

THE HEADLINES :-

- **Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan releases 25,000 crore rupees assistance to states under VB-G RAM G Act.**
- **Centre withdraws emergency curbs on natural gas supplies.**
- **Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya calls cycling solution for problem of pollution and traffic in cities.**
- **Centre orders Meta to remove Child abuse ads from Instagram; Seeks reply in 7 days**



Union Minister of Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan today released the first installment of over 25,000 crore rupees to the states under the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin), VB-G RAM G Act, 2025. He also reviewed the implementation of VB-G-RAM-G with Rural Development Ministers of all States and Union Territories. Mr. Chouhan said that the first installment released today is aimed at ensuring that States have adequate funds so that wages can be paid within 15 days.

The Union minister added that no state in the country will now have a wage rate below 300 rupees per day. He assured that there will be no shortage of funds for the effective implementation of VB-G-RAM-G. Emphasizing transparency and accountability, the Union Minister said that Face Authentication, Geo-tagging and other technological measures must be implemented in full.



Centre has withdrawn the emergency curbs on natural gas supplies after liquefied natural gas, LNG shipments through the Strait of Hormuz resumed following a ceasefire in West Asia. In a notification, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas said, the Natural Gas (Supply Regulation) Order, 2026, has been amended removing key emergency provisions that had allowed the government to priorities allocation of domestically produced natural gas and imported LNG. The emergency order was issued in March this year under the Essential Commodities Act, after disruptions to LNG shipments through the Strait of Hormuz.



Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya today participated in the 80th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle initiative in New Delhi this morning. The mission of the movement is to bring about behavioral changes and move towards a more physically active lifestyle. Talking to the media, the Union Minister mentioned the various health benefits of cycling. He called it a solution for the problem of pollution and traffic in cities.



Centre has issued a stern notice to Meta on Child Sexual Exploitative and Abuse Material in paid ads on social networking site Instagram. Official Sources said, Government has ordered Instagram to disable all ads and content promoting and facilitating access to Abusive Material. Ministry of Electronics and IT has demanded a detailed explanation from Meta within seven days. The government is reviewing whether the platform has complied with India's intermediary safety guidelines. Distribution of pornography and child sexual abuse material is a criminal offence in India under the digital laws.



The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)'s flagship initiative, ICMR-MINDS, a National Health Research Priority project wins Gold at National Awards for e-Governance 2026. The award was presented by Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh. While addressing the recognition, Director General of ICMR, Dr Rajiv Bahl, said that ICMR will continue to pioneer data-driven, scalable technology interventions to solve complex public health challenges. He said that through ongoing collaboration with participating institutions and state health systems, ICMR remains committed to providing affordable, standardized, and high-quality healthcare platforms for the people of India. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare informed that ICMR-MINDS is an implementation research study on the integration of screening and management of mental and substance use disorders with other non-communicable diseases. Its Clinical Decision Support System enables task-shifting of standardized mental health screening, assessment, follow-up, and routine management from specialists to trained non-specialist frontline healthcare providers, backed by evidence-based digital decision support.



Office of the Assistant Registrar Cooperative Societies, in collaboration with the Zunheboto Forest Division, held a plantation drive in Zunheboto Government College yesterday, as part of the fifth Cooperation Week celebration. Speaking on the occasion, Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Zunheboto, Kote K Mero stressed the significance of planting trees and assured that his office will take care of the saplings until they grow up. Divisional Forest Officer, Zunheboto, Obed Bohovi Swu thanked the cooperation department for resolving to nurture the saplings. He said the Zunheboto Forest Division had been providing saplings for planting on the college land for the last few years, however, due to lack of nurturing after planting, the tress has perished. Mr. Swu called on the citizens to support the only college in the district and assist in developing it into an institute of excellence.



Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has debunked claims on social media that certain individuals are making posts, suggesting that they are advising the Ministry on policy-related matters, including trade, migration, and other issues. The Fact Check Unit of MEA said that these social media handles are also offering paid advice and sessions on how to work with the Ministry. The unit clarified that these individuals have no connection with the External Affairs Ministry. The Ministry has urged citizens to stay alert against such fake posts on social media platforms.



Union Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah will attend the 5th Foundation Day Ceremony of the Ministry of Cooperation in New Delhi tomorrow. The Ministry said, the ceremony will be held in line with the vision of Sahakar Se Samriddhi. On the occasion, Mr. Shah will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate several key initiatives. These include inauguration of 232 grain storage godowns, Bhoomi Pujan of Sahakar Van, Bhoomi Pujan of tissue culture facilities in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, launch of National Cooperative Database (NCD 3.0) and geo-tag mobile application and launch of National Dairy Development Board's (NDDB) Milk Supply Review Dashboard Portal. Meanwhile, initiatives related to productivity of dairy animals under Cooperative Inputs and Services Delivery Multi-State Limited, inauguration of Cooperative Milk Producers Organization Multi-State Limited, inauguration of Gomay Cooperative Society Multi-State Limited, and unveiling of two major initiatives of National Urban Co-operative

Finance and Development Corporation (NUCFDC) - Sahakar CBS and Sahakar Sahyogi will also take place. During the programme, 50 thousand Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) will transform into e-PACS.



In the FIFA World Cup, Brazil will take on Norway in the Round of 16 match in New Jersey at 1.30 AM Indian Time tonight. England will face Mexico in Mexico city in the other pre-quarterfinal at 5.30 AM tomorrow. This morning, France booked their place in the quarter-finals with a 1-nil victory over Paraguay in the Round of 16 at Philadelphia. In the other pre-quarterfinal, Morocco registered a commanding 3-nil victory over Canada in Houston to book a place in last eight.

