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HEADLINES:-

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi to launch ‘Nasha Mukht Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan’ today
2. Union Home Minister, Amit Shah approves advance release of ₹2,117.85 crore rupees from the Central share of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to support the States affected with floods
3. Union Government releases ₹688 crore rupees to Meghalaya as part of an advance instalment of tax devolution.
4. Cross-border trade between India and China through Nathu La pass in Sikkim resumes after six years
5. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launches the first disbursement of Orunodoi 3.0 for the financial year 2026-27
6. University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) ranks **13th** and the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Meghalaya ranks **36th** in the National Green University Ranking
7. Meghalaya records an unusually dry July this year, all districts except South West Khasi Hills reports deficient or rainfall
8. Enforcement Directorate Tripura provisionally attaches bank deposits worth approximately Rs 1.12 crore in connection with money laundering case

DRUGS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the ‘Nasha Mukht Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan’ today through video conferencing. The initiative aims to inspire youth to stay away from substance abuse and encourage them to become ambassadors of positive social change in their communities. The launch will mark the beginning of a 100-week nationwide Jan Bhagidari campaign against substance abuse. Under this campaign, weekly activities will be organised every Sunday across the country to promote awareness and encourage public participation in building a drug-free society. The activities will include sports events, walkathons, meditation sessions, cultural programmes, awareness campaigns, nukkad natak, discussion forums, art competitions and community engagement programmes.

FLOOD

Union Home Minister , Amit Shah has approved the advance release of ₹2,117.85 crore from the Central share of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to support the States affected with floods during the ongoing southwest monsoon of 2026. A statement said that Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs) have been deputed to Arunachal Pradesh and Assam to assess the damages. Two IMCT visits have been undertaken in Assam in view of the severity of the flood situation. On the request of the Government of Nagaland, an IMCT is also being constituted for the State. Out of the seven affected States, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha and

Nagaland have already received the first instalment of SDRF for the financial year 2026-27.

FUNDS

The Union Government has released Rs 688 crore to Meghalaya as part of an advance instalment of tax devolution, giving the state additional financial resources ahead of the scheduled August 10 transfer to support development works and capital expenditure. In a move aimed at boosting states' spending capacity, the Ministry of Finance on Saturday disbursed Rs 1,09,019 crore to states across the country over and above the regular monthly devolution. The Centre said the early release would enable states to maintain the pace of infrastructure development and welfare programmes. Across the Northeast, Assam received the biggest allocation of ₹3,552 crore, while Arunachal Pradesh was allotted ₹1,476 crore. Meghalaya's share stood at ₹688 crore, placing it just behind Tripura, which received ₹699 crore.

BORDER

The Cross-border trade between India and China through Nathu La pass in Sikkim has resumed on Saturday ending a suspension of trade for more than six years that began during the COVID-19 pandemic. Nathula, located at an altitude of over 14,000 feet in East Sikkim has served as vital trade link for centuries along the ancient Silk Route connecting India with Tibet. The Border trade through the route was formally revived in 2006 after trade remained suspended since the 1962 India-China conflict. The Border trade will take place from Monday to Thursday, with the gate opening at 7:30 am IST, and each registered trader will be allowed to conduct trade worth up to Rs 2 lakh per day.

SCHEME

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday launched the first disbursement of Orunodoi 3.0 for the financial year 2026-27, facilitating the transfer of monthly financial assistance to more than 37 lakh women beneficiaries across the state through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Under this flagship scheme of the Assam Government, eligible women beneficiaries receive a monthly financial assistance of Rs. 1,250 from the State Government. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister described Orunodoi as the State Government's flagship social welfare scheme and a key instrument for strengthening the financial security of women and promoting inclusive socio-economic development across Assam. PTC GUWAHATI 12

UNIVERSITIES

Two institutions from Meghalaya have secured national recognition for their sustainability efforts, with the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) ranked **13th** and the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Meghalaya placed **36th** in the National Green University Ranking (NGUR) 2026. The rankings, released by Green Mentors, evaluate universities on parameters including climate action, biodiversity conservation, green infrastructure, sustainability research, governance, water management, and community engagement.

RAIN

Meghalaya recorded an unusually dry July this year. All districts except South West Khasi Hills reported deficient or largely deficient rainfall, according to India Meteorological Department (IMD) data. Five of the state's 11 districts saw rainfall drop by 50 to 80 per cent below normal. South West Khasi Hills was the sole exception, recording an 83 per cent surplus. Even East Khasi Hills—which includes Sohra (Cherrapunji) and Mawsynram—registered a deficit of nearly 50 per cent. The district, which typically receives 2,796 mm of rain in July, recorded only 1,403 mm this year. West Jaintia Hills saw the sharpest decline with a 78 per cent deficit, while West Garo Hills recorded a 69 per cent shortfall.

ED

The Agartala Sub-Zonal Office of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached bank deposits worth approximately Rs 1.12 crore under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in connection with an alleged money laundering case. In a statement, the ED said the investigation was initiated following allegations of fraud involving the impersonation of government officials to deceive investors and businesspersons. The accused include dismissed Tripura-cadre IAS officer, Abhishek Chandra and Utpal Kumar Choudhury. According to the agency, Mr. Choudhury allegedly posed as a senior Union Home Ministry official using forged identity documents and operated entities resembling government departments and public sector undertakings. PTC AGARTALA 13

CENSUS

The first phase of Census 2027 began across Tripura on Friday with house listing and layout mapping. Director of Census Operations, Ratan Biswas said enumerators and supervisors have started preparing layout maps in their assigned areas. After four days, they will begin collecting household information through a questionnaire, and the exercise will continue until August 30. In Gomati district, the programme was formally launched at Udaipur Municipal Council by Chairman ,Shital Chandra Majumder. Trained enumerators will visit every household to collect information on housing, basic amenities and family details. Around 8,000 personnel have been deployed across the state for the census exercise.

RADIO

Mizoram Home Minister, Pu K. Sapdanga has said that All India Radio (AIR) Aizawl has been one of the foremost institutions in preserving the Mizo language and has served as an important guide for younger generations in the correct use of the language. Speaking at the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of AIR Aizawl held at AIR Complex in Tuikhuahtlang, Pu Sapdanga said the station has made a significant contribution to safeguarding Mizo culture and language and has remained a vital institution in preserving the identity of the Mizo people. He said that despite rapid technological advances, All India Radio has continued to play an important role in protecting cultural heritage while adapting to changing times.

TRIPURA

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha has said that blood donation is not only a noble act but also a social responsibility, urging the younger generation to come forward and actively participate in the cause. He made the remarks while

inaugurating a voluntary blood donation camp organised by Agiye chala Sangha in Agartala on Saturday.The Chief Minister said there is no greater form of donation than donating blood, describing it as a matter of pride. While people donate clothes, food, money and education, he said blood donation stands above all because it has no substitute.

DURAND

The 135th edition of the Indian Oil Durand Cup commenced with a spectacular opening ceremony at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium, Sarusajai in Guwahati on Saturday. The opening ceremony was followed by the inaugural match between North East United FC and Bodoland FC.The ceremony featured cultural performances highlighting Assam's heritage, along with demonstrations by the Indian Armed Forces.

