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HEADLINES:-

- More than 51,000 appointment letters distributed to newly recruited youth in Rozgar Mela
- Fuel prices witness third revision within eight days with petrol prices crossing Rs 100 mark in Shillong
- United Naga Council delegation discusses prevailing law and order situation in Manipur with Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh
- After Mizoram, Nagaland steps up ASF curbs amid fears of heavy losses to pig farmers
- Manipur State Award for Literature 2024 presented to three distinguished writers
- Appropriate measures implemented to counter sporadic outbreaks of measles Unakoti district of Tripura
- Lightning strike kills three people in Unakoti District of Tripura
- Musical Evening in Shillong marks 90 years of Akashvani's service to nation as public broadcaster

MELA:

Prime Minister ,Narendra Modi has asserted that the government jobs serve as a vital means to improve and ease the lives of citizens. He made these remarks while addressing the 19th Rozgar Mela through video conferencing on Saturday. The Prime Minister noted that the nation has placed its trust in its Karmayogis, and it is now their responsibility to honour and strengthen that trust through their dedication, conduct and everyday actions. In the 19th edition of the Rozgar Mela on Saturday, more than 51,000 appointment letters were distributed to newly recruited youth in various government departments and organisations. Meanwhile, in Nagaland, Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles, Pabitra Margherita distributed appointment letters to 129 newly recruits as part of the 19th Rozgar Mela in Dimapur. Addressing the gathering, Margherita congratulated the appointees and pointed out that the recruitment drive reflects the Centre's commitment for transparent and fast-tracked employment generation.

FUEL:

Fuel prices across the country have witnessed a third revision within eight days, with petrol prices in Shillong crossing the Rs 100 mark for the first time. On Saturday, petrol was priced at Rs 100.34 per litre in the city, compared to around Rs 96.3 per litre a month ago. Diesel prices have also seen a marginal increase. The new price of diesel in Shillong on Saturday stood at Rs 91.72 per litre, while about a month ago it was around Rs 87.5 per litre. Despite the rise in prices, authorities have continued to maintain that there is an adequate stock of fuel available in the state. Shillong reportedly consumes nearly 80,000 litres of petrol on an average every day.

UNC:

A six member delegation of the United Naga Council met Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh and his cabinet colleagues to discuss the prevailing law and order situation in the State. The UNC team demanded the government to trace the six abducted Naga villagers of Konsakhul in Kangpokpi district. The Chief Minister told the UNC delegation that the case of six abducted Nagas will be handed over to the NIA. He said that the search and rescue operation has been launched since May 14 to trace the whereabouts of the six Naga villagers. Khemchand further appealed to the UNC to help in securing the release of 14 Kuki civilians who have been held captive since the beginning of the incident.

ASF:

After Mizoram, the Nagaland government has intensified surveillance and containment measures following the outbreak of African Swine Fever in several parts of the state, officials said. A senior official of Nagaland's Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department said that district administrations in the affected areas have imposed restrictions on the import, transport and sale of pigs and pork products to prevent further spread of the disease.

AWARD:

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh presented the Manipur State Award for Literature 2024 to three distinguished writers of Manipur at an Award Presentation Ceremony in Imphal. The Award Presentation Ceremony was organised by the Directorate of Language, Planning and Implementation. The Chief Minister handed over Manipur State Lifetime Achievement Award in Literature 2024 to Kangjam Ibohal Singh, Manipur State Award for Literature 2024 to Arambam Ongbi Memchoubi and Manipur State Young Writer's Award for Literature 2024 to Akoijam Jiten. Speaking on the occasion, Yumnam Khemchand Singh stated that literature has been a guiding light for the progress of civilization, society and preservation of the culture.

CONVENTION:

Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Saturday flagged off the Manipur team who will participate in the 11th SPIC MACAY International Convention to be held at IIT Kharagpur, West Bengal. A total of 18 members including teachers and students from Assam Rifles Public School, Mantripukhri and Keithelmanbi and Manipur University of Culture will participate in the convention. During a brief interaction with the students, the Governor extended his heartfelt congratulations to them for their participation in the event.

FARMER:

Farmers and local food producers of Meghalaya gathered at the fifth edition of Farmers' Market held in Shillong on Saturday. Fresh organic produce, indigenous ingredients, and traditional food products drew urban residents and tourists to the event in the capital city. The day-long event featured stalls selling local vegetables, fruits, spices, wild honey, pickled bamboo shoots, millets, and other locally sourced products. Former Director of the Department of Agriculture (R&T), Canning S. Shabong said that the Farmers' market is one of the initiatives of Farmers' Mission and its role is to empower farmers, especially in the area of direct marketing. The idea behind the event was to create a direct connection between farmers and consumers while promoting indigenous crops and products.

MEASLES:

Appropriate measures have been implemented to counter sporadic outbreaks of measles detected in a few areas of the Unakoti district in Tripura. Addressing a press conference at Kailashahar on Saturday, Unakoti District Magistrate, Megha Jain stated that awareness campaigns regarding the symptoms of measles and necessary protocols have been significantly intensified. ASHA workers are conducting door-to-door visits to spread crucial health awareness messages directly to families. Furthermore, the state health department has set up a dedicated "Health Desk" at the Kailashahar immigration check-post to conduct medical screenings on individuals arriving from the neighboring country.

AKASHVANI:

A vibrant Musical Evening was held at State Convention Hall in Shillong to mark 90 years of Akashvani's service to the nation as a public broadcaster on Saturday. Jointly organised by Akashvani Shillong and Akashvani North Eastern Services (NES), the Musical Evening featured dynamic performances by leading artists and bands of Meghalaya. The musical lineup featured Khasi folk songs by Balahpynhun Mawlong & party, Garo folk songs by Ahowee folk band and Jaintia folk songs by Seinraij Art & Culture Group. The programme also featured western songs by popular musician, Shirley Passah and Hindi songs by Ribhakupar Shadap, the winner in the Modern Folk category of NE Body can Sing in 2016. Speaking on the occasion, Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Frederick Roy Kharkongor, highlighted the role of Akashvani as the public broadcaster that covers more than 90 per cent of the geographical area of India.

WEBSITE:

In Arunachal Pradesh, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Minister, Ojing Tasing on Saturday launched the official website of Department of Panchayati Raj and unveiled the Department's new logo, guided by the ethos of "Grameen Jai Sukhaye, Grameen Jai Hitaaye" in Itanagar. In a social media post, he said that the initiative signifies more than a digital milestone as it reflects the commitment to strengthen grassroot democracy through inclusive governance, greater public engagement, and citizen-centric service delivery.

LIGHTNING:

Three persons have lost their lives following a lightning strike in Tripura on Saturday. A brother and sister lost their lives after being struck by lightning at Nabin Chhara area under Pecharthal Police Station in Tripura's Unakoti district on Saturday. Meanwhile, in a separate incident on Friday, another person died after being struck by lightning at Laljhuri area under Kumarghat block. The administration has extended ex gratia to their families.

MIZORAM:

The influential student body Mizo Zirlai Pawl has opposed the controversial re-appointment of retired official R. Lalrodingi. Lalrodingi, who retired as Additional Director in the Commerce and Industries and Geology and Mining departments on April 30, was re-employed from May 1 as Officer on Special Duty to the Chief Minister and Director of the Tourism Department. Following protests by the MZP, the government on May 15 cancelled her appointment as Tourism Director, allowing her to continue only as OSD to the Chief Minister. However, the government later reversed the decision and restored her additional charge as Tourism Director. Addressing the media, MZP president Dr. C. Lalremruata reiterated its opposition to the re-employment of retired officials, stating that such moves deny promotion opportunities to serving officers and employment prospects for educated youth.
