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## HEADLINES:-

No decision proposed SUMP without detailed public consultation and consent, says Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu.

United Democratic Party withdraws its support to the Conrad Sangma-led government in Meghalaya.

Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh reviews law and order situation in Manipur.

Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Ram Nath Thakur arrives at Agartala for an official visit.

District Magistrate Capital Complex Itanagar, Toko Babu declares proposed 12 - bandh call by Public Right Action Committee as illegal and unlawful.

Games Technical Conduct Committee of the 39th National Games 2027 reviews Meghalaya's preparations.

Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma highlights government commitment to empowering young entrepreneurs through the Bana Kaih (Hand-Holding) Scheme.

Demographic experts and social workers express serious concern over the declining Total Fertility Rate in Mizoram.

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## NEWS IN ORDER:-

### PROJECT

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu has assured the Adi community that no decision on construction of proposed SUMP will be taken without detailed public consultation and consent, while maintaining that the project is currently only at the pre-feasibility report (PFR) stage. He said, PFR is neither a final approval nor a decision to construct the dam. Khandu invited residents of Siang and Upper Siang districts and members of Adi community to engage with public representatives and government officials. Emphasizing that disagreement was a democratic right and every voice mattered, he said the government is committed to listen to residents, understand their apprehensions and address them transparently.

**UDP**

The United Democratic Party, a key constituent of the ruling Meghalaya Democratic Alliance in Meghalaya have unanimously decided to withdraw its support to the Conrad Sangma-led government, bringing an end to its nearly eight-year association with the ruling coalition. The decision was taken at a meeting of the party's Central Executive Committee following the resignation of UDP president and lone legislator Metbah Lyngdoh from the state Cabinet on Saturday. UDP General Secretary, Titosstarwell Chyne said that the committee felt that the party should withdraw from the government following its president's departure from the Cabinet and unanimously urged Lyngdoh to formally withdraw the UDP's support to the ruling coalition. The decision comes amid a series of setbacks for the UDP, which had 12 legislators following the 2023 Assembly elections.

**LAW**

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh on Tuesday reviewed the prevailing law and order situation in the State and deliberated on measures to further strengthen security arrangements. During the meeting, the Chief Minister directed security officers to identify the active armed groups, excluding those engaged in peace talks, suspected to be involved in the recent violence in the State. He instructed the security agencies to submit a detailed report on the involvement of these groups at the earliest. The Chief Minister further stated that, based on the findings of the report, the State Cabinet would be constrained to consider declaring such groups as unlawful if their involvement in violence against innocent civilians is established.

**MINISTER**

Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Ram Nath Thakur, arrived at Agartala on an official visit on Tuesday. During his visit, he will review the implementation and progress of central government schemes in the state. Addressing media persons upon his arrival, the Union Minister explained that as part of central outreach initiatives under department schemes like 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan', representatives and leaders visit different states to inspect how central welfare schemes are functioning on the ground, evaluate financial expenditures, and gauge overall development and progress.

**BANDH**

District Magistrate Capital Complex Itanagar, Toko Babu on Tuesday issued an order declaring the proposed 12 -bandh call by Public Right Action Committee (PRAC) from 5 am to 5pm today as illegal and unlawful. The District Magistrate directed the organizers and all concerned persons to refrain from enforcing, supporting or participating in the proposed bandh and to call off the bandh immediately. Any person found violating the order shall be liable for penal action as per the provisions of law, he said. Meanwhile, PRAC in its list of demands has asked for immediate and unconditional release of all individuals detained in connection with Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP) issue.

## COMMITTEE

The Games Technical Conduct Committee of the 39th National Games 2027 on Tuesday reviewed Meghalaya’s preparations to host the Games, holding a series of meetings in Shillong followed by inspections of competition venues across the city. The GTCC is led by its Chairperson, Sunaina Kumari, with members Ravinder Choudhary, Maninder Pal Singh, V. Sunil Kumar and Dushyant Sharma. The day began with a meeting chaired by Dr. Vijay Kumar D, Commissioner & Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs, where the GTCC was briefed on Meghalaya's preparedness to host the 39th National Games. The committee then held an online meeting with representatives of the North Eastern Region (NER) states, who gave a brief overview of their preparations for hosting Games events in their states.

## MIZORAM

Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma has highlighted the state government's commitment to empowering young entrepreneurs through the Bana Kaih (Hand-Holding) Scheme, which provides interest-free loans without collateral or guarantors to help aspiring entrepreneurs become self-reliant.Addressing the Young Entrepreneurs Summit 2026 as the Chief Guest, organised by the Mizoram Entrepreneurs' Chamber, the Chief Minister said the Bana Kaih Scheme offered one of the most favourable interest-free loan facilities in the country. He said the ZPM-led government was making every possible effort to support entrepreneurs seeking to achieve self-reliance through their own hard work.

## ROAD

The Restoration work on the landslide-hit stretch of National Highway-2 at Phesama, near Naga Heritage Village, Kisama, is around 80 percent complete, with the road expected to reopen by November 20.This was informed by the Southern Angami Youth Organisation president, Zasitsolie Beio following an inspection of the affected area, along with representatives of its federating units and contractors engaged by the NHIDCL.The NH-2 near Phesama serves as the primary road link between Kohima and Manipur. Beio said the organisation was satisfied with the progress of the work, while blacktopping and other works were still pending. Meanwhile, Phesama Youth Organisation raised concerns over the deteriorating condition of the alternative road connecting Phesama, Kisama and Kigwema.

## FERTILITY

Demographic experts and social workers in Mizoram have expressed serious concern over the declining Total Fertility Rate in the state, which has decreased to 1.9 children per woman, below the replacement level of 2.1 required to maintain a stable population without immigration. Quoting official figures, Aizawl-based social worker Lalremruati said the state's overall TFR had declined from 2.26 in the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 to between 1.87 and 1.9 in NFHS-5. The urban TFR was significantly lower at 1.6 children per woman, compared to 2.2 in rural Mizoram. The concern is compounded by the fact that nearly 55.52 per cent of the state's population currently resides in urban areas, contributing to the decline in the overall fertility rate. Another demographic concern highlighted by social workers is the disproportionately high number of male deaths in Mizo society.

## ATTACK

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha has strongly condemned the assault on Border Security Force (BSF) personnel at Ashabari in Boxanagar, Sepahijala district, stating that violence against security forces will not be tolerated under any circumstances.In a social media post, the Chief Minister described the attack by a group of miscreants as completely unacceptable and deserving of strong condemnation. He directed law enforcement authorities to take swift and stringent action against all those involved. So far, eight people have been arrested in connection with the assault of the BSF personnel.

## HANDLOOM

pThe Manipur International Textile Expo—or MANITEX 2026—will begin tomorrow at the Urban Haat in Imphal East. The five-day expo will run till November 9th under the theme: "Weaves for Togetherness: Many Threads, One Manipur." Handloom and Textiles Director, W. Ibohal stated that this year's event places special focus on supporting Internally Displaced Persons. Stalls will highlight handloom and handicraft products created by residents of relief camps to assist their economic recovery. The event will feature 115 stalls, alongside live demonstrations of innovative eco-textiles made from lotus stems and pineapple leaves.

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