

THE HEADLINES:

- 1. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigns.**
- 2. CJP withdraws agitation after government agrees to its demands.**
- 3. Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav flags off Kargil Vijay Diwas bike rally in tribute to Capt Kenguruse.**
- 4. July 20 landslide along Tizu Bridge–Yezami Road damages Zunheboto's only water supply mainline.**



Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has resigned and tendered his resignation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi today. In a social media post, Mr Pradhan said he was pained by the prevailing situation following the students' protests over the past ten days, adding that it was not a matter of prestige for him. He said that, considering the situation at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi and across the country, and with the aim of preventing anti-national forces from exploiting it, as well as ensuring that not a single student's future gets entangled in legal complexities, he decided to tender his resignation to the Prime Minister. Mr Pradhan also expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister for his guidance, trust and constant support. He said that service to the nation is the highest priority of his life and that he will remain forever dedicated to it. Mr Pradhan said that following the irregularities in the NEET-UG Examination 2026, the Government handed over the investigation to the CBI and cancelled the examination. The Government also announced a fresh date for the re-examination. He added that the Government has decided to conduct the examination in Computer-Based Test mode from next year. The Cockroach Janata Party, CJP has withdrawn its agitation after the government agreed to its demands following third round of discussions in Delhi.



To commemorate the 27th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas, the Inspector General Assam Rifles (North) organised a commemorative bike rally to pay tribute to the indomitable courage, supreme sacrifice and unwavering commitment of the brave soldiers of the 1999 Kargil War. The rally was dedicated to Captain Neikezhakuo Kenguruse, MVC (Posthumous), Nagaland's gallant son, whose valour continues to inspire generations.

Governor of Nagaland, Nand Kishore Yadav, flagged off the rally from the Assam Rifles Garrison Helipad in Kohima. On the occasion, the Governor felicitated the parents of Captain Kenguruse in recognition of their son's extraordinary sacrifice and service to the nation, in the presence of the Inspector General, Assam Rifles (North), Major General Harinder Singh Mavi. The rally witnessed the participation of ex-servicemen, members of the Kohima Mods motorcycle club, Royal Sons Nagaland, and members of civil society. The rally culminated at the Captain N. Kenguruse, MVC (Posthumous) Memorial at Nerhema in Kohima district, where the participants were flagged in by the parents of Captain Kenguruse. A solemn wreath-laying ceremony was held at the memorial, where serving personnel, veterans, local dignitaries and participants paid homage to Nagaland's gallant son. Captain Neikezhakuo Kenguruse displayed exceptional courage during the Kargil War and was posthumously awarded the Maha Vir Chakra, Country's second-highest gallantry award, for his conspicuous bravery and supreme sacrifice.



In Ladakh, two-day commemorative events marking the 27th Kargil Vijay Diwas began today at Drass. Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated on 26th of July every year to mark the nation's victory over Pakistan in Operation Vijay during the 1999 Kargil War. The Yudh Sansmaran programme was held at Lamochen View Point. The celebrations will continued today with Vijay Bhoj and the Shaurya Sandhya ceremony at the Kargil War Memorial.



The July 20 landslide along the Tizu Bridge–Yezami Road damaged Zunheboto's only 150 mm water supply mainline, cutting off the town's sole water source. PHED Zunheboto SDO Er Beto T. Jimo said restoration may take over a month as both the pipeline and road have been severely damaged, making the site inaccessible. The department requires 40–50 sections of specialised high-pressure pipe, which are difficult to procure, and only 10 damaged sections have been recovered so far. He said the original pipeline route is no longer usable due to unstable terrain, requiring a new alignment. Repair work can begin only after road access is restored and replacement pipes arrive. PHED appealed for public patience, noting that about 1,300 metered consumers are affected.



The flood situation in Assam remains critical, with over 1 lakh 15 thousand people taking shelter in relief camps. Sivasagar, Charaideo and Jorhat are the worst-affected districts. Fourteen more flood-related deaths have been reported, taking the state's flood death toll to 61. The Dikhou, Disang and Dhansiri rivers continue to flow above the danger mark, worsening the situation. Relief and rescue operations are underway, with disaster response teams and district authorities providing assistance and closely monitoring the affected areas. Prime Minister Narendra Modi today held a telephonic conversation with Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and reviewed the flood situation in the state. In a social media post, Mr. Sarma said, the Prime Minister sought an update on the extent of the devastation, the progress of relief operations, and the challenges being faced on the ground. He said that Prime Minister Modi assured him of every possible assistance from the Central Government to support the ongoing relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction efforts.



Vice-President C P Radhakrishnan today stressed that every day, every hour, every minute and every second spent in the House should be used to strengthen democracy. Addressing the inaugural ceremony of the two-day Orientation-cum-Training Programme for the newly elected and nominated members of the Rajya Sabha in New Delhi, Mr Radhakrishnan said that debates and discussions must always lead to a decision.

The Vice President emphasised that healthy debate strengthens democracy, while constructive cooperation advances the nation. He also urged members to uphold the highest traditions of the House through informed debates, respect for its rules and procedures, and the effective use of Question Hour and Zero Hour.



The District Magistrate, Kohima, has informed that a section of National Highway-2 (Kohima–Botsa section) at Chiechama will remain temporarily closed from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM tomorrow to facilitate scheduled road restoration works. According to an order issued by District Magistrate B. Henok Buchem, the temporary restriction has been imposed in the interest of public safety and to ensure the smooth execution of the restoration work. During the closure period, the movement of heavy vehicles will remain suspended. However, alternative routes have been notified for Light Motor Vehicles. Vehicles travelling from Kohima towards Tseminyu and Wokha will

be diverted at Chiechama proceed via Botsa, and rejoin NH-2 at Botsa. Similarly, vehicles travelling from Wokha and Tseminyu towards Kohima will be diverted at Botsa proceed via Teichuma–Zhadima, and rejoin NH-2.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani tomorrow. It will be the 136th episode of the monthly radio programme.

