

**THE HEADLINES:**

- **Union Minister Bhupender Yadav emphasises need for balanced approach between economy and ecology for country's development**
- **IDAN Chairman Abu Metha Urges Nagaland Youth to Harness Talent and Ambition at Mega Job Fair**
- **Centre approves another 20 per cent commercial LPG allocation to States**
- **National Biodiversity Authority Forms Panel To Address Invasive Alien Species.**



**Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav has emphasized the need for a balanced approach between economy and ecology for the country's development. Addressing the inaugural session of a two-day national workshop in Dehradun today on the occasion of International Day of Forests, he said that achieving this balance requires a science-based approach.**

**The Minister also informed that the country's forest cover has increased by 13,669 square kilometres compared to 2014. The forest area has grown to 7 Lakhs 15 thousand 342 square kilometres in 2026. He further noted that the country's carbon sink from forest and tree cover has risen to 2.29 billion tonnes of Carbon dioxide.**



**A state-wide Mega Job fair was held in Dimapur today. Launching the job fair, Advisor to Chief Minister and Chairman of Investment & Development Authority of India (IDAN) Abu Metha remarked that the youths in the state possess immense talent, ambition and creativity and deserve every opportunity to pursue their aspirations and realise their full potential. He noted that the first job may not be their dream job but it is often the stepping stone towards it. Mr. Metha also encouraged young people to be positive ambassadors of our land, values, and our people. The fair was held under the aegis of the Nagaland Skill & Entrepreneurship Mission and the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland in collaboration with NIELIT, Kohima. During the mega job fair, over 6,000 job opportunities were offered across diverse sectors.**



**Government has approved another 20 per cent allocation of commercial LPG to States, taking the overall allocation to 50 per cent. This additional percentage of allocation shall be given on priority to sectors like restaurants, dhabas, hotels, industrial canteens, dairy, subsidised canteens and others. The government has assured citizens that there is no shortage of petrol, diesel, or LPG as it strengthens response measures amid tensions in West Asia.**



**The National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) has constituted Expert Committee on Invasive Alien Species to address growing ecological and socio-economic risks posed by such species across the country. The decision follows a suo motu proceeding by National Green Tribunal, which underscored serious threats of invasive alien species to native biodiversity, key ecosystems, agriculture, food security, and human and wildlife health. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change said that the Committee has been mandated to prepare national list of invasive alien species based on State-wise inputs. It added that the Committee will recommend science-based management strategies, ecological restoration measures, and national-level guidelines for their prevention, control, and eradication.**



**Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated in various parts of the country today. The festival marks the culmination of the fasting month of Ramzan. On the occasion, faithfuls dressed in traditional attire offered Eid prayers at Eidgahs and mosques. They exchanged greetings and visited relatives and friends, sharing sweets along with warm wishes. President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President C P Radhakrishnan and Prime Minister Narendra Modi also extended greetings on this occasion. In her message, the President said the festival gives the message of self-control, charity and compassion for the underprivileged. In his message, Prime Minister Modi wished everyone happiness, good health and prosperity on this joyous occasion.**



**The week-long media tour of journalists from Nagaland to Bihar concluded today with visits to key educational institutions. In Bodh Gaya, the seven-member delegation visited Indian Institute of Management Bodh Gaya and Central University of South Bihar (CUSB). At IIM Bodh Gaya, Director Vinita S. Sahay highlighted the institute's programmes. Emphasising the need to reclaim cultural pride, she called for building stronger narratives around India's soft power and untapped potential in Northeast.**

**At CUSB, the delegation was briefed on academic activities and sustainability initiatives supporting its atmanirbhar model. Earlier during the tour, the team visited Bhimrao Ambedkar Residential School for Girls, where students showcased innovations in robotics. At Nalanda University, the new net-zero campus stood out as a model of sustainability. A visit to the Nalanda Ordinance Factory highlighted efforts toward self-reliant defence production. The tour was organized by the Press Information Bureau.**



**The National People's Party (NPP) today served a show-cause notice to its legislator Nuklutoshi Longkumer over alleged anti-party activities ahead of 28th Koridang Assembly Constituency by-election. The notice follows his reported remarks during a March 20 press interaction in Dimapur, where he allegedly indicated his intention to oppose the party's official candidate. Citing a prima facie violation of party discipline, the NPP has asked Longkumer to explain within seven days why action including suspension or expulsion should not be taken against him. Pending his response, the party has advised him to refrain from making statements or engaging in activities against party directives, warning of interim disciplinary action in case of non-compliance.**



**US President Donald Trump has said that he is considering winding down military operations against Iran. In a post on Truth Social, Trump said, they are getting very close to meeting their objective of the military operations and hence considering winding down the military efforts in the Middle East. Trump's statement comes amid Iran's intensified retaliatory strikes to the attacks US and Israel launched on February 28. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Israel will stop attacking the gas field that Iranians depend on for most of their electricity at the request of US President. United States has also announced a 30-day sanctions waiver permitting the sale of Iranian oil currently stranded at sea. meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi today said Iran seeks complete, comprehensive and lasting end to the war, rejecting a ceasefire. In a telephonic interview to a media outlet, Mr. Araghchi said any resolution must include guarantees against future attacks and compensation for damages. The Iranian Foreign Minister said the US has yet to show readiness for a genuine settlement, even as diplomatic efforts continue.**



**Following approval from State Government, Kohima DC has convened a meeting for election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of Kohima Municipal Council on 30th March at 2 PM. All elected councillors have been directed to attend without fail.**

