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HEADLINES:-

- Campaign gains momentum for Assembly elections across Assam; Union Home Minister, Amit Shah will visit on 29th of this month to campaign for BJP candidates.
- None of six candidates withdraw their nominations for Dharmanagar Assembly by-election in Tripura.
- Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio presents state budget in Assembly for 2026-2027 with an estimated surplus of 74.77 crore rupees.
- Meghalaya write to Centre seeking substantial increase in LPG allocation, citing rising demand due to surge in tourism and increased dependence on fuel.
- Nagaland government announces 17 new budget initiatives with total allocation of 62 crore rupees.
- Tripura Governor, Indrasena Reddy Nallu meets group of tribal girl students from Dima Hasao district of Assam who are on inter-State educational tour to Tripura.
- North East India Tourism Confederation and Association of Buddhist Tour Operators enter into MoU to foster collaboration in travel and tourism, with particular emphasis on promotion of Buddhist pilgrimage tourism.
- Somnath Swabhiman Parv (1000 Years of Unbroken Faith) celebration observed in Manipur by Department of Art and Culture, at Heibok Mahadev, Hiyangthang in Imphal West district.
- MyBharat, Sikkim in collaboration with NSS Sikkim and Department of Sports & Youth Affairs, organizes Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2026 at Gangtok.
- Festival of Dance and Music concludes at Government Dance College, Imphal featuring vibrant showcase of both folk and classical performances in Manipur.
- Assam's Monikha Sonowal wins gold medal in 48-kilogram category while Mizoram's Isak Malsawmtluanga secures gold in 60-kilogram category of weightlifting on second day of first Khelo India Tribal Games in Chhattisgarh.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu announces sanction of 200 crore rupees for world-class football stadium in Itanagar under Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

CAMPAIGN ASSAM:

In Assam, with just a fortnight remaining for the polling, the campaign has gained momentum for the Assembly elections across the state. Political parties have intensified their outreach, with candidates actively engaging with the voters through rallies, public meetings, and door-to-door campaign. In Jorhat, one of the most high-profile constituencies, Assam Pradesh Congress Committee President and Congress candidate, Gaurav Gogoi, held a series of meetings and rallies yesterday. Gogoi is in a contest with BJP candidate and sitting MLA, Hitendra Nath Goswami who also organised extensive campaign, reaching out to voters and highlighting various development works done by the BJP-led government. BJP leader and Chief Minister, Hemanta Biswa Sarma also held election rallies in several constituencies. Union Home Minister Amit Shah will visit Assam on the 29th of this month to address election rallies in Tihu and Dhekiajuli. The Congress and its alliance partners have also lined up their star campaigners.

TRIPURA BYPOLL:

In Tripura, the election process for the Dharmanagar Assembly by-election has gained momentum, as the deadline for withdrawal of nominations concluded yesterday. None of the six candidates withdrew their nominations. The contest will now feature candidates from five political parties, along with one independent candidate. Election Commission-appointed observers are currently stationed in North District to oversee the election process. Extensive security arrangements have been put in place to ensure a free, fair, and peaceful election. According to the final electoral roll, the Dharmanagar constituency has a total of 46,143 voters, which include 22,380 male voters and 23,763 female voters.

NAGALAND BUDGET:

Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio yesterday presented the state budget for the year 2026-2027 with an estimated surplus of 74.77 crore rupees. The budget was presented in Assembly on second phase of the budget session which resumed yesterday. Presenting the budget, Rio, who is in-charge of Finance, however, added that due to a negative opening balance of 411.81 crore rupees, the state is projected to close the year with a deficit of 337.04 crore rupees. The Chief Minister described the State Budget 2026-27 as inclusive, sustainable, and a strategic roadmap for a developed Nagaland by 2047. He said that for the first time in the State's fiscal framework, the Budget 2026–27 has introduced an SDG-linked Budget architecture and a Gender Budget Statement. The house will take up a discussion on the state budget today.

LPG-MEGHALAYA:

Meghalaya has sought a substantial increase in LPG supply from the Centre after facing reduced deliveries, particularly of commercial cylinders, affecting hotels and restaurants. Meghalaya Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Methodius Dkhar said that the state government has written to the Centre requesting a 50-60 per cent increase in LPG allocation, citing rising demand due to a surge in tourism and increased dependence on the fuel. He also said there is no acute shortage of LPG for domestic use at present, but supply of commercial cylinders remains constrained. The minister added that the government has taken measures to prevent hoarding and black marketing of LPG.

INITIATIVES:

The Nagaland government has announced 17 new budget initiatives with a total allocation of 62 crore rupees. The initiatives aimed at inclusive human capital development, income generation for youth and women, education, and building a sustainable and resilient economy. It also seeks to enhance the State's Gross State Domestic Product and revenue. Among the initiatives, the Nagaland Strategic Water Resilience Initiative received an allocation of 24 crore rupees, while the Chief Minister's Community Solar Partnership Initiative under the Nagaland Solar Mission got 11 crore rupees. The Nagaland Community Wellbeing Initiative has been allocated 50 lakh rupees. Additionally, 2 crore rupees has been earmarked for Innovation Seed Fund for Women, while the Chief Minister's Sports Advancement Initiative has been allotted 3 crore rupees.

STUDENTS:

Tripura Governor, Indrasena Reddy Nallu yesterday met a group of tribal girl students from Dima Hasao district of Assam at Lok Bhavan. The 21 students are currently on an inter-State educational tour to Tripura, organised by the Assam Rifles. The Governor lauded the students for their courage, perseverance, and aspirations. He also appreciated the efforts of the Assam Rifles in playing a significant role in the development of marginalised communities. During their visit, the students from Dima Hasao are scheduled to tour several prominent locations, including Albert Ekka Memorial, Ujjayanta Palace, Neermahal, and the Agartala International Land Port.

BUDDHIST TOURISM:

The North East India Tourism Confederation and the Association of Buddhist Tour Operators have entered into a MoU to foster collaboration in the field of travel and tourism, with particular emphasis on the promotion of Buddhist pilgrimage tourism across the North Eastern region. The MoU was formally signed by Tsering Wange, President of North East India Tourism Confederation, and Dr. Kaulesh Kumar, Advisor (Tourism), Government of India, and Secretary General of Association of Buddhist Tour Operators.

SOMNATH:

In Manipur, the Somnath Swabhimani Parv (1000 Years of Unbroken Faith) celebration was observed by the Department of Art and Culture, at Heibok Mahadev, Hiyangthang in Imphal West district yesterday. Minister for Art and Culture, Khuraijam Loken Singh who graced the function as Chief Guest said that the rich arts, culture and sporting traditions of the State have been passed down by our forefathers through generations. He remarked that at present, people across the world are becoming increasingly aware of Manipur's rich and unique traditional arts,

culture and sporting heritage. The Minister further emphasized the importance of preserving and promoting these traditions for future generations while continuing to strengthen cultural identity.

MYBHARAT:

MyBharat, Sikkim in collaboration with NSS Sikkim and Department of Sports & Youth Affairs, organized *Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2026* at Gangtok yesterday. A total of 25 participants representing different districts of Sikkim shared their views on the given topic of Union Budget 2026: Strengthening the path of youths towards Viksit Bharat 2047. Each participant delivered a compelling performance, emphasizing that the voices of the youth must form the backbone of Viksit Bharat. The program concluded with the felicitation of the winners and guests, and distribution of certificates to all the participants.

FESTIVAL OF DANCE:

A three-day Festival of Dance and Music concluded at the Government Dance College, Imphal in Manipur yesterday. The festival was organised by the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre under the Ministry of Culture, in association with the Department of Art and Culture, Government of Manipur. The concluding day featured a vibrant showcase of both folk and classical performances. Artists presented a variety of dance forms, including Tangkhul folk dance, Manipuri dance, and Kathak. The festival brought together performers and audiences, celebrating the rich cultural heritage and diversity of the region.

KHELO:

On the second day of the first Khelo India Tribal Games in Chhattisgarh, competitions in swimming, weightlifting, hockey and football were held yesterday. In weightlifting, Assam's Monikha Sonowal won the gold medal in the 48-kilogram category, while Mizoram's Isak Malsawmtluanga secured gold in the 60-kilogram category. In the medal tally, Karnataka is leading with eight gold, three silver medals and one bronze medal, while Odisha is in second place with five gold, one silver and eight bronze medals. The Khelo India Tribal Games began on the 25th of this month and will continue till the 3rd of April.

ARUNACHAL CM:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu announced that a much-needed world-class football stadium in Itanagar has been sanctioned under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region at an estimated cost of 200 crore rupees. He stated that the construction is set to commence within this year. Khandu was speaking during the Under-23 Tri-Nation Championship 2026 inaugural ceremony at the Golden Jubilee Outdoor Stadium, Yupia.
