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MODI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held bilateral meetings with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and UN Secretary-General António Guterres in New Delhi yesterday ahead of the 18th BRICS Summit. During his meeting with President Vladimir Putin, the two leaders reviewed progress in India-Russia cooperation across a wide range of areas, including politics, trade and economy. President Putin arrived in the national capital in the early hours yesterday to attend the BRICS Summit. In his meeting with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Prime Minister Modi reiterated India's consistent position that all issues must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy.

POLITICS

Amidst the ongoing speculations about a section of UDP MLAs looking to switch over to BJP in Meghalaya, the United Democratic Party on Friday put up a brave face after six of its MLAs skipped the party's central executive committee (CEC) meeting and foundation day celebration, maintaining that the party remains united.

Those absent were West Shillong MLA Paul Lyngdoh, Sohiong MLA Synshar Roy Kupa Lyngdoh, Mawphlang MLA Matthew Beyondstar Kurbah, Ranikor MLA Pius Marwein, Khliehriat MLA Kyrmen Shylla and Nongpoh MLA Mayralborn Syiem. Meanwhile, Mawsynram MLA Olan Sing Suin confirmed that eight legislators of the United Democratic Party (UDP) are negotiating with the BJP and said their switch could happen “anytime” if Delhi accepts their conditions. Speaking after the UDP central executive committee meeting, Suin said that an eight-member team has been formed to push a set of demands.

NAGALAND

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Friday seeking the Centre’s support in advancing the state's developmental priorities. During the meeting, Chief Minister Rio urged Mr Shah to intervene and extend support to expedite Nagaland’s developmental aspirations. In a social media post, Deputy Chief Minister Patton said the discussions covered issues concerning Nagaland, including development priorities, as well as the welfare and interests of its people. Meanwhile, in a letter to Union Home Minister Shah, Chief Minister Rio appealed to the Government of India to urgently review and withdraw the Protected Area Permit (PAP) regime in Nagaland. The appeal follows a unanimous resolution adopted by the Nagaland Legislative Assembly during its recently concluded session, seeking the withdrawal of the PAP regime from the state.

MANIPUR

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand on Friday met United States Ambassador to India, Sergio Gor at CM Secretariat, Mantripukhri in Imphal. During the meeting, Mr. Sergio Gor said that Manipur is a stunning place and it has a stunning beauty. The Ambassador enquired about the number of tourists visiting Manipur. He said that there is a special bond between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi & US President Donald Trump, beyond the normal PM-President relationship. The Chief Minister invited the US Ambassador to the upcoming Manipur Sangai Festival 2026. He said that India is a mini world and Manipur is a mini India and is home to 36 communities. The Chief Minister also highlighted tourism and other allied sectors as possible areas for development.

SIR

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has revised the schedule of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Tripura. Various political parties demanded it in view of the September 28 Village Committee elections in the state’s tribal areas. With January 1, 2027, as the qualifying date in the state, the SIR exercise, which was earlier scheduled to commence from September 5, has now been deferred. The Additional Chief Electoral Officer said the month-long house-to-house visits by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will begin on November 6 and continue till December 5, 2026. The draft electoral rolls will be published on December 12, 2026. Following the period for filing claims and objections and their subsequent disposal, the final electoral rolls will be published on February 15, 2027.

BJP

The BJP on Friday announced Debasish Sharma as its candidate for the by-election to the Nagaon Lok Sabha seat in Assam. His candidature was approved by the party's Central Election Committee. The notification for the Lok Sabha by-election was issued last week. Candidates can file their nominations until the 16th of this month. Polling will be held on 6th October, while counting of votes will take place on 9th October. Besides Nagaon Lok Sabha by-election, five Assembly seats in different states will also go to polls on 6th October.

TOURISM

Mizoram Ministers, F. Rodinglana and Lalnghinglova Hmar has highlighted the potential of 'Lo Zawh Pui', a traditional community farming activity, to promote agro-tourism and showcase rural life. The Ministers were addressing a festival to mark the completion of clearing weeds in jhum lands locally known as 'Lo Zawh' at Saichal village in Saitual District. Speaking at an event at Saichal in Saitual District, P&E Minister Rodinglana said 'Lo Zawh Pui' had gained popularity in different parts of the state and called for efforts to make it more attractive to visitors. Tourism Minister Lalnghinglova Hmar also said the government had examined whether 'Lo Zawh Pui', deeply rooted in Mizo life, could be adapted for tourism and decided to promote it as an attraction.

NOISE

The East Khasi Hills District Magistrate in Meghalaya has prohibited the unmonitored use of microphones, loudspeakers, amplifiers and other electronic sound systems by street performers in public market areas without prior permission. The order was issued in view of noise levels exceeding permissible limits in commercial areas. Street performers have been directed to use acoustic or non-amplified instruments and avoid narrow, echo-prone commercial corridors. The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board was also directed to monitor noise levels and take action against violations under the Noise Pollution Rules and the Environment (Protection) Act. Violators may also face action under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

CENTRE

Nagaland's first Centre of Logistics Training for Excellence (COLTE), was inaugurated in Dimapur on Friday aimed to equip youth with industry-oriented skills and improve employment opportunities in the logistics sector. Inaugurating the Centre, Deputy Chief Minister T. R. Zeliang, said the initiative marked an important step towards connecting the Naga youth with opportunities in India's rapidly growing logistics and supply-chain sector. He noted that more than 71,000 people in the state were registered as unemployed with the Employment Exchanges, with 92 percent lacking formal technical or vocational training. Advisor for Labour, Employment & Skill Development, Moatoshi Longkumer, said COLTE will provide upskilling, practical training, placement support and specialised programmes designed to meet industry needs. It aims to train around 400 unemployed youth from economically weaker sections annually, with at least 20 percent female participation.

TEA

A consignment of 15.31 metric tonnes of high-quality tea from Tripura was dispatched from Durgabari Tea Garden to Kolkata, from where it will be exported to European countries. Chairman of the Tripura Tea Development Corporation Limited, Samir Ranjan Ghosh, said the tea was collected from Durgabari and other tea gardens in the Mohanpur subdivision. The consignment will be sent to European countries through a private company based in Kolkata. Mr. Ghosh said Tripura tea had been exported abroad earlier as well, but never in such a large quantity at one time. He described the initiative as a new milestone for the state's tea industry under the Tripura Tea Development Corporation Limited. Secretary of the Industries and Commerce Department, Kiran Gitte, was also present at the programme.

REEL

The Cultural Affairs Department of Assam will organise a special Instagram Reel competition as part of the birth centenary celebrations of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, with the aim of engaging younger generation creatively. The competition seeks to take Dr. Bhupen Hazarika's life, works, music and contributions to society to young people across the world through digital platforms. Additional Chief Secretary of the Cultural Affairs Department, B. Kalyan Chakraborty, announced this at a press conference held at Janata Bhawan yesterday. People in the age group of 16 to 45 years can participate in the competition. There is no registration fee. Participants have to create a Reel of a maximum duration of 30 seconds, in any language. However, English subtitles are mandatory. The last date for submission is October 15 at 11:59 PM.

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