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HEADLINES:-

- Search and rescue operations continues in mine explosion at Mynsngat village in Meghalaya's East Jaintia Hills District.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma says India and the United States securing a framework for an interim trade agreement will empower diverse sectors of the country.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu says India-US interim trade framework will make Indian businesses more competitive in global markets.
- Sikkim government constitutes a board to train youth for employment opportunities in foreign countries.
- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh chairs a review meeting for Economic Revival of the State by promoting Integrated Farming System in the State.
- Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha says youth must play a leading role in realising the vision of Vikshit Bharat 2047.
- Mizoram Governor Vijay Kumar Singh lauds the long-standing camaraderie between armed forces and local communities.

OPERATION:

In Meghalaya, search and rescue operations are continuing following the mine explosion at Mynsngat, Thangsko area, with teams from the NDRF, SDRF, Special Rescue Team Police, and District Administration engaged in the operation. Two additional bodies were recovered yesterday, taking the total death toll to 27. The affected mine sites were thoroughly searched, and operations will resume today to ensure complete coverage. The District Administration, East Jaintia Hills District has intensified enforcement drives against illegal mining, deputing five teams comprising of Executive Magistrates, Police and officials from the Directorate of Mineral Resources. In addition, makeshift camps used in connection with illegal mining activities were identified and destroyed during the enforcement operations.

AGREEMENT:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday said India and the United States securing a framework for an interim trade agreement will empower diverse sectors of the country. He said it will also lead to enhanced innovation, tech

partnerships, resilient supply chains and global growth. He said the deal boosts 'Make in India', empowering entrepreneurs, MSMEs, startups, fishermen, women and youth with jobs and opportunities. India and the US reached a framework for an interim trade agreement under which both sides will reduce import duties on a number of goods to boost two-way trade.

APROVAL:

The Assam cabinet yesterday approved the constitution of the 8th state pay commission, besides allotment of land for various educational institutions. It also cleared the revised Operations and Maintenance Policy under the Jal Jeevan Mission in line with central government directives. Briefing reporters on the cabinet decisions, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said, The constitution of the 8th Assam Pay Commission, 2026, to examine and recommend revisions in pay, allowances, service conditions and others, keeping in view the resource position of the state, has been approved.

RALLY:

Mizoram Governor Vijay Kumar Singh yesterday lauded the long-standing camaraderie between the armed forces and local communities. Addressing a statewide ex-servicemen rally, Singh, himself a decorated retired general, commended the courage and devotion to duty displayed by veterans, describing their discipline as a model for the nation. The governor highlighted Mizoram's proud tradition of peace and mutual respect, praising the unique harmony, mutual respect and goodwill shared between civilians and personnel in uniform. He described the rally as a clear reflection of mutual trust and cooperation between the public and the armed forces.

ROLE:

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha said that the youth must play a leading role in realising the vision of Vikshit Bharat 2047, as they are the nation's greatest human resource. He was speaking at the Budget Youth Conference organised by the BJP Pradesh Yuva Morcha at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Town Hall in Agartala yesterday. Reacting to the Union Budget, the Chief Minister said that the budget reflects the vision of Vikshit Bharat 2047, with special emphasis on maintaining balance between national income and expenditure, while ensuring economic and social development. He added that the Union budget aims to ensure strong economic growth by reducing fiscal deficit, controlling inflation and maintaining a balance in capital expenditure.

SOCIETY:

Tripura Tribal Welfare Minister Bikash Debbarma yesterday called for united and collective efforts to eliminate the social evil of child marriage from society. The Minister was addressing an awareness meeting organised under the ICDS project at the BAC Committee Hall of Mungiakami Block on the themes of "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" and the "Child Marriage Free India Campaign". Highlighting various initiatives, the Minister stated that several educational institutions, including

Eklavya Model Residential Schools, are being established to ensure quality education and self-reliance among both boys and girls.

MEETING:

In Manipur, Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh chaired a review meeting for Economic Revival of the State by promoting Integrated Farming System in the State at the Cabinet Hall of the Chief Minister's Secretariat in Imphal yesterday. During the meeting, the Chief Minister instructed the concerned authorities to promote alternative crop cultivation along with allied activities in the hill districts. The meeting also deliberated on the State's potential for the export of agriculture and horticulture products. The meeting aimed to explore ways to boost the State's economy through integrated farming practices, leveraging the State's potential in agriculture and horticulture. The Chief Minister's directives are expected to give a fillip to the State's economic revival efforts.

SIKKIM:

The Sikkim government has constituted a board to train youth and facilitate ethical and remunerative employment opportunities in foreign countries, officials said yesterday. The Foreign Employment and Recruitment Facilitation Board has been set up under the Skill Development Department, they said. The board aims to create a robust institutional mechanism to support mobilisation, training and placement of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled youth from Sikkim for overseas employment, they added. PTI=8

SANCTION:

The centre has sanctioned more than 3 crore 87 lakh houses to the States and Union Territories under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin. In a written reply in the Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for Rural Development Dr Chander Shekhar Pemmasani said that out of the sanctioned houses, more than two crore 95 lakh houses have been completed as on 2nd of this month. The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin from 1st April, 2016, to construct four crore 95 lakh houses by March 2029. NSD

TRADE:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu yesterday said the India-US interim trade framework will make Indian businesses more competitive in global markets. He said the framework has the potential to reduce compliance burdens, streamline export procedures and bring down costs for consumers. He credited the initiative to the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

CYCLISTS :

Roing in Lower Dibang Valley district, Arunachal Pradesh is all set to host the 22nd National Mountain Bike Championship 2026 from the 12th to 15th this month bringing together top cyclists from across the country. Around 500 riders are expected to participate in the prestigious national event. The large turnout is anticipated to make it one of the biggest cycling competitions ever hosted in the region. The event will provide significant exposure to local riders, offering them a valuable platform to compete alongside seasoned cyclists, gain experience, and showcase their talent at the national level.
