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1. Government denies rumours of Agnipath scheme relaunch as Sainik Saman Scheme

2. Eight people killed and 50 injured after two compartments of Sealdah-bound Kanchanjunga Express derails

3. Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw says restoration of rail route is top priority

4. and Union Home Minister Amit Shah chairs high-level meeting to review security situation in Manipur.

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The government has termed a WhatsApp message which claimed that the Agnipath Scheme has been re-launched as the Sainik Saman Scheme as fake. The message doing rounds claims that the scheme has been re-launched with several changes including the duty period being extended to seven years, 60 per cent permanent staff and increased income. The Press Information Bureau has clarified that no such decision has been taken by the Center.

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Eight people have been killed and 50 injured after two compartments of the Sealdah-bound Kanchanjunga Express derailed following a collision with a goods train near New Jalpaiguri station in West Bengal this morning. Railway sources said a container train overshot the signal and hit the rear portion of the Kanchanjunga Express, which had two parcel vans and a guard coach in the rear. President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed grief over the tragic train accident in Darjeeling, West Bengal. In a social media post, President Murmu said, the news of the loss of lives due to a train accident in Darjeeling is deeply distressing. The President said, her thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families. In a social media post, the Prime Minister said, the railway accident in West Bengal is saddening. He paid condolences to those who lost their loved ones and prayed that the injured recover at the earliest. He also spoke to the officials and took stock of the situation and said that rescue operations are underway to assist the affected. The Prime Minister also announced an ex-Gratia Of 2 Lakh Rupees For Each Deceased Person's Kin and 50,000 Rupees for all who were injured in the mishap.



Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw rushed to the train mishap spot in West Bengal's Darjeeling district today, hours after a goods train hit the Silchar-Kolkata Kanchanjunga Express, killing at least nine persons. After reaching the accident site close to the Rangapani railway station near New Jalpaiguri, the Union Minister took stock of the situation and said that a thorough probe would be conducted to find out the reasons behind the lapses. The Union Minister said that restoration of the route is the top priority now and a report from the Commissioner of Railway Safety was awaited, which may give some insights into the reasons behind the accident. Meanwhile, the Centre has announced an ex-gratia of 10 lakh rupees each for the families of those killed in the accident, while 2.5 lakh rupees and 50,000 rupees were announced for those with grievous and minor injuries, respectively.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a high-level meeting in New Delhi today to review the security situation in Manipur. Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, Intelligence Bureau Chief Tapan Deka, Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pandey, Chief of Army Staff (Designate) General Upendra Dwivedi, Manipur DGP Rajiv Singh and other Senior officers attended the meeting. Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday also chaired a high level meeting to review security situation in Jammu and Kashmir and preparedness for Amarnath Yatra.



Over 2,000 people congregated at Idgah Sharif Dimapur to participate in the Eid Ul Zuha prayers. Vice President, Idgah Committee, Abu Tanbir, said the prayers were dedicated to fostering peace and harmony among communities globally, with a specific focus on India and Nagaland. He said this prayer is specifically conducted to sacrifice animals in the name of the God and share with the needy people. Tanbir expressed gratitude towards the government and the police force for their efforts in maintaining peace and order during the prayer gathering. Participants from various regions of Dimapur observe the day by exchanging greetings, gifts and offering special prayers to God.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release the 17th instalment of more than 20 thousand crore rupees under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh tomorrow. The instalment will be released to nine crore 26 lakh beneficiary farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer. So far, more than 11 crore eligible farmer families have received benefits of more than three lakh crore rupees under the PM-KISAN scheme. During the event, the Prime Minister will also grant Certificates to more than 30 thousand women from Self Help Groups such as Krishi Sakhis.



National Security Advisor of United States of America Jake Sullivan met External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval in New Delhi today. After the meeting, Dr. Jaishankar said that a comprehensive discussion was held between both sides on broad range of bilateral, regional and global issues. The Minister expressed confidence that India-US strategic partnership will continue to advance strongly. National Security Advisor of USA and his Indian counterpart Ajit Doval attended the second annual meeting of initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET). During the meeting, Doval and Sullivan reviewed the entire spectrum of Indo-US strategic ties. President Biden and Prime Minister Modi has earlier announced the US-India initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) in May 2022 to elevate and expand the strategic technology partnership and defense industrial cooperation between the governments, businesses, and academic institutions of the two countries.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on Akashvani on the 30th of this month. It will be the 111th episode of the monthly radio programme and the first to be aired after Modi's re-election as Prime Minister for the third consecutive term. People can submit their ideas and suggestions for the upcoming programme through the toll free number 1800-11-7800. People can also share their input online via the Narendra Modi App or the MyGov Open Forum. All suggestion for the upcoming episode will be accepted till the 28th of this month.



Prasar Bharati New Delhi has invited applications from experienced and dynamic persons for engagement of various posts on full time contract basis based at Doordarshan Kohima.

The vacancies includes eight post of technical assistant, four post each of Videographer, Broadcast Executive, Video Post Production Assistant, technical assistant, and two each of creative editor, and set arranger. While two post of technical assistant on full time contract basis based at Akashvani Kohima. For more details, interested candidates may login to the website prasarbharati.gov.in and click vacancies.



Nagaland will likely witness isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall over the next two day. Indian Meteorological Department informed that this could cause landslides, mudslides and localized flooding of roads, water logging in low lying areas and closure of underpasses mainly in urban areas. Meanwhile Kohima will have generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers over the next four days

