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HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in concluding session of the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2026 today.
- Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Chowna Mein attends Pre Budget Consultation meeting for the forthcoming Union Budget 2026-27 in New Delhi.
- Congress in Meghalaya criticises Centre for repealing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.
- Three-day Zonal Youth Convention of the Shillong Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Movement, Zone Two, concluded.
- Arunachal SARAS Fair 2026 will be held from 16th to 25th of this month at Dorjee Khandu Convention Centre in Itanagar.
- State Bank of India, Shillong Branch celebrates the 100th year of dedicated service to the people of Meghalaya.

DAY

Today is National Youth Day. It commemorates the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. On the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the concluding session of the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2026 this evening in New Delhi. Mr Modi will interact with around three thousand youth from across the country, along with young delegates representing the international diaspora. Selected participants will make their final presentations to the Prime Minister across ten thematic tracks, sharing youth-led perspectives and actionable ideas on key areas of national importance. During the programme, the Prime Minister will release the Essay Compilation for Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2026, comprising selected essays authored by young participants on India's developmental priorities and long-term nation-building goals. The Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue, now in its second edition, is a national platform designed to facilitate structured engagement between India's youth and national leadership. Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue aligns with the Prime Minister's Independence Day call to engage one lakh youth in politics without political affiliations and provide them a national platform to make their ideas for Viksit Bharat a reality.

ACT

The Congress in Meghalaya has strongly criticised the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) BJP led Government at the Centre for repealing the Mahatma

Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) 2005, replacing it with VB-G Ram G-Act, 2025. The Congress said the repealing the two-decade old Act brought during the Congress rule at the Centre, is a ploy to weaponize the Congress and Non-Congress states in the country. Speaking to the media at a Press in Shillong, the Chairman of MPCC Media Department, Lang Kubar War said the Southern Indian states have vehemently opposed the new Act, as it will adversely impact on the rural economy, particularly that of the women workforce. When asked whether the party would put up a strong fight against the Central Act, War said this week, the party will organise a hunger strike, peaceful rallies and awareness campaign in all the Blocks, Districts of Meghalaya in protect against the new Act.

FAIR

Arunachal SARAS Fair 2026 is going to be held from 16th to 25th of this month at Dorjee Khandu Convention Centre, Itanagar. The Fair will showcase rural crafts, handlooms, and supporting women entrepreneurs, with exciting additions like K-Pop Fest, Cosplay, and Dance Battles, focusing on local talent and rural empowerment.

TOURNAMENT

Tripura Power Minister Ratan Lal Nath yesterday inaugurated the Atal Cup Cricket Tournament at Mohanpur in Agartala and highlighted the importance of sports in shaping both individuals and society. Addressing the inaugural programme, the Minister said that sports are not limited to physical exercise alone, but represent a deeper philosophy of life that instils discipline, teamwork and a positive outlook. He said that the tournament has been organised to commemorate the memory of former Prime Minister late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, whose ideals and vision continue to inspire the nation. The Minister further said that the youth of Tripura are highly talented and must actively participate in sports and other co-curricular activities for their all-round development. He informed that 64 teams are participating in the Atal Cup Cricket Tournament, reflecting the growing enthusiasm for sports among young players in the state.

FROGS

Arunachal Pradesh added two frog species to its biodiversity record- *Leptobrachium somani* and *Leptobrachium mechuka*. Identified after years of dedicated field research and advanced scientific analysis, these newly documented species highlight the rich and still unfolding biodiversity of the State. The researchers reaffirmed the ecological importance of Arunachal's forests and river ecosystems.

INITIATIVE:

As part of the National Legal Service Authority pan India Environmental Legal Literacy & Community Protection initiative titled "Protect Today, Secure Tomorrow," was organised yesterday by the District Legal Services Authority, West Jaintia Hills in Meghalaya in collaboration with the Forest department. The objective of the programme is to strengthen public awareness on environmental laws and community level environmental protection. The programme also aimed to enhance legal awareness on environmental issues, promote simple, affordable and preventive environmental practices and empower communities, especially vulnerable groups by informing them of their environmental rights and the available grievance redressal.

SBI:

The State Bank of India, Shillong Branch celebrated a historic milestone, marking 100 years of dedicated service to the people of Meghalaya on Saturday. The centenary celebration was held at the U Soso Tham Auditorium in Shillong, under the theme "Celebrating a Milestone of Service, Trust & Commitment to the

Community.” The programme began with the inauguration of the heritage gallery followed by lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by the theme song presented by the employees of SBI Shillong Branch. Also to commemorate the occasion, special centenary stamps was released on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Shillong Constituency Dr Ricky A J Syngkon lauded the State Bank of India for its century-long contribution towards nation-building and regional development, particularly in Meghalaya.

CONVENTION:

The three-day Zonal Youth Convention of the Shillong Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Movement, Zone Two, concluded yesterday at the Cathedral of Mary Help of Christians, Laitumkrah in Shillong. More than thousand youth delegates from five parishes of Nongthymmai, Laitumkrah, Laban, Upper Shillong and Mawnianglah took part in the convention, which focused on moral formation, catechism and leadership development. The final day began with a Holy Mass celebrated by Zonal Youth Director Father Rister Malngiang. Youths who excelled in academics and sports were also felicitated. Addressing the valedictory programme, Pastoral Secretary Damily Massar urged young people to keep Christ at the centre of their lives. The convention concluded with a renewed commitment among the youth to live a Christ-centred life and be messengers of hope in society.

CAMP

In Tripura, a blood donation camp was organised yesterday at the Jolaibari Community Hall on the occasion of the first bi-annual South District Convention of the Health Departmental Rashtrabadi Employees’ Union. The camp was formally inaugurated by Tripura’s Cooperative Minister, Shuklacharan Noatia. Addressing the gathering after inaugurating the camp, the Minister appreciated the initiative of the organisation and highlighted the importance of voluntary blood donation as a humanitarian service that can save countless lives. He encouraged people from all sections of society, especially government employees and youth, to come forward for such noble causes. A total of 29 persons voluntarily donated blood at the camp, contributing to strengthening the healthcare system and supporting patients in need.
