

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Centre enacts a stringent law that aims to curb malpractices and irregularities in competitive examinations.
- University Grants Commission welcomes the decision of the Education Ministry to constitute a High-Level Committee of Experts to ensure fair conduct of examinations by the National Testing Agency.
- Sikkim Governor, Lakshman Prasad Acharya visits BOP Lungthung of the 69th Battalion SSB in Pakyong District.
- Ambubachi Mela at the Kamakhya temple in Assam will conclude on the 26th of this month.
- Chairman of National Commission for Protection of Child's Rights, Priyank Kanoongo says state Government should ensure that disabled children get their Certificates and all their entitlements.
- Meghalaya Mayralborn Syiem expresses concern over the increasing fatal road accident taking place on the Umiam Jorabat Expressway.

LAW:

The Centre has enacted a stringent law that aims to curb malpractices and irregularities in competitive examinations. The law entails provisions for a maximum jail term of 10 years and a fine of up to 1 crore rupees for offenders. In a notification published in the official gazette, the Ministry of Personnel said that provisions of the law has come into force yesterday. The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024, was passed by Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on February 6 and 9, respectively. President Droupadi Murmu gave approval to the bill on February 12, turning it into a law. The Act aims to prevent unfair means in the public examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission, Staff Selection Commission, National Testing Agency, Railway Recruitment Board, and banking recruitment examination bodies, among others.

UGC:

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has welcomed the decision of the Education Ministry to constitute a High-Level Committee of Experts to ensure the transparent, smooth, and fair conduct of examinations by the National Testing Agency. In a social media post, UGC Chairman Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar mentioned that the committee's focus on recommending reforms in the examination process, enhancing data security protocols, and improving the structure and functioning of the NTA will strengthen the country's national entrance examination system.

GOVERNOR:

The Governor of Sikkim, Lakshman Prasad Acharya, visited BOP Lungthung of the 69th Battalion SSB in Pakyong District, situated at 13,500 feet. He expressed pride in the SSB personnel, likening the visit to a pilgrimage. The Governor praised the sacrifices of the jawans, their role in maintaining national peace and safety, and the contributions of women in the SSB. He also acknowledged the challenges faced by the personnel in remote areas and their efforts in providing basic facilities and promoting equality. During his visit, he also prayed at the

temples of Baba Harbhajan Singh Ji and interacted with officers and jawans, commending their dedication.

MELA:

In Assam, the famous Ambubachi Mela began yesterday at the Kamakhya temple. This will conclude on the 26th of this month. Lakhs of devotees have gathered for the Ambubachi mela. The event celebrates goddess Kamakhya, symbolising fertility and womanhood. During the festival, the gates of Kamakhya Temple will remain closed. The temple gates will reopen at 9:08 p.m. on the 25th of this month. The Kamrup Metro District administration has made elaborate arrangements for the devotees.

COMMISSION:

The Chairman of National Commission for Protection of Child's Right, Priyank Kanoongo said the state Government should ensure that disabled children get their Certificates and all their entitlements. Speaking to the media after the Inter Departmental Review Meeting on Child's Rights at the Main Secretariat in Shillong yesterday, Priyank Kanoongo informed that there are 364 children with HIV in Meghalaya and if they are eligible, they should also be compensated. Priyank Kanoongo also said that the Commission is also deeply concern over enrolment of children in Madrasas and urged the state Government that efforts should be made that they are enrolled in normal schools. He also informed that the Commission will organize workshop and awareness programme including enhancement of poster campaign and restoration of children from child labour. He also informed that child labour has decreased due to ban on mining activities by NGT. The NCPCR is committed to the welfare and protection of children's rights, holding review meetings with state authorities every three years.

ACCIDENT:

In Meghalaya, Nongpoh MLA Mayralborn Syiem has expressed concern over the increasing fatal road accident taking place on the Umiam Jorabat Expressway. Lately, several fatal road accidents have taken place on the highway which has led to the loss of several precious lives. Mayralborn Syiem while sharing his concern on the matter said that the Government through the Transport department and police must create awareness among the people about driving ethics and road safety.
