

HEADLINES:-

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- Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma announces Judicial Inquiry Commission to investigate into tragic mining incident in East Jaintia Hills district.
- Assam Congress president and Deputy leader of opposition in Lok Sabha, Gaurav Gogoi refutes Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma's claims linking him to Pakistan as baseless, frivolous and bogus.
- Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh assures safety of people belonging to Kuki-Zo community who visit Imphal, including medical treatment.
- Indian Army launches 'Mission Krishiveer' to strengthen farm-to-force linkage in East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha says education is essential for holistic development and quality education alone can be considered true education.
- Unity Utsav 2.0 commences at Delhi Cantonment with participation of more than 1,000 students from eight North Eastern States, currently pursuing their education in Delhi.
- Madhya Pradesh Governor, Mangubhai C. Patel and Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Chowna Mein arrives in Colombo to escort sacred Devnimori relics back to India.
- Tripura Minister for Minority Welfare, Shuklacharan Noatia holds review meeting on progress of PM Janman project and other schemes at State Secretariat.
- Arunachal Pradesh Education Minister, Pasang Dorjee Sona flags off 14th Dalai Lama Heritage Trail as part of 5th Edition of 'Eaglenest Bird Festival' at Kamenbari in West Kameng district.

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TRAIN

Union Railway Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw yesterday flagged off a new passenger train service connecting between Sairang and Silchar. On the occasion, he also inaugurated the Blended Hospitality Service at Guwahati Railway Station. The newly introduced train will operate five days a week, improving rail connectivity between Mizoram and Assam. The passenger train will leave Silchar at 1 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. From Sairang, the train will leave at 7 am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Addressing the inauguration programme, Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma said that infrastructure development in Mizoram and the North Eastern region has gained significant momentum under the Act East Policy. He stated that development is visible across sectors and no state or region is being left behind in the journey towards building a 'Viksit Bharat'.

INQUIRY

In Meghalaya, a Judicial Inquiry Commission under the Commission of Inquiry Act will be constituted to investigate into tragic mining incident. This was announced by Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma yesterday. The incident occurred at Mynsngat–Thangsko area in East Jaintia Hills district on the 5th of this month, and has claimed 28 lives, and 8 others injured. The Meghalaya government has been actively coordinating the relief, rescue, and follow-up measures.

GOGOI

Assam Congress president and Deputy leader of opposition in Lok Sabha, Gaurav Gogoi yesterday refuted as baseless, frivolous and bogus regarding Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma's claims linking him to Pakistan. Addressing a press conference in Guwahati, Gogoi said, his wife had visited Pakistan in 2013 for work-related purposes, accompanied by him on the 10-day trip, and he was never questioned for it. Gogoi said, if it is related to national security, why the Chief Minister was sitting on the SIT report for six months, because it had no evidence. He informed that the SIT submitted the report without visiting him or asking him any question. He alleged that the Chief Minister raised this bogus issue to divert the attention of the public from the alleged 12,000 bigha land related to the CM's family just before the assembly elections. Gogoi also slammed Sarma for dragging his minor children in the SIT report.

MANIPUR CM

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh yesterday stated that the State government would take the responsibility for the safety of the people belonging to the Kuki-Zo community who visit Imphal, including medical treatment. The statement was made during the flagging off programme of the project, "Strengthening of existing pavement of NH-137A Imphal-Kakching Lamkhai section at Langthabal Lep Makha Leikai in Imphal West. The project was sanctioned by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. On the airlifting of MLA, Vungzagin Valte from Bir Tikendrajit International Airport to New Delhi for medical treatment, the Chief Minister extended his best wishes for speedy recovery of the MLA.

Regarding the project, Khemchand instructed the contractors to maintain quality of work and timely completion of the project. Contractors have assured to complete it by April-end.

MoS

In Nagaland, Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change and External Affairs, Kriti Vardhan Singh yesterday said that India is witnessing consistent economic growth due to good governance, digital reforms and enhanced accountability under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. Addressing a press conference at BJP Head Office in Kohima, Singh attributed this to improved efficiency in governance, increased use of information technology and stronger institutional accountability across ministries and departments. On the Union Budget 2026-27, Singh termed it as a long-term roadmap aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, with a strong focus on skilling, entrepreneurship and inclusive growth. He added that the North East holds vast potential in tourism, eco-tourism, agro-forestry and organic farming.

ARMY

The Indian Army yesterday launched 'Mission Krishiveer' to strengthen farm-to-force linkage in East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh. Defence spokesman, Lt Col Mahendra Rawat said, the Spearhead Division of the Spear Corps launched the initiative at Sigar Military Station in East Siang district in collaboration with the Army Service Corps. The initiative establishes a structured "farm-to-force" supply chain by directly linking local farmers with Army units deployed in the region. The Defence spokesman said that the project aims to ensure the supply of fresh and quality agricultural produce to the troops, while simultaneously enhancing income opportunities for farmers in Arunachal Pradesh.

TRIPURA CM

Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha yesterday said that education is essential for holistic development and quality education alone can be considered true education. He was speaking at the inaugural session of a three-day review and planning workshop of the School Leadership Academies of the North-Eastern States, jointly organised by the National Centre for School Leadership and National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration at Pragya Bhavan in Agartala. The Chief Minister said that to ensure teaching keeps pace with technological advancements, teachers must remain regularly updated. He further said that the future of the country and the state depends on students and the youth, adding that without properly educating them, human resource development is not possible.

UNITY UTSAV

Showcasing the spirit of youth, sportsmanship and national unity, Unity Utsav 2.0 commenced yesterday at Delhi Cantonment with more than 1,000 students from the eight North Eastern States, currently pursuing their education in Delhi participating in this grand multi-sport celebration. Organised under the aegis of the Assam Rifles, the event marks the second consecutive edition of this unique sporting initiative. Unity Utsav 2.0 provides a dynamic and empowering platform for youth from the North East to showcase their sporting talent, competitive spirit and teamwork across multiple disciplines - Football, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Badminton and Basketball, with matches being conducted for both men and women. Beyond sports, Unity Utsav 2.0 stands as a symbol of integration, cultural bonding and national unity. **RELICS**

Madhya Pradesh Governor, Mangubhai C. Patel and Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Chowna Mein arrived in Colombo yesterday where they offered their respects at the Holy Devnimori Relics Exposition at Gangaramaya Temple. The high-profile delegation is set to escort the sacred Devnimori relics back to India following their maiden international exposition in Sri Lanka on Wednesday. Discovered in Devnimori in Gujarat's Aravali district, the relics of Lord Buddha have drawn thousands of devotees to the temple since their arrival.

REVIEW MEETING

A review meeting on the progress of PM Janman project and other schemes was held yesterday at the State Secretariat, presided over by Tripura Minister for Minority Welfare, Shuklacharan Noatia. The meeting discussed safe housing, clean drinking water, sanitation, education, health and nutrition, as well as improved road and telecommunication connectivity and sustainable livelihoods for PVTG families and their settlements. The Minister stated that the PM Janman project is making rapid progress in Tripura, with a particular focus on improving infrastructure for vulnerable tribal groups.

EAGLENEST BIRD FESTIVAL

Arunachal Pradesh Education Minister, Pasang Dorjee Sona flagged off the 14th Dalai Lama Heritage Trail as part of the 5th Edition of 'Eaglenest Bird Festival' at Kamenbari in West Kameng district yesterday. The trail holds deep historical & spiritual significance, as it follows the route through which the Dalai Lama entered India in 1959. He also laid foundation stone for the Eco-Tourism Conservation Camp at Kamengbari. The minister said, the festival has beautifully highlighted remarkable efforts in forest conservation and meaningful initiatives taken to sensitize younger generation towards protecting biodiversity and living in harmony with nature.
