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HEADLINES:-

- Nagaland Cabinet appeals Centre to withdraw Protected Area Permit regime, for having adversely affected tourism and investment prospects.
- Toll rises to nine in fresh round of clashes between two communities in Manipur on Sunday.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma distributes appointment letters to 439 candidates recruited across four state government departments.
- Technical team of Coal Ministry inspects coal-bearing areas in Meghalaya to assess feasibility of resuming small-scale mining.
- Nagaland Cabinet acknowledges agreement among governments of India, Assam and Nagaland facilitating oil and natural gas exploration in Disputed Area Belt.
- Assam State School Education Board issues new guidelines for Higher Secondary Final Examination, 2027.
- Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia to inaugurate 10 projects in Mizoram.
- Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang releases 'Chocolate Mahseer' fish into Rangeet river on Sunday.
- Chief Minister Manik Saha urges Tripura Civil Service officers to work with greater dedication and empathy towards people.
- Assam Forest Department launches educational initiative to connect students with nature at Nameri Tiger Reserve.
- Arunachal Pradesh cabinet approves recruitment rules for 12 categories of teaching and technical posts in government engineering and polytechnic colleges.
- Sikkim hosts opening leg of Zabarvan Extreme Legends Series international downhill mountain biking on Sunday.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

NAGALAND:

The Nagaland Cabinet has renewed its appeal to the Centre to withdraw the Protected Area Permit (PAP) regime, as its reimposition in December 2024 has adversely affected tourism and investment prospects in the state. At its meeting on 10th October, the Cabinet highlighted tourism as an increasingly important source of livelihood and employment in Nagaland, particularly for the youth. The cabinet noted that years of ceasefire and the ongoing peace process had helped create an atmosphere of peace and stability in Nagaland, opening up opportunities for

tourism and economic development. The Nagaland Legislative Assembly had also unanimously adopted a resolution calling for withdrawal of Protected Area Permit regime and restoration of the earlier relaxation.

MANIPUR:

The situation remained tense in violence-hit hill districts of Manipur yesterday. The toll in a fresh round of clashes between two communities rose to nine, even as Chief Minister Y Khemchand Singh appealed for peace and restraint and asked authorities concerned to bring the situation under control. The fresh killings were reported in Kamjong, Ukhrul and Kangpokpi districts on Friday and Saturday. The chief minister condemned the killing of innocent civilians and the violence. Singh also appealed to all communities in Manipur to exercise restraint to defuse the situation and prioritise peace, dialogue and harmony. Additional security forces have been rushed to the violence-hit districts to control the situation.

ASSAM:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday distributed appointment letters to 439 candidates recruited across four state government departments, taking the total number of appointments made during his two terms to 1,65,749. Sarma said the Assam Co-operative Apex Bank, once on the verge of losing its licence from the Reserve Bank of India, had undergone a major transformation. He said 175 posts had been filled in the bank, which had also generated numerous indirect employment opportunities. He also highlighted the role of the Employees' State Insurance scheme in providing medical care to workers earning less than 21,000 rupees a month. A medical college has been established in Guwahati under the scheme, with 50 MBBS seats. During Sunday's programme, 12 Insurance Medical Officers were also appointed to serve the 33 dispensaries and hospitals operating under the ESI scheme. Among the other recruits, 184 were appointed to the Public Health Engineering Department and 68 to the Assam Water Resources Department.

COAL:

A technical team of the Coal Ministry has inspected coal-bearing areas in Meghalaya to assess the feasibility of resuming small-scale mining. Unscientific coal mining remains suspended in Meghalaya since the National Green Tribunal imposed a ban on rat-hole mining in the state in 2014. The team, comprising officials from the Ministry of Coal, Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited and Directorate General of Mines Safety, visited mining areas in East Jaintia Hills and the Khasi Hills last week. The inspection was part of ongoing discussions between the Meghalaya government and the Centre to explore ways to operationalise small-scale coal mining while ensuring compliance with environmental safety and legal requirements. Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma had met Union Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy in New Delhi on 7th July to raise the concerns of coal-dependent families and explore options for reviving the sector.

OIL:

The Nagaland Cabinet has acknowledged an agreement among the governments of India, Assam and Nagaland to facilitate oil and natural gas exploration in the Disputed Area Belt along the inter-state boundary. Highlighting infrastructure development, it welcomed central support for key projects, including the Dimapur–Kohima National Highway, railway connectivity to Zubza, the proposed Foothill Road, an airport at Ciethu, and proposed higher medical and technical education institutions. During a meeting on Saturday, the Nagaland Cabinet also congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on completing 25 years of continuous leadership as head of government. The cabinet acknowledged central initiatives aimed at strengthening infrastructure and promoting economic growth in the Northeast.

EDUCATION:

The Assam State School Education Board has issued new guidelines for the Higher Secondary Final Examination, 2027. Candidates will have to appear compulsorily in all six subjects mentioned in their admit cards and secure at least 33 percent marks in each to pass. However, candidates who fail in one subject but secure a minimum of 33 percent marks in the remaining subjects may also be declared passed, subject to certain conditions. Candidates who remain absent in any one or more subjects mentioned in the admit card will be declared unsuccessful.

SCINDIA:

Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia will be on a two-day visit to Mizoram from today to inaugurate and cement foundations for 10 projects. He will also attend the North East Bankers' Conclave tomorrow. This will be Scindia's second visit to Mizoram since assuming charge of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region. He will arrive in Aizawl and travel to Tuivamit on the western outskirts of the state capital to inaugurate various completed projects and lay foundation stones for new ones alongside Chief Minister Lalduhoma. Scindia will later visit Mizoram University, where he is scheduled to interact with students, including participants of the ministry's 'Ashtalakshmi Darshan' programme, officials said.

SIKKIM:

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang yesterday released 'Chocolate Mahseer' fish into the Rangeet river, underlining the importance of conserving indigenous fish species and protecting the state's aquatic biodiversity. Tamang released the fish species during the second day of the Chirbirey River Fest near Jorethang. Tamang said the festival celebrated the beauty of nature, the spirit of adventure and the rich cultural identity of Sikkim's communities. The introduction and development of hybrid fish varieties, particularly hybrid mahseer and other improved fish strains where suitable, can contribute to local livelihoods, food security, and sustainable fish farming, the chief minister underscored. Beyond the festivities, the Chirbirey River Fest highlights the importance of promoting lesser-known destinations, supporting local communities, and encouraging responsible tourism across Sikkim, Tamang said.

OFFICERS:

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha has urged Tripura Civil Service officers to work with greater sensitivity, dedication and empathy towards people. He was speaking at a clothes distribution programme organised by the Tripura Civil Service Association at IGM Hospital in Agartala yesterday, ahead of the Durga Puja festivities. The Chief Minister said that civil service officers act as a bridge between the government and the people, ensuring effective implementation of government schemes. He stressed the importance of continuous skill development and administrative efficiency for the Tripura's progress. As part of the initiative, clothes were distributed among sanitation workers and security guards of IGM Hospital.

FOREST:

The Assam Forest Department has launched an educational initiative to take learning beyond textbooks and connect students directly with nature at Nameri Tiger Reserve. The 'Nameri Wild Classroom', open to students of Class 8 and above, including college-goers, will offer two and three-day residential learning programmes, Forest and Climate Change Minister Jayanta Malla Baruah said. The programme includes birdwatching, guided forest walks, wildlife tracking and activities focused on river ecology. Students will also have the opportunity to experience rafting on the Jia-Bharali River. Naturalists and forest personnel will guide the participants, helping them understand the relationship between wildlife, forests, rivers and people. The students will maintain field journals to record their observations and receive certificates upon completion.

ARUNACHAL:

The Arunachal Pradesh cabinet yesterday approved recruitment rules for 12 categories of teaching and technical posts in government engineering and polytechnic colleges. Led by Chief Minister Pema Khandu, the cabinet also cleared measures to strengthen healthcare, food safety and support for women in distress. It resolved to address wage disparities under the National Leprosy Elimination Programme. The cabinet also approved 20 posts to operationalise the round-the-clock Women Helpline-181 scheme under Mission Shakti. The helpline provides emergency assistance and connects women in distress with medical care, shelter, legal aid and counselling.

BIKING:

Sikkim yesterday hosted the opening leg of the 2026 Zabarvan Extreme Legends Series, an international downhill mountain biking competition. It features riders from eight countries, as the Himalayan state seeks to strengthen its position as an adventure tourism destination. Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang flagged off the competition at Rock Garden in Soreng district's Zoom. Riders from India, Iran, Australia, Brazil, Italy, the Czech Republic, Taiwan and Nepal took part in the event. The Zabarvan Extreme Legends Series promotes downhill mountain biking across different terrains in India. The 2025 edition covered Kashmir, Assam and

Meghalaya, while the 2026 series began in Sikkim. Ladakh and Maharashtra are scheduled to host subsequent legs.
