

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh chairs meeting with 16th Finance Commission headed by its Chairman, Dr. Arvind Panagariya at CM Secretariat in Imphal.
2. Campaign reaches its peak for bypolls to be held in five Assembly seats in Assam with Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, several ministers, MPs and MLAs of NDA and Congress party holding rallies for their candidates.
3. Meghalaya Governor, C.H Vijayashankar suggests to teachers of North Eastern Hill University to be mediators in resolving ongoing stalemate while Vice Chancellor urges agitating students to end their hunger strike and participate in meaningful dialogue to address issues.
4. Meghalaya Education Minister, Rakkam A Sangma inaugurates two-day international seminar titled "Architects of Connectivity: Act East Policy – Strategies and Development Imperatives" organized by Departments of History and Economics of Women's College in Shillong.
5. National Scholarship Portal is now accepting applications for Post-Matric Scholarships under NEC Merit Scholarship Scheme for students from North Eastern States for academic year 2024-25.
6. Largest racing event in North East India - Assam Rifles Half Marathon, 2024 – which will take place in Shillong on 24th of this month is expected to draw record number of participants from across the region.

COMMISSION

Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh chaired a meeting with the 16th Finance Commission headed by its Chairman, Dr. Arvind Panagariya at the CM Secretariat in Imphal yesterday. Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh in his social media handles informed that during the meeting, effective utilization of funds provided to the State through Centrally Sponsored Schemes, proposal for Grant in Aids towards development of various sectors and execution of specific projects and other issues were discussed in order to bring an economic transformation in the State. During a press conference, Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission Dr. Arvind Panagariya said, the present economic conditions was the main agenda of the meeting. He said that expenditure and

interest related to GSDP, fiscal deficits and the economic conditions of the State in the coming years were also discussed. AIR

BYPOLLS

In Assam, campaigning has reached its peak for the bypolls to be held in five Assembly seats in the state. A total of 34 candidates are in the fray where the polling will be held on 13th of this month. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, several ministers, MPs and MLAs of the NDA will hold rallies for their candidates. Assam Congress President Bhupen Kumar Borah, MP Gaurav Gogoi are also campaigning for party candidates. Eight candidates are in the fray at Dholai, 11 at Samaguri and 3 candidates are contesting at Sidli seat. On the other hand, four candidates are contesting from Behali while 8 candidates will try their political luck from Bongaigaon seat. Over 10 lakh voters can exercise their voting rights in the five seats. The Congress and the NDA are contesting in all the five seats.

NEHU

Meghalaya Governor, C.H Vijayashankar has suggested to the North Eastern Hills University Teachers Association and Meghalaya Tribal Teachers' Association to be mediators in resolving the ongoing stalemate at the university. The Governor, who is also the Chief Rector of the university, urged the agitating students to end their indefinite hunger strike. After a meeting with the Governor at Raj Bhavan yesterday, President of the Association, Prof. Lakhon Kma said that the Governor asked the teachers to suggest the best possible solutions to end the hunger strike and allow students to return to their classes. Prof Kma however emphasized the need for both short-term and long-term solutions. Meanwhile NEHU Vice Chancellor, Prabha S Shukla has called an emergent meeting of the Executive Council to address the primary concerns raised by the North Eastern Hill University Students' Union including the demand to remove the Registrar and Deputy Registrar and the appointment of Pro Vice Chancellors for Shillong and Tura campuses. The Vice Chancellor urged the students to end their hunger strike and participate in a meaningful dialogue to address the issues.

SEMINAR

Meghalaya Education Minister, Rakkam A Sangma inaugurated a two-day international seminar titled "Architects of Connectivity: Act East Policy – Strategies and Development Imperatives", organized by the Departments of History and Economics, Women's College, Shillong. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister spoke about challenges of connectivity in the North Eastern Region. He said that it is imperative that in order to Act East, the region must have a well-established network of road and communication which will boost trade and commerce and benefit the people.

PORTAL

The National Scholarship Portal launched by the government is now accepting applications for the Post-Matric Scholarships under the NEC Merit Scholarship Scheme for students from the North Eastern States for the academic year 2024-25. NEC Economic Adviser (E&M), Sherry Lalhangzo, provided details on the eligibility criteria for the NEC Merit Scholarship Scheme. Applicants must be permanent residents of any North Eastern States and enrolled in recognized institutions across various disciplines and courses (Diploma, Graduate, Post Graduate, and PhD/MPhil) within India, both inside and outside the North-East. Eligible students can apply online at the National Scholarship Portal at [<https://scholarships.gov.in>]. For any queries, interested students may contact the North Eastern Council Secretariat.

MARATHON

The Assam Rifles Half Marathon, 2024, is set to take place in Shillong on the 24th of this month. As the largest racing event in North East India, the marathon is expected to draw a record number of participants from across the region. Runners of all levels are invited to participate in one of three race categories: the challenging 21 km half marathon, a swift 10 km race, and a fun 5 km run, ensuring that there is a place for everyone in this exhilarating event. Adding to the excitement, boxing legend MC Mary Kom has been declared as the official Brand Ambassador for the event, symbolizing resilience and determination—values that align closely with the spirit of this event.

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