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HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister Modi successfully concludes his visit to Italy marking final leg of his 5-nation official tour.
- Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region and Communications, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launches Mission on “Arunachal Kiwi: The USP of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Speaker reviews construction of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly building at Mawdiangdiang;
- First session of the 16th Assam Legislative Assembly to begin today.
- Union MSME Minister, Jitan Ram Manjhi reaffirms Central government's commitment to the development of the Northeast.
- Union Minister of State and renowned actor, Suresh Gopi visits the Film and Television Institute of India, Itanagar
- Mizoram government holds high-level meeting to review the implementation of demands raised by Lalhmingthanga Sanate- led faction of Hmar People's Convention (Democratic).
- Sikkim Governor, Om Prakash Mathur assures support for the proposed Yuksam-Legship highway via Pelling.

PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned to New Delhi after successfully concluding his visit to Italy, marking the final leg of his five-nation official tour. India and Italy yesterday announced the upgradation of their ties to a Special Strategic Partnership, marking a major step forward in bilateral relations. The two countries signed several agreements in areas including agriculture, critical minerals, Ayurveda, science and technology, and facilitation of mobility of Indian nurses from India to Italy. Meanwhile, both sides also decided to launch the Italy-India Year of Culture and Tourism for 2027.

KIWI

Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region and Communications, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, on Wednesday launched a Mission on “Arunachal Kiwi: The USP of Arunachal Pradesh — a Cluster-based Kiwi Cultivation and Value Chain Development Mission for the State of Arunachal Pradesh. The launch was graced in the presence of Chief Minister Pema Khandu and other officials. With an outlay of approximately ₹167 crore, Mission on Arunachal Kiwi: The USP of Arunachal Pradesh has been designed through a whole-of-government, convergence-led approach anchored by the Ministry and woven together with the schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, along with NABARD, ICAR-CITH, APEDA, NERAMAC and committed private investors.

ASSEMBLY

A review meeting on the construction of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly building at Mawdiangdiang was held on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Speaker of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, Thomas A. Sangma. During the meeting, the progress of construction and related works were reviewed in detail. Following the assessment, the Speaker stated that the progress of work was found to be satisfactory and expressed confidence that the construction of the new Assembly building would be completed within the stipulated time frame. While appreciating and welcoming constructive criticism, Thomas A. Sangma urged members of the public to refrain from sharing or posting unverified content that may create misconceptions and bring disrepute to the institution of the Legislative Assembly.

ASSAM

The first session of the 16th Assam Legislative Assembly will begin today and will have four sittings on May 21st, 22nd, 25th and 26th. The proceedings of the House on the opening day will begin with the announcement of the Pro-tem Speaker. The Governor of Assam has appointed senior BJP MLA, Chandra Mohan Patowary as the Pro-tem Speaker. Mr. Patowary will administer the oath to the newly elected members of the House. Later in the day, the election for a full-time Speaker will also be held. Meanwhile, the State Cabinet has approved the proposed Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill during its first sitting. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday said that the UCC Bill will be introduced and passed during the ongoing Assembly session.

MINISTER

In Nagaland, Union MSME Minister, Jitan Ram Manjhi has reaffirmed the Central government's commitment to the development of the Northeast. He asserted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi views the Northeastern states as a vital centre for India's development, culture, and strategic strength. On the second day of his visit to Nagaland on Wednesday, the Union Minister reviewed developmental activities and implementation of central government schemes in Longleng district with district officials held at Chumoukedima. During the meeting, the Minister emphasized the importance of effective implementation of MSME-related initiatives and called for collective efforts to ensure government programmes reach the grassroots in a timely manner.

ARUNACHAL

Union Minister of State and renowned actor, Suresh Gopi visited the Film and Television Institute of India, Itanagar campus on Tuesday. The purpose of the visit was to review the infrastructural gaps and pending works at the institute, which would subsequently be taken up with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. During the inspection, the Union Minister held detailed discussion with officials of the Central Public Works Department and reviewed all the buildings and facilities of the institute.

NAGALAND

Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio on Wednesday chaired the State-level DISHA meeting at Kohima. The Chief Minister later said that the meeting reviewed implementation of Central Sponsored Schemes to improve coordination, convergence, and timely delivery of welfare programmes. The CM also emphasised the need for stronger coordination among departments, activation of district-level committees, and ensuring quality education across the state.

MIZORAM

The Mizoram government held a high-level meeting to review the implementation of demands raised by Lalhmingthanga Sanate- led faction of Hmar People's Convention (Democratic) or HPC-D under the Memorandum of Settlement signed with the state government, with a focus on accelerating development initiatives in Hmar-inhabited areas, officials said. The meeting was chaired by Home Minister K Sapdanga and attended by top officials of the State Government. The meeting discussed various points included in the Charter of Demands submitted by the HPC-D. Apart from rehabilitation measures for surrendered cadres, the charter also outlined a series of development proposals for the Hmar-dominated areas in northern and northeastern Mizoram.

MANIPUR

A delegation of Tangkhul Naga tribals of the Sinakeithei Village Authority of Ukhrul district on Wednesday called on Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh and urged him to deploy the State Police forces (Indian Reserve Battalion-IRB) in their village in view of the tense situation in the State. Accompanied by Ukhrul constituency MLA ,Ram Muivah of the ruling Naga People's Front, the villagers also demanded adequate manpower for the Sinakeithei police station and the proper functioning of the existing Sub-Divisional Collector (SDC) office at Sinakeithei. The villagers said that repeated attacks by armed men on Sinakeithei village in the recent past has resulted in an atmosphere of constant fear, insecurity and distress.

CM

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha has said that the virtual edition of the “Mukhyamantri Samipeshu” programme would usher in a new era of public grievance redressal in the state. Launching the virtual platform at the Tripura Institution for Transformation (TIFT) in Agartala, the Chief Minister stated that the initiative aims to bring the government closer to the people across every corner of the State.

TOUR

Nagaland Governor, Nand Kishore Yadav has emphasized upon peace, safety and development to boost Nagaland's growth. Interacting with a media delegation from Nagaland led by Press Information Bureau following their exposure visit to Bihar, he highlighted the state's vast potential, particularly its natural beauty, and underscored the media's role in promoting awareness and constructive public discourse. Sharing his observation on Bihar's developmental progress, Mr Yadav said sustained efforts, dedicated leadership, and well-planned policies are essential for long-term and sustainable development. The Governor also appreciated PIB Nagaland for organising the exposure visit, stating that such initiative help strengthen inter-state understanding.

SIKKIM

Sikkim Governor, Om Prakash Mathur on Wednesday assured support for the proposed Yuksam-Legship highway via Pelling. The assurance came after Lok Sabha MP Indra Hang Subba informed the governor about the project initiated by the state government during his visit to Gyalshing district. On the first day of his three-day tour of the district, Mathur visited Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya at Labing and interacted with students, teachers and Education Department officials. Students and teachers highlighted several challenges faced by the institution, particularly the lack of a playground and ambulance facility for students and staff. The governor heard their concerns and assured them that the issues would be addressed as a priority,.

BANK

Tripura Gramin Bank (TGB) has secured the second-best performer position nationally among 28 Regional Rural Banks under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) during the APY Annual Felicitation Programme 2026, held at ITC Maurya in New Delhi . The prestigious award, organized by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority, highlights the bank's outstanding contribution to pension enrollment and rural financial inclusion across Tripura. The bank's Chairman, Satyendra Singh, accepted the award in the presence of senior Union Government and financial sector dignitaries, including M. Nagaraju and Sanjay Lohia. Officials at the event praised the critical role of rural banking networks in extending central social security benefits to underserved populations.
