase of India's semi-high-speed rail transformation, promising faster travel, better comfort and modern safety systems.

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Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Nagaland has informed that the draft photo roll has been published for Koridang Assembly Constituency in Mokokchung district where bye-election is due. The CEO Office further informed that Integrated Draft Electoral Roll will be publication on 3rd January and filing claims and objections can be done from 3rd to 24 January, while disposal of claims and objections will be done on 7th February. It stated that the final Electoral Roll will be published on 14th February. It also stated that electors can file claims and objections with the concerned Booth Level Officer or with the Assistant Electoral Registration Officer and Electoral Registration Officer. The draft electoral rolls for Koridang AC is accessible in the voters' portal, voters.eci.gov.in/download-eroll?stateCode=S17

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Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio has condoled the demise of former Angami Public Organization President, Kekhriengulie Linyü, who passed away today in Dimapur after a prolonged illness. In his message, Mr. Rio described Mr. Linyü as a calm and composed gentleman, known for his honesty and selfless nature. He said, before devoting himself fully to social service, Mr. Linyü served the Government of Nagaland in various capacities with dedication and sincerity. Mr. Rio stated that after his retirement as Additional Director and HoD, Department Land Records & Survey, Mr. Linyü continued his service to society as the President of the Angami Public Organization. The Chief Minister added that

during his tenure, Mr. Linyü took up several important issues concerning the Naga people and stood firmly for justice and truth.

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President, Nagaland Archery Association, Chekrovolu Swuro, has been elected to the post of Vice-President, Archery Association of India. The announcement was made at the recently concluded Annual General Meeting which was held alongside the 2025 Senior National Archery Championship in Hyderabad. The Nagaland Archery Association has congratulated Ms. Swuro and express gratitude to the Archery Association of India for recognizing and reposing their faith in a most deserving candidate.

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Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan has asserted that integrating traditional Wisdom with Modern Science is important for living a healthy life. Speaking at the event connected to National Siddha Day at Chennai today, he said that Siddha is a living tradition and not a Relic of the Past. The Vice-President said that traditional health systems such as Siddha, Ayurveda, Unani and Yoga, under the AYUSH umbrella, are time-tested practices that continue to contribute to the well-being of millions.

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The Election Commission has invited all citizens to download the ECINet App and give their suggestions to improve it by using the 'Submit a Suggestion' tab on this App. Citizens can submit their suggestions till the 10th of this month. ECINet App is a single, unified App for citizens integrating the earlier 40 separate election-related Applications such as Voter Helpline App, cVIGIL, Saksham, Polling Trends and Know Your Candidate App into one interface. ECINet is one of the major initiatives of the Commission taken under the leadership of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. Work on the development of the ECINet App started after its announcement in May last year. The trial versions of the new ECINet App enable better voter services, quicker availability of polling percentage trends and also the publication of Index Cards within 72 hours of the close of polls.

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Over 2,400 National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets, including eight hundred 98 girls from across the country, will participate in the National Cadet Corps' Republic Day Camp 2026. This shows an increase in the number of girl cadets across all states as compared to the previous year. The camp for this year's event started in 30th of last month. Addressing a press conference in New Delhi today, Director General of NCC, Lieutenant General Virendra Vats said, 127 cadets from Jammu and Kashmir, along with Ladakh and 131 cadets from the North East region are participating. He said that cadets and officers from 25 friendly foreign countries are also scheduled to take part in the celebrations under the Youth Exchange Programme. During the Republic Day Parade, the cadets will participate in various activities, including firing and marching in a contingent, which will culminate with the Prime Minister's rally on the 28th of this month.

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The Information and Broadcasting Ministry has announced the winners of four creative challenges under the Badalta Bharat Mera Anubhav campaign. The challenges were organized in collaboration with the MyGov platform. Under the campaign, citizens were invited to share their personal experiences and creative expressions reflecting the country's transformation over the last 11 years under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047, the campaign witnessed enthusiastic participation from citizens belonging to diverse age groups and backgrounds.

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