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Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Mann ki Baat programme has said that the 'Nasha-mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat' campaign is gaining momentum rapidly across the country. Mr Modi expressed happiness that the campaign with the goal for drug-free youth and a drug-free India is not merely a formality, as many people, especially the youth are joining it in large numbers. PM Modi asked people to come up with a powerful slogan for a drug-free India and young musicians to create songs that convey the message of a drug-free life. Modi also said the country has no shortage of excellent content creators and urged them to create content in various languages. Also, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been conferred with Uzbekistan's supreme state award, the Order of Oliy Darajali Dustlik, by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev today in Tashkent. PM Modi holding a bilateral talk with the President of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, in Tashkent. The two leaders are reviewing cooperation in trade and investment, defence, digital connectivity, energy, education and people-to-people domains at the Presidential Palace. MoUs in this regard were signed today. PM Minister Modi has said that India and Uzbekistan will move forward by setting concrete goals within the framework of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

A massive fire broke out at Gandhi Market in Daporijo, at around 9:00 AM today, which triggered panic among traders and local residents. Several shops and residential structures were reportedly gutted in the blaze, causing significant concern among the affected traders and residents. The fire reportedly spread rapidly across the market area. Fire and emergency personnel rushed to the spot and launched efforts to contain the flames and prevent the fire from spreading further to adjoining structures. The cause of the fire is not yet known.

'Kiyak Laam Kraam: Our Journey - Tourism and Culture Experience Tour' had its valedictory ceremony at the state banquet hall yesterday which brought around 100 tourism stakeholders, tour operators and homestay owners from the eight Northeastern states.

The valedictory ceremony marked the culmination of the tourism and cultural experience tour, spanning six days, during which the participants visited 11 destinations across Arunachal Pradesh. It provided them with a platform to reflect on their experiences, exchange insights and discuss opportunities for greater collaboration in tourism, hospitality and cultural exchange across the Northeast. Tourism Minister P D Sona described the initiative as "a unique collaboration between Rajiv Gandhi University and tourism stakeholders, providing a new window of opportunity for interaction and mutual understanding among the people of the Northeast." The initiative was curated by RGU's mass communication department and the Centre for Cultural Research & Documentation, with support from the Department of Industries, under the RAMP initiative of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India.

The 4th flight carrying 11 tonnes of relief assistance landed in Kathmandu, and relief material has been handed over to the Nepal government. In a social media post, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar said that the flight carried essential supplies and technical capabilities to support Nepal's ongoing rescue and relief operations. Earlier, India had sent more than 57 tonnes of emergency relief supplies in three flights. Meanwhile The External Affairs Ministry has said that 108 Indian nationals have been rescued so far in Nepal following a flash flood tragedy on Wednesday. In a social media post, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that contact was re-established with around 50 Indian nationals who were earlier uncontactable. The Ministry said that 275 Indian nationals are reportedly missing and around 128 people of Indian origin, holding other nationalities, also remain missing.

The zonal rounds of the 21st Tadar Tang State Level Football Tournament 2026 is has officially begun today. Twenty-seven teams, including 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. The tournament is being organised by APFA in collaboration with the Department of Sports, and is sponsored by the SAA.

Mizo footballer Lallianzuala Chhangte has been named Indian Footballer of the Year 2026. The 29-year-old Chhangte received the award from Indian football legend Bhaichung Bhutia last night. 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.

In women's cricket, India will begin their T20 Asia Cup campaign against Thailand today at Dubai International Cricket Stadium. India is the most successful team in the competition's history, winning three of five editions.

That is all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar