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HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi to lay foundation stone of development project and flag off two trains in Assam today.
- BJP-led government committed to progress and prosperity of vibrant Bodo community, Prime Minister Narendra Modi says at Traditional Bodo Cultural Programme in Guwahati.
- Third Meghalaya Cabinet Retreat concludes with Government's focus on opportunities under Mission 10.
- Union Minister of State Bhagirath Choudhary visits Noklak district in Nagaland as part of Centre's fortnight-long outreach to Northeast.
- Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Angshuman Dey, inspects works under PM's Development Initiative for North East and North Eastern Council schemes in Dimapur district of Nagaland.
- Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein briefs media on Viksit Bharat (Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission Grameen) Act.
- Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha says lost education system of India being brought back in new education policy.
- 18th Convocation Ceremony of National Institute of Technology, Agartala held at Vivekananda Seminar Hall.
- Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu says number of tourists visiting Tripura steadily increasing.
- Job Fair for recruitment in private sector organisations under Centre's National Career Service scheme held in Agartala.

PM:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of a development project and will flag off two trains in Assam today. Mr Modi will perform Bhoomi Pujan for the Kaziranga Elevated Corridor Project worth over 6,950 crore rupees at Kaliabor in Nagaon district at around 11 am. The elevated wildlife corridor will ensure uninterrupted movement of animals, reduce human-wildlife conflict. It will also enhance road safety, reduce travel time and support growing passenger and freight traffic. The Prime Minister will also flag off two New Amrit Bharat Express trains - Kamakhya-Rohtak Amrit Bharat Express and Dibrugarh-Gomti Nagar Amrit Bharat Express. The Prime Minister will also address a public meeting at Kaliabor before concluding his Assam visit.

BODO:

The BJP-led government is committed to the progress and prosperity of the vibrant Bodo community, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Bagurumba Dwhou 2026, Traditional Bodo Cultural Programme at Arjun Bhogeswar Baruah Sports Complex in Guwahati yesterday. More than 10,000 artists from the Bodo community performed Bagurumba dance. The Prime Minister said that the Bodo Peace Accord benefited the Community immensely and thousands of youth have given up arms and violence and have joined the mainstream. The Prime Minister highlighted the unprecedented development in the Bodoland Territorial Region since the peace accord, backed by a 1,500 crore rupees package from the central government. Mr. Modi said that the BJP-led government respects all culture and traditions of Assam and his government has fulfilled all the commitments made for the state. The Prime Minister is on a two-day visit to Assam.

MEGHALAYA:

The 3rd Meghalaya Cabinet Retreat concluded at the Orchid Resort, Mawkasiang in New Shillong yesterday with the Government’s focus on its strategic commitments and opportunities under Mission 10. Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma emphasised the critical need to unlock opportunities across key sectors, including tourism, agriculture, and private sector investment, to drive the state’s growth. The tourism, arts, and culture department outlined a roadmap to generate 1.25 lakh employment opportunities by 2028. A target was set to develop 3,000 units by 2028 under the CM Meghalaya Homestay Mission 2025, offering a 70 percent financial subsidy. A key priority discussed was the formulation of the Meghalaya Agriculture Policy 2026, envisioned to provide a comprehensive roadmap for sustainable agricultural growth in the State. The promotion of agro-tourism was also highlighted as an emerging opportunity to diversify rural incomes while showcasing Meghalaya’s rich agricultural practices and natural landscapes.

MOS:

Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, Bhagirath Choudhary, visited Noklak district in Nagaland as part of the Central government’s fortnight-long outreach to the Northeast. Mr Choudhary held a meeting to review developmental progress, and assured that a Krishi Vigyan Kendra would be established in the district to strengthen agricultural extension services. The Union Minister also visited the District Hospital, where officials raised concerns over shortage of doctors and prevalence of scrub typhus and typhoid. Mr Choudhary visited the Village Guard Museum at New Pangsha village. Interacting with the community, he urged farmers to apply for PM-KISAN Credit Cards, and discussed crop damage compensation, women empowerment and drug abuse issues.

INSPECT:

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Angshuman Dey, carried out a project inspection of works under the PM’s Development Initiative for North East and North Eastern Council schemes in Dimapur district. Mr Dey reviewed ongoing construction of the Tsithrongse–Dimapur power substation and upgradation at the Radiation Oncology Department at CIHSR. He also reviewed NEC-funded infrastructure and livelihood-based projects. Interacting with implementing agencies and district officials, the Joint Secretary emphasized timely completion of works, quality standards, and effective use of funds to ensure benefits reach the people.

GRAMG:

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, briefed the media on the Viksit Bharat (Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission Grameen) Act, at the Namsai district BJP Office. He said it prioritizes sustainable asset creation in areas such as water management, connectivity, agriculture support, and disaster preparedness, ensuring long term benefits for rural communities. The initiative is designed to move villages beyond subsistence towards self-reliance, employment generation, and economic resilience, the Deputy CM said.

TRIPURA:

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha has said that the lost education system of India is being brought back in the new education policy. Mr Saha was speaking after inaugurating a new building of Madhu Chowdhury Para Higher Secondary School in Mohanpur yesterday. He also virtually inaugurated the new buildings of Gopalnagar Higher Secondary School, Berimura Higher Secondary School and Tarapur Higher Secondary School. The Chief Minister informed that the state government has spent 20 crore 64 lakh rupees to build new buildings for four schools. He said that the Tripura government is trying to improve educational infrastructure by allocating about seven thousand crore rupees in the budget. Keeping Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas Mantra in mind, a new Tripura will be built through the unity of people from all sections of the nation and tribes.

CONVOCATION:

The 18th Convocation Ceremony of the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Agartala was held at the Vivekananda Seminar Hall of the institute yesterday. Tripura Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu handed over gold medals to meritorious students. A total of 1191 students were awarded honorary degrees in various disciplines. NIT Agartala Director SK Patra highlighted the institute's steady progress and achievements. Member of Parliament Kriti Devi Debbarman and former Vice-Chancellor Arunoday Saha were also present at the convocation ceremony.

TOURISM:

Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu has said that the number of tourists visiting Tripura has been steadily increasing over the past few years due to the implementation of various government initiatives, infrastructure development of the Tripureswari Temple, and improvement in connectivity to promote tourism in the State. After visiting the Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary and Zoological Park yesterday, the Governor appealed to film makers to utilise Tripura's scenic and naturally rich tourist destinations for film production. Expressing optimism about the future of Tripura's tourism sector, he said the state holds immense potential for growth.

JOBS:

Under the Government of India's National Career Service scheme, a Job Fair for recruitment in private sector organisations was held at the Labour Bhavan premises in Agartala yesterday. The programme was organised by the State Model Career Centre and the District Employment Exchange. The job fair aimed to fill a total of 48 vacant posts across various positions. The recruitment drive primarily focused on companies based in Tripura. Departmental Director Asim Saha stated that the objective of the job fair was to recruit candidates with qualifications ranging from Secondary (Madhyamik) pass to Mechanical Engineering graduates.
