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HEADLINES:-

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- Meghalaya will table report of Expert Committee on State Job Reservation Policy, 1972 in upcoming Budget Session of State Assembly.
- Installation of natural gas pipeline between Tripura and Mizoram is expected to be completed by December 2027.
- Tripura government plans to integrate all panchayats with modern Artificial Intelligence technology.
- Nagaland recognised as 'Leader' for developing a strong startup ecosystem in state.
- Meghalaya secures third rank nationally in Compliance Reduction and Deregulation 1.0 by successfully completing all 23 priority reform areas.
- Arunachal Pradesh Minister for Rural Works, PD Sona takes stock of progress of PMGSY and VVP projects under Rural Works Department.
- Tripura Labour Minister, Tinku Roy says 6,56,140 job card holders covered under VB G RAM G-Act.
- Union Secretary for Ministry of DoNER, Chanchal Kumar appreciates recently established Ginger Processing Unit in Mizoram.
- Nagaland Climate Action Forum 2024 gears up to address growing challenges through action-oriented engagement on urban climate risks.
- Filmmaker from Sikkim, Tribeny Rai honoured with Dr. V. Shantaram Debut Director Award at 22nd Third Eye Asian Film Festival.
- North East Integration Rally reaches Dimapur in Nagaland to promote unity, collaboration, and inclusive development across North Eastern states.
- Three-day Flying Festival & Paragliding Accuracy Championship 2026 flagged off at Thumki Dara and Amba Dara, Pakyong district in Sikkim.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

MODI:

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi will visit Assam today evening. During his two-day long visit, the Prime Minister will lay foundation stones of development projects, flag off two trains and attend several programmes. The Prime Minister will flag off 2 New Amrit Bharat Express trains - Guwahati (Kamakhya)-Rohtak Amrit Bharat Express and Dibrugarh-Lucknow (Gomti Nagar) Amrit Bharat Express. These new train services will strengthen rail connectivity between the Northeast and Northern India, enabling safer and more convenient travel for the people. Today evening, the Prime Minister will participate in the Bagurumba Dwhou 2026 in Guwahati where more than 10,000 artists from the Bodo community will perform Bagurumba dance in a single synchronised presentation.

Tomorrow, he will perform Bhoomi Pujan for the Kaziranga Elevated Corridor Project, worth over 6,950 crore rupees at Kaliabor in Nagaon district.

CABINET:

The Meghalaya Cabinet yesterday decided to table a report of an Expert Committee on the Meghalaya State Job Reservation Policy, 1972, in the upcoming Budget Session of the Assembly. Speaking after the Cabinet meeting, Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma said, the report was discussed and unanimously agreed to be placed before the House. Sangma maintained that it would be inappropriate to disclose the report's contents before it is formally tabled, stressing that the detailed document requires careful deliberation in the Assembly.

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE:

Installation of natural gas pipeline between Tripura and Mizoram is in progress with 45 per cent of the project being completed so far. Officials of the Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited, which executes the project said, the 119.5 km project implemented under North East Natural Gas Pipeline Grid is expected to be completed by December 2027. Meanwhile, Mizoram Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister, B. Lalchhanzova visited Tripura and inspected the gas pipeline project. The Tripura-Mizoram gas pipeline originates from the Panisagar receiving terminal in Tripura. He also visited Subham Solitaire, a world-class residential complex in Agartala, with about 330 households installing gas pipeline connections. The Minister hoped that the project, when completed, will generate employment and facilitate establishment of major industries in Mizoram.

PANCHAYATS:

Tripura Panchayat Minister, Kishore Barman yesterday said that Gram Panchayat is the most important platform for improving the living standards of rural people and meeting their basic needs. Addressing the ceremony of the newly proposed building of Bagabasa Gram Panchayat under Nalchar Block in Sipahijala district, the Minister said, all panchayats in the state have been connected with internet services. An e-filing system has been introduced from the panchayat level up to the State Cabinet, a first-of-its-kind initiative in the entire country. The government also planned to integrate all panchayats with modern Artificial Intelligence technology.

STARTUP RANKING:

Nagaland was recognised as a 'Leader' for developing a strong startup ecosystem in the state. From the North East, Manipur and Meghalaya were also placed in the Leader category, while Arunachal Pradesh featured among the best performers. The award was presented during the National Startup Day celebration in New Delhi yesterday. Advisor, Industries and Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu, expressed pride over the achievement and recalled the Nagaland government's commitment in March 2025 to improve Nagaland's position after remaining in the 'Aspire' category for a long period. Jakhalu credited the startup community for helping to place Nagaland among the leading states in the national startup ranking.

MEGHALAYA RANK:

Meghalaya has secured third rank nationally in Compliance Reduction and Deregulation 1.0 by successfully completing all 23 priority reform areas. Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma said, the reforms covered key sectors including land, building and construction, labour, utilities, permissions and overarching governance priorities. He said Deregulation 1.0 aims to simplify regulations, streamline processes and improve Ease of Doing Business by reducing unnecessary compliance burdens.

REVIEW MEETING:

Arunachal Pradesh Minister for Rural Works, PD Sona chaired a Circle-level review meeting of Miao and Namsai Circles at Namsai district, taking stock of the progress of PMGSY and VVP projects under the Rural Works Department. During

the meeting, a project-wise assessment, discussion on timelines to ensure quality execution and timely completion of road works, were undertaken. The Minister emphasised that quality and timelines must go hand in hand, and directed all stakeholders to remain fully accountable and committed on the ground, as most PMGSY works are expected to be completed by March 2026. In addition, discussions were held with engineers and contractors to address bottlenecks and ensure smoother execution.

LABOUR:

Tripura Labour Minister, Tinku Roy yesterday said that at present 6,56,140 job card holders are covered under the VB G RAM G-Act in the state, resulting in a total workforce of around 10.20 lakh labourers. The Minister informed that West Tripura district alone has 88,635 job card holders, with the number of labourers standing at around 1.20 lakh. Speaking on reforms under the Act, the Minister said, for the North Eastern region and other backward states, the funding pattern has been revised, with the State government contributing 10 percent and 90 percent by the Central government.

MIZORAM-DoNER:

Union Secretary for Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Chanchal Kumar yesterday appreciated the recently established Ginger Processing Unit in Mizoram and noted that ginger has become a major source of livelihood for a large number of farmers in the State. During his meeting with Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma, various developmental initiatives being undertaken in Mizoram with support from the Ministry of DoNER were discussed. The Chief Minister requested for early resolution to pending projects proposed by the Mizoram government under the Ministry and emphasized the need to expedite and simplify procedures, as delays in approvals and fund sanctions often affect the timely implementation of projects.

CLIMATE-NAGALAND:

Nagaland Climate Action Forum 2024, is gearing up to address the growing challenges through action-oriented engagement on urban climate risks, themed 'From Heat to Action: Rethinking Urban Resilience in Dimapur,' to be held on the 21st of this month. Addressing a press conference, Dimapur Municipal Council CEO, T. Tungoe said, rising temperatures, urban flooding, infrastructure stress and public health concerns have made climate resilience planning an urgent priority. The forum will bring together policymakers, urban planners, climate experts, civil society, and community stakeholders on a common platform to deliberate, and share evidence-based insights, and collectively chart practical pathways for building a climate-resilient Dimapur.

FILM AWARD:

Filmmaker from Sikkim, Tribeny Rai was honoured with the Dr. V. Shantaram Debut Director Award at the 22nd Third Eye Asian Film Festival. Rai's debut feature film, 'Shape of Momo', was selected for the Indian Competition section of the festival. Gaumaya Gurung received the Jury Award for Best Actor (Female) for her extraordinary performance in 'Shape of Momo'. The awards were accepted on behalf of the filmmaker and actor by the film's cinematographer, Archana Ghangrekar, at the closing ceremony held in Mumbai.

RALLY:

The North East Integration Rally, organised by the Knowledge Research Centre Foundation has reached Dimapur in Nagaland. The rally aimed to promote unity, collaboration, and inclusive development across the North Eastern states. In a programme held at North East Zone Cultural Centre Dimapur, Managing Trustee of KRC Foundation, Biswadeep Gupta, highlighted the importance of collective thinking and unity, describing the initiative as a step towards fostering the vision of "One Northeast." Gupta said, the KRC Foundation is promoting the concept of "5E

for Success” — Education, Employment, Employability, Entrepreneurship, and Emotional Intelligence.

FLYING FESTIVAL:

The three-day Flying Festival & Paragliding Accuracy Championship 2026, was flagged off at Thumki Dara and Amba Dara, Pakyong district, Sikkim yesterday. The festival is to promote Rhenock as an emerging adventure and community-based tourism destination. The Paragliding Accuracy Championship attracts the participation of 62 paragliders from Nepal, Mizoram, Assam, Meghalaya, Borderland Territorial Council, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Sikkim, Ladakh, Goa and Arunachal Pradesh.
