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HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlights inspiring journey of flower farmer, Vesalu Puro from Nagaland who transforms passion into thriving livelihood.
- Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh appeals to all sections of society in Manipur not to call bandhs or blockades to air their grievances.
- Assam Cabinet takes several decisions including allotment of land for several projects and industrial development.
- More than 94 percent of Enumeration Forms distributed across Nagaland under ongoing Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls.
- Assam government looks for more people who may have been affected by floods in Nepal.
- Four-armed miscreants killed in exchange of fire with police at Songsak in Meghalaya's East Garo Hills district.
- Massive fire breaks out at Gandhi Market, Daporijo in Arunachal Pradesh, several shops and residential structures gutted.
- Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha attends offer-letter and sewing-machine distribution programme at Muktaadhara Auditorium in Agartala.
- Footballer from Mizoram, Lallianzuala Chhangte named Indian Footballer of the Year 2026 at Indian Football Awards.
- 'Fit India Sundays on Cycle' rally held from Ujjayanta Palace premises in Agartala.
- Laxuman Adhikari from Sikkim wins historic Bronze Medal in Master Men's 10m Air Pistol Individual category in 13th North East Zone Shooting Championship, 2026 in Guwahati.
- Nagaland will host 2nd Mr Northeast Bodybuilding and Physique Championship 2026 in Kohima on September 12.
- Zonal rounds of 21st Tadar Tang State Level Football Tournament 2026 begins in Arunachal Pradesh.

MANN KI BAAT-NAGALAND

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has highlighted the inspiring journey of Vesalu Puro from Phek district of Nagaland, who has transformed her passion for flowers into a thriving livelihood. Speaking in his Mann Ki Baat programme yesterday, Modi said, a small hobby can open the door to great possibilities in life, and described Vesalu's journey as a case in point. The Prime Minister said Ms. Vesalu grew up in a farming family and developed a deep love for flowers after watching her parents cultivate crops since childhood. He said that Ms. Vesalu has since expanded her efforts, and flowers that were once sold only in local markets, now reached cities like Delhi and Mumbai. The Prime Minister further said that Vesalu's journey demonstrates that when passion is combined with hard work, and proper guidance, it can pave the way for new possibilities and create sustainable livelihoods.

CM APPEAL

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh yesterday appealed to all sections of society in Manipur not to call bandhs or blockades to air their grievances as it sometimes led to unwanted violent incidents and urged them to instead adopt other forms of democratic agitation.

Before leaving for New Delhi to meet central leaders and discuss various issues of the State, the Chief Minister said, the Manipur government and the Union government are committed to fulfil aspirations of the people, while mentioning that bandh will not serve any purpose, but create more hardship to the people. He also said that the main sufferers are daily wage earners and students, besides women vegetable vendors who suffered a lot. The Chief Minister warned that stern action will be taken against agitators who break the law in an attempt to create a chaotic situation.

ASSAM CABINET

Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday chaired a Cabinet meeting in Guwahati and several decisions were taken. The Cabinet has approved to allot land around 500 bighas at Rakshasini Hills in Goalpara for power generation, 1,074 bighas in various locations to the Assam Industrial Development Corporation and another 27 bighas in Dhemaji for a dairy development project. The Cabinet also approved several policy guidelines for the purchase and sale of tea gardens. For infrastructure development of the Gauhati University, 109 crore rupees has been sanctioned, with another 140 crore rupees to be provided subsequently. The Cabinet also approved 600 crore rupees for procuring advanced equipment for cancer treatment at Gauhati Medical College and Hospital. The Cabinet further approved 2000 rupees each to be provided to Orunodoi beneficiaries in flood-affected Sivasagar and Charaideo districts, besides distribution of masur dal at 70 rupees and sugar at 35 rupees to ration card beneficiaries.

NAGALAND-SIR

More than 94 percent of Enumeration Forms have been distributed across Nagaland under the ongoing Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. Twelve lakh, 88 thousand 134 forms had been distributed out of the total of 13 lakh 57 thousand 208 electors. Among the districts, Longleng has recorded the highest distribution rate at 99.97 percent, followed by Wokha at 99.95 percent and Mokokchung at 99.87 percent. Mon has the lowest distribution rate at 84.82 percent. Meanwhile, 4 lakh 91 thousand 346 forms, or 36.2 percent, have been digitized, while 799 forms have been submitted online by electors. Booth level officers are conducting house-to-house visits and the distribution and collection of forms will continue till September 14.

NEPAL

Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday informed that the state government has traced eight Assamese citizens who were stranded in Nepal and arrangements have been made to bring them back. He said that the government is looking for more people who may have been affected by the floods as several people from Assam work in Nepal without registering their details with the government, making it difficult to prepare an accurate list.

ENCOUNTER

In Meghalaya, four-armed miscreants were killed in an exchange of fire with police at Songsak in East Garo Hills district. Superintendent of Police, Pawar Swapnil Vasantrao yesterday said that an encounter took place based on credible information that a group of armed miscreants was moving towards Songsak with an alleged plan to abduct officials of NHIDCL for ransom. Acting on inputs, a joint team led by the Anti-Terror Squad along with East Garo Hills District Police set up a naka along the Dagal-Songsak road. When a Bolero approaching Songsak was signalled to stop, the occupants opened fire on the police team, to which, police retaliated in self-defence. Two factory-made pistols along with live and used rounds of ammunition were recovered from their possession. One pistol bears the marking "Beretta".

FIRE

In Arunachal Pradesh, a massive fire broke out at Gandhi Market in Daporijo, at around 9:00 AM yesterday, which triggered panic among traders and local residents. Several shops and residential structures were reportedly gutted, causing significant concern among the affected traders and residents. The Fire and emergency personnel rushed to the spot and launched efforts to contain the flames and prevent from spreading further to adjoining structures. The cause of the fire was not known yet.

JOBS

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha said that the state government is working continuously to build a self-reliant and developed Tripura, with special emphasis on employment generation and women's empowerment.

Speaking at an offer-letter and sewing-machine distribution programme at Muktheadhara Auditorium in Agartala yesterday, the Chief Minister congratulated the newly recruited employees. Sewing machines and a stipend of 2,000 rupees were distributed to 180 trained women beneficiaries, while offer letters were handed over to 16 recruits for driver posts in the Fire and Emergency Services Department. The Chief Minister also inaugurated virtually the newly constructed fire station at Manubankul in Sabroom.

FOOTBALLER AWARD

Footballer from Mizoram, Lallianzuala Chhangte has been named Indian Footballer of the Year 2026 at the Indian Football Awards. The 29-year-old, who recently moved from Mumbai FC to Mohun Bagan, received the award from Indian football legend Bhaichung Bhutia. Organised by the Football Players Association of India, the award is decided through votes from fellow players. Chhangte had previously won the honour for the 2023-24 season. Chief Minister, Lalduhoma congratulated Chhangte, and the Mizoram Football Association hailed the achievement as a proud moment inspiring the next generation of Mizo footballers.

SUNDAYS CYCLING

In Tripura, the Youth Affairs and Sports Department yesterday organised a ‘Fit India Sundays on Cycle’ rally from Ujjayanta Palace premises. Minister, Tinku Roy flagged off the rally and highlighted the importance of cycling, as it promotes pollution-free environment and helps reduce traffic congestion. He urged the youth to spend at least one hour every day on sports and physical exercise to stay fit and healthy.

SHOOTER

Laxuman Adhikari from Sikkim won a historic Bronze Medal in the Master Men’s 10m Air Pistol Individual category in the 13th North East Zone Shooting Championship, 2026 which concluded in Guwahati yesterday. This was the first-ever medal won by a shooter representing Sikkim at the North East Zonal level. Two shooters from Sikkim Anu Chettri and Tshering Yangden Bhutia have qualified for the 69th National Shooting Championship 2026 after putting up strong performances in 13th North East Zonal Shooting Championship. In total, 11 shooters from Sikkim competed in the Championship.

NORTHEAST BODYBUILDING

Nagaland will host the 2nd Mr Northeast Bodybuilding and Physique Championship 2026 in Kohima on September 12. The championship is expected to bring together 60 to 80 athletes from all the eight North Eastern states. The championship will feature nine categories across Men’s Bodybuilding, Men’s Sports Physique and Women’s Model Physique. Sikkim had hosted the inaugural Mr Northeast Bodybuilding and Physique Championship in 2024.

21ST TADAR

The zonal rounds of the 21st Tadar Tang State Level Football Tournament 2026 officially begun in Arunachal Pradesh yesterday. Twenty-seven teams, including the Arunachal Pradesh Police Sports Control Board, are participating this year, and have been divided into four groups. Two teams from each group will advance to the final round, which will be held at Yupia.

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