

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurates six indoor cricket academies across North Eastern states from Gangtok in Sikkim.
- Assam records 1,008 road accident deaths in 3 months with average 11 people lose their lives every day.
- All schools across nine districts in Mizoram remain closed due to heavy rain.
- Meghalaya Official Language Ordinance, 2026 gets Governor's assent, making Khasi and Garo as official languages of the state, alongside English.
- Nagaland Education Department signs MoU with Sarojini Damodaran Foundation to implement Vidyadhan Scholarship Programme.
- Union Minister B. L. Verma conducts comprehensive field assessment in Ziro Valley, Arunachal Pradesh.
- Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar holds extensive interactions with Mizoram government officials, focusing on development priorities, centrally sponsored schemes and border-related concerns.
- Four-member delegation from World Bank visit Tulasikhar Block in Tripura as part of ongoing efforts by World Bank to monitor and support rural development initiatives.
- Self-enumeration process gains momentum across Tirap district of Arunachal Pradesh, with several prominent personalities coming forward ahead of first phase of Census 2027.
- Assam State School Education Board declares results of Higher Secondary Final Examination 2026 with overall pass percentage stands at 81.54.
- Nagaland Governor, Nand Kishore Yadav stresses need to change perceptions about North East and promote greater understanding of the region across India.

CRICKET ACADEMY-NORTH EAST

Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday virtually inaugurated six indoor cricket academies across the North Eastern states. The Indoor Cricket Academy at Doimukh, in Arunachal Pradesh, Sovima in Nagaland, Aizawl in Mizoram, Rangpo in Sikkim, Imphal in Manipur, and Madan Kurkalang in Meghalaya's Ri-Bhoi district were virtually inaugurated by the Prime Minister while attending the closing ceremony of Sikkim's 50th Year of Statehood celebrations in Gangtok. Designed as all-weather training centres, the facilities aim to address a key challenge in the North East, where prolonged monsoon seasons often disrupt outdoor cricket activities for several months each year.

ROAD ACCIDENTS

In Assam, an average of 11 people lose their lives every day in road accidents. The state has recorded 1,008 fatalities in 4,219 road accidents from January to March this year. This was disclosed during the first quarterly State-level Road Safety Review Meeting chaired by Chief Secretary, Dr. Ravi Kota in Guwahati. While reviewing the State's road safety performance across all 35 districts, the Chief Secretary said that 9 districts, including Guwahati, accounted for 50 percent of the total fatalities. A deep analysis was undertaken to identify contributing factors and specific high-risk accident locations across all 35 districts. The Chief Secretary has directed the District Commissioner and Superintendent of Police to personally review each accident case in detail and ensure prompt corrective measures. AIR GHY =13

SCHOOL CLOSED

In Mizoram, all schools across nine districts remained closed due to heavy rain. School Education Director, Angela Zothanpuii said that the administrations in nine districts, including Aizawl, Kolasib, Lunglei and Mamit, announced the closure of schools yesterday as a precautionary measure to ensure students' safety.

LANGUAGE

The Meghalaya Official Language Ordinance, 2026 has received the assent of Governor C.H. Vijayashankar, making Khasi and Garo as official languages of the state, alongside English. Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma announced this development through a social media post. The Meghalaya Official Languages Ordinance, 2026 has been published in the Extraordinary Gazette of Meghalaya. As per provisions of the Ordinance, English, Khasi, and Garo will be used as official languages for all or any official purposes of the State, from a date to be notified by the government.

NAGALAND-EDUCATION-MOU

The Nagaland Education Department yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sarojini Damodaran Foundation for the implementation of Vidyadhan Scholarship Programme in the state. The agreement is for a period of five years from May 1, 2026, to March 31, 2031, extendable upon mutual consent. Under the MoU, scholarships will exclusively be awarded to indigenous students of Nagaland, belonging to low-income groups, who have passed Class 10 from government schools. The scholarship amount is 10,000 rupees per year for Classes 11 and 12. Degree-level support will range from 25,000 to 75,000 rupees per year depending on the course.

UNION MINISTER

Union Minister B. L. Verma conducted a comprehensive field assessment yesterday in Ziro Valley, Arunachal Pradesh. He visited sites like Pai Gate to inspect the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) housing, Fair Price Shop in Hong. He also visited Hong Health Centre, and Siiro Integrated Aqua Park. The Minister reaffirmed that the "Double Engine" government's use of targeted funding like Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region scheme is specifically tailored to protect the region's natural beauty while providing modern infrastructure and social justice that its people deserve.

UNION MINISTER MIZORAM

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar held extensive interactions with Mizoram government officials, focusing on development priorities, centrally sponsored schemes and border-related concerns. Kumar urged them to speak without hesitation on all matters crucial to Mizoram's development and encouraged the officers to raise issues frankly so that appropriate follow-up action could be taken. Officials from various departments presented updates on ongoing projects, key issues and sectoral requirements. The Minister advised them to prepare and submit detailed reports, assuring that the matters would be pursued at the appropriate level.

AMBEDKAR

Tripura Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare, Sudhangshu Das, said that B. R. Ambedkar remains a source of inspiration for all. He was speaking on the occasion of the 136th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar. The minister said that Dr. Ambedkar is regarded not only as the architect of the Indian Constitution but also a guiding force for social justice and welfare in the country. Stating that Dr Ambedkar's contributions to nation-building are indispensable, he urged the people to study his life and works for inspiration. The Minister further stated that the state government is working for the upliftment of Scheduled Caste communities by following the ideals of Dr Ambedkar.

WORLD BANK DELEGATION

A four-member delegation from the World Bank visited Tulasikhar Block in Tripura as part of ongoing efforts by the World Bank to monitor and support rural development initiatives in the region. The delegation held a meeting with members of Self-Help Groups and Cluster Level Federations to assess their activities and progress. The team gathered detailed information and enquired about the criteria used for providing loans to SHGs, the extent to which beneficiaries have achieved self-reliance through these loans, and whether repayments are being made on time. The representatives expressed satisfaction with the performance and activities of the SHG and CLF members, and encouraged the formation of more SHGs to further strengthen grassroots-level economic empowerment.

CENSUS 2027

Ahead of the first phase of Census 2027 scheduled to commence from 1 May 2026, the process of self-enumeration is gaining momentum across Tirap district of Arunachal Pradesh, with several prominent personalities stepping forward to participate. Among those who have successfully completed their self-enumeration are Forest and Environment minister, Wangki Lowang, Khonsa East MLA, Wanglam Sawin, Deputy Commissioner Tirap, Techu Aran, Zilla Parishad Chairperson, John K.K. Matey, and ADC Khonsa, Namneet Singh. While undertaking self-enumeration, these leaders appealed to all households to participate actively and willingly in the nationwide Census 2027 to ensure accurate and reliable data collection.

RESULTS

The Assam State School Education Board yesterday declared the results of the Higher Secondary Final Examination 2026 with girls outperforming boys in the

examination. The overall pass percentage stands at 81.54 per cent. Out of 3 lakh,22 thousand,725 students who appeared, 2 lakh,63 thousand,155 students passed the examination. Girls recorded higher pass percentage of 83.31 per cent, compared to 79.46 per cent boys.

ZUBEEN

A fast-track court in Guwahati reserved its verdict on the bail plea of Siddharth Sharma, former manager of Zubeen Garg, in connection with the singer's death. During the hearing, the defence argued that Sharma's role was limited to managing shows and did not extend to ensuring the singer's security. The prosecution, however, rejected the claim. The court will pass its order on May 2.

WOMEN ON WHEELS

Nagaland Governor, Nand Kishore Yadav has emphasized women empowerment, noting that women are capable of achieving anything. The Governor made the remarks during an interaction with participants of the Women on Wheels – Car Drive Season 4, organised by the Amazing Namaste Foundation, at Lok Bhavan in Kohima yesterday. He lauded the initiative for promoting women empowerment through adventure and self-driven travel, and commended the participants for their courage, determination and spirit of companionship. The Governor further stressed on the need to change perceptions about the North East and promote greater understanding of the region across India.
