

HEADLINES:-

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah cancels his two-day visit to Meghalaya .
- BJP sets its sights to form the government in Mizoram after the 2028 Assembly polls
- With protests against the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project continuing in Arunachal Pradesh, Chief Minister Pema Khandu invites Farmers Forum for talks
- Assam Forest and Environment Minister, Jayanta Malla Baruah inaugurates 2026-27 tourism season of Kaziranga National Park
- Jowai South MDC Moonlight Pariat joins BJP in Meghalaya
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly radio programme, 'Mann Ki Baat' complete 12 years
- NEC Secretary Satinder Kumar Bhalla reviews progress of coffee cultivation in Nagaland
- Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha inaugurates renovated pond in Agartala

NEWS IN ORDER:-

VISIT

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's proposed two-day visit to Meghalaya from today has been cancelled, while the Meghalaya Police has separately announced the cancellation of the President's Police Colour Presentation Ceremony scheduled for October 5. The Meghalaya Police, in a separate notification issued on Saturday, announced that the President's Police Colour Presentation Ceremony scheduled for October 5 at JN Stadium, Shillong, stands cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances. The Police notification stated that a fresh date for the ceremony would be communicated in due course. Shah was scheduled to attend the ceremony as part of his proposed Meghalaya visit, during which the President's Police Colour was to be presented to the Meghalaya Police.

MIZORAM

Former Union minister and senior BJP leader Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad on Saturday said that the saffron party has set its sights on forming the government in Mizoram after the 2028 Assembly polls. Addressing a reception organised at the BJP office in Aizawl, Karad, the newly appointed Mizoram state in-charge, said the party would work to strengthen its organisation and resolve issues faced by its members at various levels. Karad said the BJP's state and central units were connected and that problems faced at the grassroots level were also a concern for the party's central leadership. He called upon party workers to work together towards the 2028 Assembly elections. The BJP now has 2 MLAs in the 40-member Mizoram Assembly.

PROJECT

With protests against the proposed Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP) continuing in parts of Arunachal Pradesh, Chief Minister Pema Khandu has invited the Siang Indigenous Farmers Forum (SIFF) for talks on October 5, but the cultivators' body has sought to defer the meeting beyond October 11. The meeting assumes significance as opposition to the proposed pre-feasibility report (PFR) survey for the mega hydropower project has intensified in parts of the Siang belt. SIFF spokesperson Tagori Mize, said SIFF would hold a series of internal deliberations from October 4 to 11 to discuss the project and the proposed PFR survey before arriving at a collective stand. Khandu, meanwhile, said the government was looking forward to engaging with SIFF and hoped dialogue could help find an amicable way forward.

KAZIRANGA

Forest and Environment Minister, Jayanta Malla Baruah on Saturday formally inaugurated the 2026-27 tourism season of Kaziranga National Park at Mihimukh in the Kohora range. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said the Forest and Tourism Departments would jointly work to improve infrastructure, modernise existing facilities and introduce new attractions in view of the expected increase in tourist footfall. He expressed hope that Kaziranga would witness a record number of visitors this season, considering the encouraging advance bookings and tourist response. The Minister stressed the need to ensure that the growth of tourism creates greater economic opportunities for local communities. He said efforts are underway to enable more local people to become self-reliant through tourism-related activities and improve their standard of living.

BJP

In Meghalaya, Jowai South MDC Moonlight Pariat joined the BJP on Saturday, saying he wanted to raise the concerns of Meghalaya's district councils with the party's national leadership. He called for the removal of Paragraph 12A of the Sixth Schedule, which he said had restricted the functioning of the councils, and sought greater financial support for them. Pariat also called for lifting the ban on coal mining in Meghalaya. Meanwhile, BJP leader and Minister Sanbor Shullai urged party workers to strengthen the organisation ahead of the 2028 Assembly elections and said the BJP's core principles were development and humanity.

PROGRAMME

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly radio programme, 'Mann Ki Baat', completed 12 years on Saturday. The first episode of the programme was broadcast October 3 in 2014, on the occasion of Vijayadashami. The 138th episode of Mann Ki Baat was broadcast recently. Over the past 12 years, Mann Ki Baat has provided a unique platform to highlight the positive transformation taking place across the country and to encourage citizens to participate actively in India's development journey. Through the monthly programme, the Prime Minister shares inspiring stories of people from across the country who are making a difference in areas including education, healthcare, environmental conservation, innovation and social service.

COFFEE

The Secretary of the North Eastern Council (NEC), Satinder Kumar Bhalla, visited Tuophema Village in Nagaland to review the progress of coffee cultivation and associated infrastructure under the Coffee USP Project. During the visit, he inspected the coffee plantation sites and the Hi-Tech Coffee Washing Station besides interacting with coffee growers and members of the Tuophema Cluster. Bhalla said that the Coffee USP Project is envisaged not merely as a plantation initiative but as an integrated livelihood and economic development programme that can enable villages, societies and clusters to derive greater value from the natural and human resources of the region.

GOVERNOR

Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Saturday distributed Nutritional Food Baskets to TB patients and family caregivers during a programme held at the MSFDS in Imphal. The initiative is being supported by National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC), under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. Addressing the gathering, the Governor said that while Manipur's reported TB indicators are relatively favourable, greater efforts are needed to strengthen case detection, particularly in remote and difficult-to-reach areas, as reported numbers may not fully reflect the actual prevalence.

PHE

The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Nagaland, observed Swachh Bharat Diwas and marked the culmination of Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 in Kohima on Saturday. The programme was graced by Minister for PHED & Cooperation, Jacob Zhimomi along with other officials, and representatives from departments and organisations. As part of the culmination programme, awards were presented under two categories —Swachhata Champion and Best Performing ODF Plus Model Village. Congratulating the awardees, Zhimomi said that sanitation is a lifelong priority that requires continuous strengthening and renewed efforts to ensure that its benefits reach even the remotest villages of the state. He noted that the state is moving in the right direction and called for greater coordination among the divisional offices to realise the vision of a Swachh Bharat.

POND

Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha inaugurated a renovated pond near Ujan Abhoynagar Bazar under Ward No. 11 of Agartala Municipal Corporation on Saturday. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said the state government's primary objective is development, improving civic services, ensuring public amenities, beautifying the city and protecting Agartala from flooding. He said embankment work along the Katakhal and Haora rivers is underway, while additional pumps are being installed to drain rainwater quickly. The Chief Minister said renovation work on six of the nine identified water bodies in the city has been completed, while work on the remaining ponds is in progress. The pond was renovated under AMRUT 2.0 at a cost of 3.02 crore rupees.

REPOLLS

Re-polling was held on Saturday in three seats of Gomati district as part of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC) Village Committee election. State Election Commission Secretary Anurag Sen said the re-polling held in one seat of Paharpur Village under Amarapur Block recorded a voter turnout of 91.59 percent. Meanwhile, re-polling for two seats of Gamaria Village was held at Warengbari S.B. School under Matabari Block, where the voter turnout was 82.27 percent. Anurag Sen said the polling process was completed peacefully. After polling concluded, the polling personnel returned to their respective strong rooms. The State Election Commission Secretary further informed that counting of votes for the TTAADC Village Committee election will be held tomorrow.

ADC

The Autonomous District Council (ADC), Senapati, organised an Inter-College District-Level PowerPoint Presentation Competition on Saturday as part of the Seva Sankalp Utsav 2026. The competition was held on the theme “Innovation and Challenges in Solid Waste Management and Flood Mitigation in the District. The competition brought together students from various colleges across the district. The participating students presented innovative ideas, practical solutions and locally relevant approaches to address the growing challenges of solid waste management and flood mitigation in Senapati district. Delivering the keynote address, A. Adahrui Maheo, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Senapati and Chief Executive Officer, ADC Senapati, described the programme as an important platform for students, officials and community stakeholders to exchange ideas and explore practical solutions to local challenges.

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