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HEADLINES:-

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- Union Budget reinforces Central government's commitment to Meghalaya's development with enhanced fiscal support through higher tax devolution and increased allocations under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment.
- Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha describes 2026-27 union budget as people-centric budget reflecting vision of Vikshit Bharat 2047.
- Two civil society organisations in Manipur urges Union Home Minister Amit Shah to provide details of Suspension of Operations pact signed by central and state governments with militant groups.
- Mizoram government commences procurement of ginger from farmers as part of its agricultural marketing support initiative.
- Four individuals and one musical group from Nagaland conferred with Governor's Award for their outstanding contributions in preserving, enriching, and reimagining cultural identity of the state.
- Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurates 67 school buildings and lays foundation for 61 more with a total investment of 760 crore rupees.
- Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha inaugurates several projects in Killa block of Gomati district.
- Sikkim Chief Minister extends heartiest congratulations to His Holiness the Dalai Lama on receiving Grammy Award for Best Audiobook Narration.
- Naga paralympian, Hokato Hotozhe Sema, currently serving as Subedar in Assam Regiment becomes first Indian Army para-athlete to be decorated with both Vishisht Seva Medal and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal.
- Mountaineer, Kabak Yano from Arunachal Pradesh successfully scales Mount Aconcagua, the highest peak in South America, as part of her ambitious 7-Summit Mountaineering Expedition.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

RAILWAYS:

Railway Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw yesterday said that over 11,400 crore rupees has been allocated for the North Eastern states under his ministry in the Union Budget 2026-2027, a five-fold increase from the allocation about a decade ago.

Addressing reporters via video conference, Vaishnav said, projects worth 72,468 crore rupees are already underway in the region. He said a new dimension for the Northeast in the railways sector is unfolding as work on ongoing projects progressing well.

MEGHALAYA SASCI:

The Union Budget has reinforced the Central government's commitment to Meghalaya's development with enhanced fiscal support through higher tax devolution and increased allocations under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment, enabling the State to accelerate capital expenditure and infrastructure creation. As per the Union Budget Estimates for 2026–27, Meghalaya has been allocated 9,631 crore rupees under tax devolution. The Union Budget has also strengthened capital investment through SASCI under which, 50-year interest-free loans are extended to States, with the entire interest burden borne by the Centre, over and above the recommendations of the Finance Commission. Under this scheme, Meghalaya has received 6,523 crore rupees from 2020–21 to 2025–26 till January 2026. The Union Budget support has also enabled wide coverage of flagship welfare schemes in Meghalaya.

TRIPURA BUDGET:

Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha yesterday described the 2026–27 union budget as a people-centric budget, stating that it reflects the vision of Vikshit Bharat–2047. Addressing a press conference at the BJP State Head office in Agartala, the Chief Minister said, the budget has been formulated with a focus on future economic growth, social development and a clear roadmap for the state and the country. He added that special emphasis has been laid on infrastructure development to accelerate overall progress. Highlighting the agricultural sector, Dr. Saha said, priority has been given to ensure fair and remunerative prices for farmers' produce. He also stated that the budget accords significant importance to the expansion and upgradation of educational infrastructure.

ORGANISATIONS:

Two civil society organisations in Manipur yesterday urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah to provide details of the Suspension of Operations pact signed by the central and state governments with militant groups. In a memorandum sent to Shah through the Lok Bhavan in Imphal, the Indigenous People's Forum, Manipur and the Foothills Naga Co-ordination Committee sought to know the status and implementation of the Suspension of Operations agreement, which was entered into in 2008 as a measure to restore peace and stability in the state. The statement said, the pact signed with the Kuki National Organisation and the United People's Front was extended in the interest of peace and stability, with certain modifications intended to tighten monitoring and compliance.

GAS:

Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma yesterday said efforts are being made to expedite the exploration of natural gas and oil in the state. Lalduhoma said that attempts are also on to harness the state's green energy potential. Inaugurating "Saksham," a two-week oil and gas conservation awareness campaign in Aizawl, he said, the state is continuing to follow up on the exploration of oil and gas beneath the ground in Mizoram to ensure the work is carried out more rapidly.

PANCHAYAT:

Tripura has once again reached the pinnacle of national pride by achieving success in the Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0. This was announced by Tripura Panchayat Minister, Kishore Barman. He informed that the Jugal Kishore Nagar Village Committee of Jampuijala Block in Sepahijala district secured the first position nationwide in the Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0. The Dakshin Nalchar Gram Panchayat of Nalchar Block secured the third position and the Chesrimai Gram Panchayat of Charilam Block secured the fourth position.

GINGER:

The Mizoram government yesterday commenced the procurement of ginger from farmers as part of its agricultural marketing support initiative. According to officials, the procurement process was carried out in various parts of Mizoram in accordance with arrangements made by the District Agriculture Marketing Committees. The purchase will take place through designated Primary Collection Centres and Secondary Collection Centres. In addition, brooms will be purchased between February and March, while spices and turmeric will be procured between February and April.

AWARD:

In Nagaland, four individuals and one musical group from Nagaland were conferred with the Governor's Award for their outstanding contributions in preserving, enriching, and reimagining the cultural identity of the state. The awards were presented by Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla at Dr. Imkongliba Ao Hall, Lok Bhavan, Kohima yesterday. Manyei Konyak from Mon and Guru Rarenbenba from Mokokchung were honoured in the field of Arts, while Coloured Keys from Chümoukedima and Moko Koza from Phek district received the award in the field of Music. Vishü Rita Krocha was conferred the award in the field of Literature. Congratulating the awardees, the Governor said that in a rapidly changing world where modernity often overshadows tradition, the role of artists, musicians, and writers has become even more significant.

BUILDINGS:

Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday inaugurated 67 school buildings and laid the foundation for 61 more with a total investment of 760 crore rupees, aiming to create world-class learning environments across the state. Speaking at the central function at Sonapur, Sarma said, the day was 'historic and transformative for the state's education sector. The 67 school buildings have been constructed at a cost of around 483 crore rupees.

INAUGURATION:

Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha yesterday inaugurated several projects in Killa block of Gomati district. Among inaugurated projects include the newly constructed Astro-turf synthetic football mini-stadium in Atharobhola ADC Village area of Killa block. The Chief Minister also virtually inaugurated a 50-bed ST girls' hostel attached to the Dasharath Deb Memorial English Medium Model School, and a 10-bed primary health center and staff quarters in the Nitya Bazar area.

DALAI LAMA:

Sikkim Chief Minister extended heartiest congratulations to His Holiness the Dalai Lama on receiving the Grammy Award for Best Audiobook Narration for the book "Meditations: The Reflections of His Holiness the Dalai Lama". This recognition

honors a lifetime devoted to awakening compassion, wisdom, and universal responsibility.

DNA CLUBS:

To enable students in schools, colleges, and various educational institutions to receive hands-on training in science and technology alongside their studies, the Tripura government has established DNA clubs in 222 educational institutions across the state. Tripura Science and Technology Minister, Animesh Debbarma said this after inaugurating the DNA club at Khowai English Medium Higher Secondary School under khowai district yesterday. He informed that fifty more educational institutions are also getting new DNA clubs.

SEMA:

Naga paralympian, Hokato Hotozhe Sema, currently serving as Subedar in the Assam Regiment, has been conferred with the prestigious Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, becoming the first Indian Army para-athlete to be decorated with both the Vishisht Seva Medal and AVSM. Highlighting the achievement on social media, PHE Minister, Jacob Zhimomi said, Sema's journey reflects grit, discipline and determination, calling it an epitome of excellence. The Minister wished him continued success and glory in the service to the nation.

MOUNTAINEER:

Mountaineer, Kabak Yano from Arunachal Pradesh has successfully scaled Mount Aconcagua, the highest peak in South America, as part of her ambitious 7-Summit Mountaineering Expedition. She reached the summit of the 22,831-foot peak in Argentina on Sunday, marking another major milestone in her quest to conquer the highest mountains on all seven continents. Governor K T Parnaik has congratulated Yano, and said that her feat reflects extraordinary courage, discipline and perseverance, and described her journey as both a personal triumph and a powerful inspiration for the youth of the state.
