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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Maharashtra tomorrow. During the visit, he will release the 18th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme at Washim. During this event, over 9.4 crore farmers across the country will receive financial benefits, amounting to more than 20 thousand crore rupees through Direct Benefit Transfer. On the occasion, he will also release the additional benefit of around two thousand crore rupees to the farmers of Maharashtra under the 5th installment of the Nammo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi Yojana.

Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday approved the PM Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) to promote sustainable agriculture and Krishonnati Yojana to achieve food security for self-sufficiency with the combined total proposed expenditure of one lakh crore rupees. Briefing media in New Delhi, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the decisions taken today in the cabinet meeting relate to increasing farmers' income and ensuring food security for middle-class people.

Cabinet has approved to confer the status of classical language to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, and Bengali languages. The classical languages serve as a custodian of India's ancient cultural heritage, embodying the essence of each community's historical and cultural milestone. The government had decided to create a new category of languages as "classical languages" on October 12, 2004, declaring Tamil as a classical language.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the country has witnessed a massive transformation in internal security during the last 10 years. There has been a record 70% decrease in violence in the three major violence-prone hotspots of the country, including Jammu and Kashmir, North East and Naxal affected region. The death rate has also decreased by 72% in these regions, the Minister added. He was addressing after inaugurating the new building of Ahmedabad City police headquarters.

Home Minister Mama Natung today emphasized the need for responsible journalism. Attending the 42nd Foundation Day celebration of Arunachal Press Club (APC) at Ganga, Itanagar, the Minister called for an end to sensationalism and 'yellow journalism', urging media outlets to prioritize factual and balanced reporting.

Advisor to Minister Home and Roing MLA Mutchu Mithi wished the press fraternity on the occasion. At the function, the founding members of the APC and former presidents and general secretaries of the Press Club as well as Arunachal Pradesh Union of Working Journalists (APUWJ) were felicitated. The winners of painting competition, organized by APC in the run-up to the foundation day event, were distributed prizes by the Minister.

The Government yesterday launched the pilot project of the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme. The scheme which was announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Union Budget 2024-25, aims to provide internship opportunities to one crore youth in top 500 companies over five years. Sources in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs said, the total cost of the pilot project will be 800 crore rupees and will be rolled out in seven districts of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, and Telangana. The government aims to provide 1.25 lakh internship opportunities during the financial year 2024-25.

As part of the Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 2.0, a strategic meeting was held at Tirap DC's office chamber yesterday, with Deputy Commissioner Ira Singhal chairing the meet. The meeting aimed to bring together stakeholders from various sectors to deliberate and formulate strategies for the successful implementation of the Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 2.0 in the district. The campaign aims to foster collaboration between the District Administration, law enforcement agency, and community leaders among others to effectively curb tobacco use among the youth.

The Naharlagun Police has arrested three individuals, including a policeman, for their alleged involvement in organizing an illegal online gambling operation. The arrests were made following a tip-off about the racket, which had been running at Naharlagun's B-Sector, SP Mihin Gambo said. During the operation, the police team seized gaming equipment from their possession. Moreover, the premise where the illegal activity was taking place has been sealed, the SP informed.