

THE HEADLINES :-

- **Centre says there is no reports of dry-outs of gas supply at LPG distributorships across the country.**
- **Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav visits Khonoma Village; interact with community leaders.**
- **Union Minister Amit Shah says Assam has transformed into major healthcare hub for Northeastern region.**
- **Nominations for Padma Awards-2027 begins.**



Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas today said that there have been no reports of dry-outs of gas supply at LPG distributorships across the country. In a statement, the Ministry said, LPG bookings have shown a decline, with about 77 lakh bookings recorded yesterday compared to around 88 lakh bookings on 13th of this month. The Ministry added that no cases of fuel dry-outs have been reported at retail outlets by Oil Marketing Companies, and supplies of petrol and diesel continue to be maintained regularly. The Ministry has advised citizens not to engage in panic buying, as adequate stocks of petrol and diesel are available across the country.



Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has directed households with both Piped Natural Gas, PNG, and Liquefied Petroleum Gas, LPG, connections to surrender their LPG connection with immediate effect. In a notification issued yesterday, the Ministry said, any person having a PNG connection will not be allowed to retain a domestic LPG connection or take refills of LPG cylinders from government oil companies or their authorized distributors. Oil marketing companies have also been instructed not to issue new LPG connections or provide refills to consumers who already have access to piped natural gas. The Centre said, the step has been taken to prevent duplication of cooking gas supply and to ensure that LPG cylinders remain available for households that do not have access to PNG networks.



Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav, along with his family, visited the historic Khonoma Village yesterday. The Governor was received by Minister for Women Resource Development and Horticulture, Salhoutuonuo Kruse and Lokayukta Nagaland, Nino Iralu, along with village leaders and officials. The

Governor interacted with villagers and community leaders and appreciated the people of Khonoma for preserving their rich cultural heritage and traditional values. Mr. Yadav also commended the community for their collective efforts in protecting the environment and promoting sustainable living practices.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said, Assam has transformed into a major healthcare hub for the Northeastern region over the last 10 years of BJP led government reducing the need for residents to travel to outside the region for treatment. Mr. Shah was addressing a gathering at Guwahati, after inauguration and foundation laying of various development projects related to health sector. The Union Minister said, Assam is the first state in India to introduce proton therapy machine within the public health care system and has made world class cancer treatment facilities.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah today inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of various development projects worth over 2090 Crore rupees in Guwahati. Mr Shah inaugurated the Pragjyotishpur Medical College and Hospital in Guwahati along with Cancer Care Centers of Golaghat and Tinsukia. He also virtually laid the foundation stones for Super specialty Hospitals at Diphu Medical College and Hospital, Jorhat Medical College and Hospital, Barpeta Medical College and Hospital, Abhayapuri District Hospital and Swastha Bhawan at Guwahati.



Nominations and recommendations for the Padma Awards-2027 to be announced on the occasion of Republic Day, 2027 have started from today. The last date for nominations for Padma Awards is 31st July. The nominations and recommendations for Padma Awards will only be received online on the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal at awards.gov.in. The Padma Awards, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri, are amongst the highest civilian awards of the country. Instituted in 1954, these Awards seeks to recognize ‘work of distinction’ and is given for distinguished and exceptional achievements or service in all fields and disciplines.



The Global Conference on Women in Agri-Food Systems concluded in New Delhi yesterday, with a strong call for strengthening women’s leadership, participation, and innovation across agriculture and agri-food systems. The valedictory session marked the culmination of three days of global dialogue focused on advancing

gender-responsive policies, inclusive innovations, and sustainable agricultural development. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare said the conference brought together policymakers, scientists, entrepreneurs, and women leaders from 18 countries and generated key recommendations aimed at strengthening women's leadership and entrepreneurship in the sector. Several successful women farmers and contributors to the agricultural sector were also honoured for their achievements. Addressing the gathering on the last day of the event, Secretary of Department of Agricultural Research and Education Dr M L Jat announced that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is working on a national gender platform to connect over 900 institutions, including agricultural universities and Krishi Vigyan Kendras. The Secretary said, the platform will strengthen research, extension, and capacity-building initiatives focused on women in agriculture.



The Election Commission today announced single phase Assembly Polls in Assam, Keralam, Puducherry and Tamil Nadu while in West Bengal, it will be held in two phases. Announcing the poll schedule for the five States and Union Territory in Delhi today, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said, the voting in Assam, Keralam and Puducherry will be held on the 9th of April. Polling in Tamil Nadu will be held on 23rd of April. The voting in West Bengal will be held on the 23rd and the 29th of next month. Counting of votes on all four states and one Union Territory will be held on 4th of May. Mr. Kumar said, with the announcement of poll schedule, the Model Code of Conduct has come into force with immediate effect in these States and the Union Territory.



The Khelo India Centre at Northeast India Academy of Performing Arts (NIAPA) will be organizing an Under-14 table tennis selection trial for both boys and girls on March 21. The trial will be held at the NIAPA office in Chümoukedima district. The selection trial is being conducted to identify and select promising boys and girls from the district for future training and district-level participation in table tennis competitions. Young athletes below 14 age are encouraged to attend the trial and showcase their skills. For further details, interested individuals can contact Coach Metevito Kintso at 9233722116. It may be mentioned that Khelo India Centers are being set up at the district level to strengthen grassroots-level sports infrastructure.

