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- Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio welcomes decision on delimitation, appreciating decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- President Droupadi Murmu to attend 21st Convocation of Mizoram University in Aizawl tomorrow.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma distributes 372 Tablet PCs among education department officials in Garo Hills.
- Indian Railways achieves major breakthrough in Sivok-Rangpo New Line Railway Project in Sikkim.
- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh discusses development issues with tribal communities from Jiribam and Pherzawl.
- Meghalaya Government challenges in court, discharge of Sonam Raghuvanshi and two co-accused from charges under Arms Act in Raja Raghuvanshi murder case.
- Itanagar Municipal Corporation organises PM Svanidhi Mahotsav to celebrate entrepreneurial spirit of street vendors.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend birth centenary closing ceremony of legendary singer Bhupen Hazarika in New Delhi today.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi to share thoughts in Mann Ki Baat programme at 11 AM today.

BILL:

The Union Cabinet has approved the Delimitation Amendment Bill and the bill related to Women's reservation. The government will introduce the Constitution (One Hundred and Thirty-Second Amendment) Bill, 2026, the Delimitation (Second) Bill, 2026 and the Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Second Bill, 2026 in the Special Sitting of the Lok Sabha, beginning Monday. The enactment of the bills will pave the way for a 50 per cent increase in the number of seats across all states, as well as a 33 per cent reservation for women in the 2029 Lok

Sabha elections. The Lok Sabha's strength is set to rise from the existing 543 seats to 816 in the proposed bill.

NAGALAND

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has welcomed the Union Cabinet's decision on delimitation, appreciating the decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Rio said the country's democracy is strongest when the diversity and aspirations of every region are embraced. The Union Cabinet's delimitation decision is a key step towards stronger democracy and greater participation of women, the chief minister observed.

PRESIDENT

President Droupadi Murmu is on a visit to Mizoram to attend the 21st Convocation of the Mizoram University and the closing ceremony of its Silver Jubilee celebrations tomorrow. Governor Vijay Kumar Singh hosted a cultural programme in honour of the president yesterday. The programme highlighted Mizoram's rich heritage, with a series of performances by local artistes. Following the programme, the Governor hosted a state banquet in honour of the President. Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma, Assembly Speaker Lalbiakzama, Home Minister K. Sapdanga, former Chief Minister Zoramthanga, and senior officials were in attendance.

CONCLAVE:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma distributed 372 Tablet PCs among officials of Block Resource Centres and Cluster Resource Centres from across Garo Hills in Tura yesterday. Addressing a conclave of the officials, the chief minister stressed the importance of technology, grassroots-level monitoring and collective efforts. He said that field-level data collected by the officials had helped shape major decisions, including the pay framework for around 23,000 teachers and programmes to bring back out-of-school children.

SIKKIM

The Indian Railways achieved a major breakthrough in the Sivok-Rangpo New Line Railway Project with the completion of excavation work in Tunnel Number 10. The breakthrough in this 5.3-kilometres-long tunnel marks the completion of excavation in all 14 tunnels of the project and brings Sikkim a step closer to its first railway connectivity. The 45-kilometre Sivok-Rangpo broad gauge new line project passes through Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts in West Bengal and Pakyong district in Sikkim. Once operational, the Sivok-Rangpo railway line will provide direct railway connectivity to Sikkim. The rail link is expected to facilitate the movement of essential goods, provide local businesses with better access to markets and give a boost to tourism in the Himalayan state.

MANIPUR

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh met representatives of various tribal communities from Jiribam and Pherzawl districts at his residence in Imphal yesterday. He urged the delegation to identify a suitable site for the construction of the Pherzawl District Headquarters, stating that the required funds had already been sanctioned. The delegation apprised him of the difficulties faced by residents in obtaining essential documents, including birth and death certificates and Permanent Resident Certificates, due to the absence of official land records. Taking note of the matter, the Chief Minister directed Jiribam Deputy Commissioner Arvind Hanglem to take necessary steps at the earliest. Khemchand Singh informed that a meeting of leaders from all communities would be convened before Christmas to discuss measures for restoring peace and harmony in Manipur.

POLICE

A group of Indian Police Service probationers of the 78th Regular Recruit batch called on Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla, at Lok Bhavan in Imphal yesterday. The Governor emphasised the importance of people-centric policing, responsive administration and a strong sense of responsibility towards society. He highlighted the importance of maintaining close public engagement and working towards ensuring the safety and security of the people.

WORKSHOP:

A two-day intensive workshop on 'AI Application and Literacy' was held at the State Convention Centre in Shillong recently. The workshop was organised by the Meghalaya Integrated Development Centre of Excellence under the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, in collaboration with the Institute of Cost Accountants of India. The programme aimed at promoting awareness and practical application of Artificial Intelligence among entrepreneurs, startups and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. The workshop focused on business innovation, operational efficiency and enterprise growth. The need for such initiatives tailored to the needs of local enterprises and for strengthening adoption of emerging technologies in the North Eastern Region was emphasized.

COURT

The Meghalaya Government has challenged in court the discharge of Sonam Raghuvanshi and two co-accused from charges under the Arms Act in the Raja Raghuvanshi murder case. Justice Biswadeep Bhattacharjee of the High Court of Meghalaya, heard Advocate General Amit Kumar and Government Advocate A.S. Pandey on the state's petition on Thursday. The Court issued notice to Sonam Raghuvanshi and the two other respondents, making it returnable within three weeks. The matter has been listed for further hearing after three weeks. Indore-based transport businessman Raja Raghuvanshi was killed at Sohra (Cherrapunji) in May last year, allegedly by a gang of hired assailants from Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh at the behest of his newly married wife during a honeymoon trip.

ITANAGAR

The Itanagar Municipal Corporation organised PM Svanidhi Mahotsav 2026 yesterday to celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit of street vendors. The function recognized their contributions to the urban economy and highlighted the benefits of the Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi Scheme. The Scheme, launched by the Government of India in June, 2020, is a micro-credit initiative. It is aimed at providing collateral-free working capital loans to street vendors to support and strengthen their livelihoods.

BHUPEN

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the Closing Ceremony of the Birth Centenary Celebrations of legendary singer Bhupen Hazarika at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi today. Musical maestro Hazarika was born on 8th of September in 1926 in Sadiya, Assam. He holds a special place in the cultural history of Assam and is fondly remembered as 'Sudhakantha' and the 'Bard of the Brahmaputra'.

TRIPURA

The 13 Tripura Battalion of National Cadet Corps organised 'Vibrant Village Programme-2026' at the BSF ground in Bhagalpur under Bamutia block of Mohanpur subdivision yesterday**.** West Tripura District Magistrate Vishal Kumar stressed the importance of coordination among security forces, police and local communities in strengthening border security and promoting development in border villages. He highlighted the role of the Vibrant Villages Programme in improving infrastructure, fostering cooperation and building trust between security forces and residents. Kumar encouraged the youth of Tripura to join the NCC and contribute to nation-building.

ARUNACHAL

Agri-fair themed 'Unleashing Agriculture Potential for Self-Reliant India', marking a significant milestone for agriculture sector in Arunachal Pradesh was inaugurated in Tawang yesterday. The programme was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Government of Arunachal Pradesh for two days, under the aegis of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. It features an Agri Innovation Expo and Farmer's Summit, bringing together agricultural scientists, experts, progressive farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations, Self-Help Groups, government officials and other stakeholders. The participants are exploring emerging opportunities in agriculture and allied sectors across Arunachal Pradesh.

BAAT:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme at 11 AM today.

It will be the 140th episode of the monthly radio programme. The programme will be broadcast across the entire Akashvani and Doordarshan network, the AIR News website, and the Newsonair mobile app. It will also be live-streamed on the YouTube channels of AIR News, DD News, the PMO, and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Akashvani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast.
