

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Mizoram government signs peace accord with Lalhmingthanga Sanate-led faction of Hmar People's Convention (Democratic).
- Canvassing on by political parties ahead of elections to Aizawl Municipal Corporation scheduled on 21st April.
- Nagaland Education Project launches Grievance Redressal Mechanism portal for Lighthouse School Complexes.
- National Fire Service Day, honouring firefighters observed yesterday.
- Khasi Authors' Society advocates recognition of Khasi as official language in Meghalaya.
- Garo Hills Autonomous District Council celebrates its 74th anniversary at Tura.
- Arunachal Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurates key projects, worth 196.44 crore rupees in Siang district.
- Advent of Bengali and Assamese new year 1433 being celebrated as Noboborsho and Rangali Bihu today.
- Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio calls for stronger institutional support and infrastructure development.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

ACCORD

The Mizoram government yesterday signed a peace accord with the Lalhmingthanga Sanate-led faction of the Hmar People's Convention (Democratic), marking a total end to insurgency in the northeastern state. The bilateral agreement focused on a comprehensive development agenda for the Hmar-dominated Sinlung Hills Council region in the north and northeastern parts of Mizoram. Key provisions in the accord include increase in the council's budgetary allocation, special development package, infrastructure upgrades, and enhanced connectivity. As per the agreement, cadres of the group will lay down arms and stop all insurgent activities by coming overground for transition into mainstream society.

MIZORAM

Mizoram Governor Vijay Kumar Singh yesterday released the memoir of former Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga titled 'From Guerrilla Fighter to Chief Minister', at the Aijal Club in Aizawl. The Governor described the book as a significant and reliable historical document that provides valuable insights into important phases

of Mizoram's political history. The book chronicles the author's remarkable journey from insurgency to responsible democratic governance and statesmanship, he said. The Governor noted that the memoir serves as a powerful reminder that dialogue, understanding, and perseverance can overcome even the most difficult of challenges. Author and former Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga expressed hope that the memoir would not only benefit the Mizo people but also enable readers from other communities to gain a clearer and deeper understanding of Mizo history.

ELECTION

Canvassing is on by political parties ahead of elections to the Aizawl Municipal Corporation to be held on 21st April. Counting of votes will take place on 27th April. Ruling Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) leader and Mizoram Education Minister Vanlalhlana has claimed a landslide victory for his party in the municipal elections. He expressed confidence that the ZPM is poised to replicate its historic success in Lunglei Municipal Council by winning all the 19 seats in the Aizawl Municipal Corporation. The opposition Mizo National Front (MNF) and other parties too are upbeat of securing victory in the upcoming civic body elections.

DAY

National Fire Service Day was observed yesterday, honouring firefighters who died in the line of duty. Director General of Meghalaya Police, Idashisha Nongrang was present at an event in Shillong, commemorating the 1944 Bombay Dock explosion due to which 71 fire personnel had lost their lives. The Jowai Fire and Emergency Services Station yesterday observed National Fire Service Day in West Jaiñtia Hills. A car rally was conducted across key areas, during which pamphlets were distributed to spread awareness on fire safety measures.

NAGALAND

The Nagaland Education Project - Lighthouse (NECTAR) under the School Education Department yesterday launched a Grievance Redressal Mechanism portal for Lighthouse School Complexes. The portal was inaugurated by Chairman of the Nagaland State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Alun Hangsing, during an orientation programme for District Level LSC School Related Gender-Based Violence Committees at Kohima. The portal is designed to ensure anonymity of complainants and will automatically notify the concerned committees. Project Director Shashank Pratap Singh stressed the need for schools to provide safe environment and urged members to handle gender-based violence cases with sensitivity.

GHADC

The Garo Hills Autonomous District Council yesterday celebrated its 74th anniversary at Tura. Meghalaya Minister Timothy D Shira highlighted the institution's role in governance and development. He outlined ongoing initiatives such as infrastructure projects and land distribution for public welfare. The minister also mentioned about the state government's intervention in streamlining salary disbursement and easing hardships of the employees. He called for unity and collective efforts to strengthen the Council, emphasising its importance in

preserving cultural identity of the Garos and ensuring progress. The event featured cultural performances, reflecting the rich Garo tribal heritage and growing opportunities in the region.

DEMAND

The Khasi Authors' Society yesterday held a public meeting in Mairang to advocate recognition of Khasi as an official language, urging the government to consider amendments to the State Language Act. Leaders emphasised the importance of preserving linguistic heritage while acknowledging ongoing efforts by authorities to address such aspirations. The programme brought together scholars, students and community members to discuss the way forward. The society expressed hope for constructive engagement with the government and elected representatives, highlighting the need for inclusive policies.

BAISHAKHI

Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav, joined the Sikh community in celebrating Vaisakhi at Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha in Dimapur yesterday. Mr Yadav highlighted the festival's profound spiritual, cultural and historical significance, marking the harvest season and symbolizing prosperity, gratitude and new beginnings. Emphasizing the teachings of the Sikh Gurus, he underlined the importance of selfless service, compassion, and discipline, adding that traditions of seva and langar reflect inclusiveness and humanity.

ARUNACHAL

Arunachal Chief Minister Pema Khandu yesterday laid foundations stones and inaugurated key projects, totalling a landmark investment of 196.44 crore rupees in Siang district. On the other hand, the Department of Youth Affairs, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, is organizing Annual Job Fair at DK Convention Hall, Itanagar today. The next destination of the Job fair will be at Lower Dibang Valley district on 17th April.

YEAR

Poila Boishak/Nobo Borsho, Rongali/Bohag Bihu are being celebrated today, marking the advent of Bangla and Oxomia New Year 1433. Shree Ganesh puja, traditional Bihu-geet songs and dances are highlights of the annual Borsho Boron functions, welcoming the year. Greetings of 'Shubho Noboborsho', 'Rongali Bihur Olog', the rhythmic beats of dhol and haunting strains of the pepa, an ancient bugle made of buffalo horn have rendered the air festive and joyous for all.

SPORTS

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has called for stronger institutional support and infrastructure development to unlock the region's athletic potential. Mr Rio was addressing the inaugural session of the two-day Annual General Meeting of the Athletics Federation of India, in Kohima yesterday. The chief minister underscored that Nagaland has made significant progress since affiliating with the Indian Olympic Association, and gained recognition in national sporting circles.

He highlighted inadequate infrastructure as a major challenge in the state, noting that the Indira Gandhi Stadium in Kohima is only one equipped with athletic track. Mr Rio said efforts are underway to develop additional facilities, including in Chümoukedima, and called for support through Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives to boost sports infrastructure across Nagaland.
