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HEADLINES:-

- Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh distributes financial assistance to farmers at the PM Kisan Utsav Diwas in Imphal.
- Meghalaya High Court directs Narcotics Control Bureau to submit a status report on the steps taken to address the drug menace in the state.
- North East's First Energy Summit held in Nagaland
- Meghalaya High Court upholds the suspension of Meghalaya Cricket Association Honorary Secretary Rayanold Kharkamni.
- Ministry of Culture to hold exposition of the Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Mizoram Art and Culture Minister, Pu C. Lalsawivunga calls for preserving the diverse customs and traditions of the Zo people.
- Tripura State Election Commission announces schedule for the upcoming urban local body elections.
- Tripura Chief Minister announces plans to establish super speciality hospitals along with a dedicated Health University in the state.

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FARMERS

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh on Friday distributed financial assistance and other benefits to farmers and farmer groups under various schemes. These benefits were distributed during the PM Kisan Utsav Diwas organised at Imphal. The financial assistance included rupees sixty thousand each for the purchase of water pumps under the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), rupees fifty thousand per unit for the construction of vermicompost units Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and rupees one lakh each for the installation of mini oil mills. Meanwhile, Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Research Centre for Orchids (NRCO) in Sikkim , also organized the "PM-KISAN Utsav Diwas".A total of 85 farmers and beneficiaries from different villages of Pakyong District participated in the programme.

DRUGS

The Meghalaya High Court has directed the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) to submit a status report on the steps taken to address the drug menace in Meghalaya. During the hearing, Senior counsel for the applicant, Mr. Mahanta, also submitted a note drawing the court's attention to Operation Trident 2026, launched by the NCB on October 23 to dismantle cross-border drug trafficking networks in the Northeast. According to the note, 18 people were arrested during coordinated operations carried out across Assam, Mizoram and Manipur. The operation also reportedly uncovered nearly Rs 100 crore in hawala transactions, leading to a better understanding of the financial networks used by the drug cartel. Further, around 1,400 bank accounts were frozen, while properties worth approximately Rs 17.82 crore were attached as part of the operation.

POWER

The Whitebase in partnership with Nagaland State Department of Geology & Mining organized the first North East Energy Summit: Nagaland Energy Chapter in Chümoukedima on Friday .

Addressing the program as the Special Guest, Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K.G. Kenye stated that energy is not merely a sector of the economy but the foundation of development, industrial growth, employment generation and improved quality of life. He highlighted that Nagaland has considerable potential in hydropower, solar energy, oil and natural gas and called for transforming these resources into long-term investment. Earlier, the Minister also inaugurated Nagaland's first CNG station.

CRICKET

The Meghalaya High Court on Friday upheld the suspension of Meghalaya Cricket Association (MCA) Honorary Secretary Rayanold Kharkamni, ruling that the action taken by MCA President James P.K. Sangma was a valid interim measure following findings of sexual harassment and alleged suppression of complaints. Justice H.S. Thangkhiew dismissed Kharkamni's petition challenging the suspension, holding that the President's action was justified to protect complainants and preserve evidence pending a formal disciplinary enquiry. The Court directed the Honorary Secretary and other respondents to hand over all MCA assets, including digital credentials and email identity, within two weeks.

HOLY

The Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in collaboration with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) and the National Museum, New Delhi, is organising an exposition of the Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha in Arunachal Pradesh from 31 October to 21 November. The exposition will cover three important centres of Buddhist faith and heritage—Tawang, Bomdila and Namsai, providing devotees and members of the public an opportunity to pay homage to the Sacred Relics. Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, is scheduled to participate in the inaugural ceremony.

CUSTOM

Mizoram Art and Culture Minister,Pu C. Lalsawivunga has emphasised the importance of preserving the diverse customs and traditions of the Zo people to strengthen unity within the community. Speaking at the Mizo Integration Cultural Festival at Saikot Ground in Churachandpur, Lalsawivunga said the community's rich cultural traditions and practices binds the Zo people together. He urged the younger generation to protect and preserve their cultural heritage, stressing that modernisation should not come at the cost of losing their distinct identity and traditional way of life.

POLLING

The Tripura State Election Commission on Friday announced the schedule for the upcoming urban local body elections in the state. Addressing a press conference, State Election Commissioner, Pradip Kumar Chakraborty stated that elections to 21 urban local bodies, including 13 Municipal Councils, seven Nagar Panchayats and the Agartala Municipal Corporation, will be held on November 27. Counting of votes will take place on December 2. More than 5.9 lakh voters are eligible to exercise their franchise in the elections. Of them, over 2.9 lakh are male voters and more than 3 lakh are female voters.

HEALTH

Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha has announced plans to establish four to five more super speciality hospitals in the state, along with a dedicated Health University to oversee various health-related matters. He said that significant changes are underway in the state's healthcare system to improve medical services. The Chief Minister made this announcement while inaugurating the new campus of the private Milestones Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Chandrapur in Udaipur, Gomati district on Friday .The new campus has been developed with the objective of creating better opportunities in pharmaceutical education, research and innovation.

UREA

Mizoram Police seized 550 bags of urea fertiliser, suspected to have been intended for illegal smuggling to Myanmar, at a police check gate on Friday morning and arrested one person in connection with the case, a senior police official said. The official said that at around 7.30 am on Friday, Khawzawl district police personnel conducting routine checks intercepted a truck bearing an Aizawl district registration number at Tuisenphai Check Gate. The vehicle was travelling from Vairengte in Kolasib district towards Champhai, which borders Myanmar. The truck was carrying 550 bags of fertiliser valued at Rs 7.15 lakh without a valid allotment order or acknowledgement letter from the competent authority. The owner of the fertiliser, who was also the owner and driver of the truck, was identified as Lalremruata, a resident of Tuikual South locality in Aizawl.

FOOTBALL

Debutants Nagaland United Sports Club made an impressive start to their Indian Football League campaign, defeating Real Kashmir FC 3–1 in their opening encounter in Srinagar on Friday J. Remlala opened the scoring in the third minute before Vanlalhriatzuala K extended Nagaland United's lead in the 22nd minute to give the visitors a 2–0 advantage at half-time.Real Kashmir pulled one back in the 59th minute through an own goal by Nagaland United captain Rohmingthanga. However, Vanlalhriatzuala struck again in the 76th minute to seal a memorable 3–1 victory for the debutants.

FEST

The two-day 6th Edition of the Nagaland Literature Festival (NLF) 2026 got underway in Kohima on Friday, under the theme "From Hearth to Page". Delivering the key note address, Advisor to School Education, Nagaland, Dr. Kekhrie Yhome highlighted changing societal sensibilities and the importance of exploring contemporary taboos through creative writing. Dr. Yhome said the role of writers is not merely to tell stories but also to investigate, question and uncover realities. He further observed that times are changing, bringing new and different sensibilities, and stressed the need for writers to engage with these evolving perspectives. President of the Writers' Collective, Nagaland, Vishü Rita Krocha called on the state government to invest more in the literary and artistic development of young people.

FESTIVAL

Local products, cultural performances and community interaction took centre stage at the two-day Inter-State Border Festival being held in Vairengte town along the Assam-Mizoram border. The event aims to bring together people from Mizoram's Kolasib district and Assam's Cachar district to promote closer ties between neighbouring communities. The second day of the festival was graced by Cachar District Commissioner, Rahul Kumar Gupta as the Chief Guest. Emphasising that border towns like Vairengte and Lailapur are vital gateways rather than mere boundaries, Gupta highlighted the daily interdependence of the two states in areas such as trade, healthcare and education. He also praised the people of Vairengte for maintaining cordial relations with their neighbours, describing the town as an example of peaceful coexistence.

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