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HEADLINES:-

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- Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh urges banks to simplify loan processes to support farmers and women entrepreneurs.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu says India will develop when the North East develops.
- The three-day Barak Festival 2025 of KRC Foundation with multiple launches concluded in Silchar, Assam.
- Meghalaya launches its first state-owned Captain Williamson Sangma State University.
- National Test Agency postpones the UGC NET December 2024 examination which has been scheduled on Wednesday.

GREETING:

President Droupadi Murmu has greeted all Indian people living in the country and abroad on the auspicious occasion of Lohri, Makar Sankranti, Pongal, and Magh Bihu. In a social media post, the President said that these festivals symbolize the rich cultural heritage of the country and showcase unity in diversity. She asserted that these festivals also provide opportunities to express gratitude to our farmers for their tireless hard work. President Murmu wished that this holy festival brings happiness and prosperity to the life of every person.

LIVESTOCK:

Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh has urged banks to simplify loan processes to support farmers and women entrepreneurs. He was speaking at the inauguration of Entrepreneurship Development Conclave 2025, themed “Empowering Entrepreneurs Transforming Livestock Economics in Pune yesterday. In his address, Rajiv Ranjan Singh highlighted the role of animal husbandry in rural economic development, the need for FMD vaccination programs to achieve “FMD Mukh Bharat,” and the creation of nine FMD-free zones, including Maharashtra. He encouraged for greater participation in government entrepreneurship programs.

FAIR:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has said that, India will develop when the North East develops, North East will develop when Arunachal develops, Arunachal will develop when its villages develop and Villages will develop when women of the villages develop. Mr. Khandu said this after opening the SARAS Fair in Itanagar yesterday. On the occasion, he expressed happiness that the effort towards making SHG members into Lakhpati households is flowing down in a

systemic manner. Mr. Khandu further informed that the state government has further identified 29,000 potential SHG members whose capacity building has started so as to make them Lakhpatididi. On the occasion, the Chief Minister also launched the Handloom, Handicraft, Crochet, Knitting & Embroidery Cluster Initiative under ArSRLM to support rural artisans engaged in weaving, crochet, knitting, embroidery, and handicrafts. SHGs from Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Assam, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Goa and Jharkhand are also participating in the SARAS Fair.

FESTIVAL:

The three-day Barak Festival 2025 of KRC Foundation, which promises many opportunities with multiple launches was concluded in Silchar, Assam yesterday. The festival was packed with various activities, such as Live Painting, NE Cultural Fest, think tank Conclaves, multiple competitions, and film showcasing. During the festival, Silchar HAM Radio Club was launched, supported by Tripura HAM Radio Club and Haflong HAM Radio Club. Another attraction of the festival was the launch of Adventure Sports and Disaster Management Force where research and resource development activities shall be undertaken. The District Disaster Management Authority, Cachar, has collaborated with the KRC Foundation for these initiatives. Another think tank activity undertaken during the festival was the River and Climate conclave where the Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development, Imphal has collaborated with KRC Foundation to further the initiative to do research and investigation on river Barak.

UNIVERSITY:

In a landmark achievement for Meghalaya, the state has launched its first state-owned university, Captain Williamson Sangma State University, marking a significant step forward in its educational and developmental journey. Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma formally inaugurated the university on Monday at Balalgre, South West Garo Hills. The university, named after Meghalaya’s founding Chief Minister, Captain Williamson A. Sangma, reflects his visionary leadership and lifelong dedication to education as a transformative force. With this milestone, Meghalaya addresses a long-standing aspiration, creating a hub for higher learning and innovation to empower the youth of the state.

TEST:

National Test Agency has postponed the UGC NET December 2024 exam which was scheduled on Wednesday. In a statement, NTA said, it has received representations to postpone the UGC NET examination on account of Pongal, Makar Sankranti and other festivals on 15th January. The new date of the exam will be announced later. NTA said the examination scheduled on 16th January will be conducted as per the earlier schedule.
