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GANDHI

The Nation is paying homage to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, on his 157th birth anniversary today. A series of functions are being organised across the country and by Indian Missions abroad. A Sarva Dharma Prarthana Sabha will be organised at his Samadhi – Raj Ghat in the national capital. Along with Gandhi Jayanti, India is also paying homage to former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on his 122nd birth anniversary today.

ROAD

Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Nitin Gadkari has announced the approval of 1,176 crore rupees for a new six-lane bridge over the Teesta River along National Highway-10 (NH-10) near Sevoke in West Bengal's Darjeeling district. The proposed structure, including its approach roads, will span around 6.9 km and is aimed at improving one of the key road links between Sikkim, Siliguri and the Northeast. NH-10 is a crucial route for passenger and commercial traffic travelling between Siliguri and Sikkim. The existing infrastructure frequently experiences congestion, particularly during periods of heavy tourist movement and adverse weather conditions.

BJP

The possibility of a Cabinet reshuffle in Meghalaya could come up for discussion with Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his scheduled visit to the State on October 5, senior BJP leader and Pynthorumkhrah MLA AL Hek indicated on Thursday. Asked about the possibility of changes in the State Cabinet following the BJP's recent expansion in the Meghalaya Assembly, Hek said the decision to reshuffle the Cabinet remains the prerogative of Chief Minister. However, Hek indicated that the issue could be discussed with the Union Home Minister during his visit, if the opportunity arose. He said the BJP's central leadership had several matters to discuss and that any decision concerning the party's role would ultimately be taken at the appropriate level. Shah is scheduled to visit Meghalaya on October 4 and 5.

ACCIDENT

At least three persons, including Dr Engam Pame, Additional Director General of the Press Information Bureau's regional office in Imphal and Aizawl Doordarshan Director (News) Nampibou Marinmai, were killed and another was seriously injured after the car they were travelling in fell into a gorge near Sialsuk, a popular tourist destination in Mizoram's Aizawl district, on Thursday, officials said. The accident occurred when the victims were returning to Aizawl after visiting a tourist site, located about 65 km from the state capital. The driver of the vehicle was seriously injured in the accident. The exact cause of the accident is yet to be ascertained.

AIRPORT

The Airports Authority of India has stated that three locations in Sikkim like Sadam, Martam and Ranka have been proposed for a new greenfield airport with pre-feasibility studies now underway. A multi-disciplinary technical team of AAI is assessing the suitability and feasibility of the three proposed locations from technical, operational, aviation and other perspectives. The studies are being conducted under the Greenfield Airports Policy, 2008, along with provisions applicable to the northeastern states. The findings will provide preliminary technical inputs for further consideration of the proposals. Government of Sikkim has been closely coordinating with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India, and the Airports Authority of India in taking forward the proposal.

TRAINS

Train services on the Bairabi–Sairang railway line have been temporarily suspended due to heavy rain, waterlogging and debris on the track. NF Railway CPRO, Kapinjal Kishore Sharma said four trains were stopped en-route. The Silchar–Sairang and Kolkata–Sairang at Bairabi, while the Sairang–Kolkata and Guwahati–Sairang trains were stopped at Hailakandi. Twenty buses were arranged to transport affected passengers. The Sairang–Guwahati and Sairang–Silchar services were also cancelled due to continued rainfall. Officials said there was no landslide or subsidence on the track and the services were expected to resume soon.

RAIN

Meghalaya recorded a 60 per cent deficiency in rainfall during the 2026 Southwest Monsoon season from June to September, according to the rainfall assessment of the India Meteorological Department (IMD). Based on rainfall statistics for the period from June 1 to September 30, 2026, Meghalaya received cumulative rainfall of 1,077.1 mm against the seasonal normal of 2,695.3 mm, registering an overall deficiency of 60 per cent. The rainfall during the four-month monsoon period stood at only 40 per cent of the Long Period Average (LPA). The Southwest Monsoon advanced over Meghalaya on June 9.

PARK

Manas National Park will reopen for domestic and international tourists from today, marking the beginning of the 2026-27 tourism season. A special programme will be held at the Bansbari forest range to mark the occasion. The main entrance gate at Bansbari will be open in the presence of BTC Chief Hagrama Mohilary, BTC Executive Member in charge of Forests James Basumatary, Manas Tiger Reserve Field Director Sonali Ghosh and other senior officials. Meanwhile, Kaziranga National Park will reopen for tourists tomorrow. According to a notification issued by the Eastern Assam Wildlife Division, jeep safaris will commence on Saturday for the 2026-27 tourism season. The safari timings have been fixed from 7:30 AM to 10 AM and from 1:30 PM to 3 PM.

MANIPUR

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh on Thursday felicitated weightlifter Km. Saikhom Mirabai Chanu and Wushu player Km. Naorem Roshibina Devi on their return to the state after winning silver medals at the Asian Games 2026 held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. During the felicitation, Khemchand Singh expressed his desire to establish sports complexes in the rural areas of Manipur, stating that Imphal city is becoming increasingly congested. The Chief Minister stated that if the law-and-order situation in the State improves, the Government would be able to increase the assistance provided to sportspersons who bring laurels to the State.

TRIPURA

Tripura Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha said the youth are a vital human resource and the younger generation will lead the way towards building a developed nation. He was speaking at an event held at Women's College, Agartala on Thursday, where he inaugurated the renovation and development works of the Matangini Pritilata Auditorium and launched the Seva First Innovation Challenge 2026, Mukhyamantri Yuva Jogajog Yojana & Digi-SAPNE 3.0. The Chief Minister said the youth have the potential to drive the country towards progress.

CAMPAIGN

The State Level Nodal Agency Watershed Management, Manipur under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana- Watershed Development Component 2.0 (PMKSY-WDC 2.0) will organise Reform Utsav from today to December 2026 across watershed project areas of Manipur. Speaking at a press meet, Chief

Executive Officer (CEO) of SLNA- Dr. Rajkumari Sunita Devi said that the campaign would focus on grassroot outreach, particularly in remote areas and strengthen cooperation between implementing agencies and communities.

COFFEE

The Department of Land Resources on Thursday celebrated International Coffee Day in Kohima under the theme, “Coffee is Part of the Solution.” The event featured coffee tasting, latte art competitions, an entrepreneurs and growers’ meet, coffee exhibition and sale of products among others. Speaking on the occasion, Advisor for Land Resources G. Ikuto Zhimomi said the strategic development of coffee in Nagaland is emerging as a sustainable model of rural transformation. Meanwhile, the Department said, Nagaland has developed a cumulative 11,647.69 hectares of land for coffee cultivation, from the first plantations established in 1981 to positioning coffee as a State Unique Selling Proposition.

OLD

Nagaland Chief Secretary Sentiyanger Imchen has called for stronger family, community and institutional support systems for senior citizens. Mr Imchen was speaking at the state-level observation of the International Day of Older Persons organised by the Department of Social Welfare in Kohima on Thursday. He noted that modern life had brought changes and complexities, as families became more dispersed due to education, employment, migration and changing lifestyles. He urged families, communities, churches and the government to work together to meet the needs of the elderly. During the event, the State Level Senior Citizens Award 2026 were conferred on Prof. Alongla P. Aier, and Dr L.M. Murry.

CLEANLINESS

As part of the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' initiative, Akashvani Agartala organized a special cleanliness and social welfare drive at 'Apnaghar,' a private old age home located near Agartala Airport. During the program, officials and employees of Akashvani Agartala joined hands with the senior residents to clean the institution's premises and surrounding areas. The initiative aimed to emphasize that maintaining a clean environment is not solely the responsibility of the administration, but a collective duty of every citizen in society.

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