

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN
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HEADLINES:-

- **Petrol and diesel prices increased by 3 rupees per litre amid spike in global energy prices.**
- **Election Commission announces phase-III of SIR to be conducted across 16 states and three Union Territories including states in North East.**
- **Assam Governor, Lakshman Prasad Acharya approves allocation of portfolios to four newly sworn-in ministers of Assam government.**
- **Arunachal Pradesh cabinet approves key austerity measures including prohibition of Foreign Travels by Ministers and government officials for one year;**
- **Candlelight vigil held at ABDK Mission Compound, Tura in Meghalaya; Catholic Association of Shillong, and Christian denominations, civil societies and political parties in Mizoram express strong condemnation against killing of Baptist Church leaders in Manipur.**
- **Union Minister for DoNER and Communications, Jyotiraditya Scindia will visit Sikkim State University at Temi Tarku today and review projects as part of his three-day visit to Sikkim.**
- **Arunachal Pradesh Government announces new guidelines for strengthening and modernizing existing ILP system.**
- **Department of Horticulture in Nagaland enters into tripartite Memorandum of Understanding for development of sustainable and inclusive horticulture value chain through PPP model.**
- **Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh visits Kangchup Chingkhong village in Imphal West district and interacts with Internally Displaced Persons.**
- **Tripura secures top position in Business Reforms by successfully implementing major simplification measures through Industry and Commerce Department's Single Window System "SWAAGAT" portal.**
- **Residents of Ngopa in Mizoram observe total bandh in protest against poor workmanship in NH-102B Package 2.**

FUEL PRICE

Petrol and diesel prices have been increased by 3 rupees per litre. The hike came amid surge in global energy rates since the start of the West Asia conflict. The war in West Asia has again sent international oil prices soaring by over 50 per cent. Petrol price was hiked to 97.77 rupees per litre from 94.77 rupees in the national capital. Diesel now costs 90.67 rupees per litre as against 89.67 rupees per litre previously.

SIR

The Election Commission of India has announced the phase-III of Special Intensive Revision or SIR, to be conducted in a phased manner across 16 states and three Union Territories including states in the North East which include, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura. The Commission has appealed to all electors to enthusiastically participate in the Phase III of Special Intensive Revision and fill their enumeration forms. During the Enumeration Phase, Booth Level Officers will carry out house-to-house visits to be assisted by Booth Level Agents appointed by political parties.

PORTFOLIOS

Assam Governor, Lakshman Prasad Acharya yesterday approved the allocation of portfolios to four newly sworn-in ministers of the Assam government led by Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma. Minister, Rameswar Teli has been assigned with the departments of Transformation and Development, Labour Welfare, Tea Tribes and Adivasi Welfare. Minister Atul Bora is in-charge of Panchayat and Rural Development, Implementation of Assam Accord, Border Protection and Development, and Excise. Similarly, Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary has been entrusted with the Transport and Bodoland Welfare departments, while Minister Ajanta Neog will look after the Women and Child Development and Tourism departments.

AUSTERITY

Sikkim Chief Minister, Prem Singh Tamang has instructed the departments to implement work from home for 50 percent of government employees as part of austerity measures. During the meeting with senior officials, the Chief Minister has instructed to suspend foreign travel for one year for employees and implement the odd-even vehicle rule across all districts. Meanwhile the Arunachal Pradesh cabinet has approved to implement some of the key austerity measures which include prohibition of Foreign Travels by Ministers and government officials for one year, 50% reduction of convoys of Chief Minister and Ministers. The cabinet also approved 100% adoption of e-office/ paperless desk by all subordinate offices, circle offices, SDO headquarters by March 2027 and encourage carpooling and use of public transport for all officers and school and college students.

CONDOLENCES

A solemn candlelight vigil was held at the ABDK Mission Compound, Tura in Meghalaya yesterday to pay tribute to the three Baptist church leaders who were brutally killed in a militant ambush in Manipur. The gathering brought together religious leaders and community members in prayers as they mourn the killing of pastors of the Thadou Baptist Association. The Catholic Association of Shillong also expressed grief over the killing of the pastors and extended heartfelt condolences and prayers to the bereaved families, relatives and the entire Christian community affected by this tragedy. Meanwhile in Mizoram, a large number of Christian denominations, civil societies and all political parties offered condolences and expressed strong condemnation of the brutal killing of the Church leaders.

SCINDIA SIKKIM

Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region and Communications, Jyotiraditya Scindia, who is on a three-day visit to Sikkim will visit the Sikkim State University at Temi Tarku today and review projects including the proposed Namchi Tourism Circuit Sites, Skywalk Project at Bhaledunga under PM-DevINE, and Orchaderium at Gangtok. Tomorrow, Scindia will visit Nathula and inspect the tourist infrastructure project for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra besides attending the Sikkim Statehood Day celebrations along with the Vice President, CP Radhakrishnan.

eILP SYSTEM

The Arunachal Pradesh Government has announced new guidelines for strengthening and modernizing the existing ILP system. Under the new ILP guidelines fully digital eILP system will come into force with QR code verification at all check gates to eliminate fake permits. Adhaar-based authentication, mandatory police verification, and strict sponsor accountability for work ILPs to ensure complete traceability. Enhanced penalties for overstay and other ILP violations with provisions to bar violators for upto 2 years.

TRIPARTITE MOU

In a significant step toward strengthening Nagaland's horticulture ecosystem and enhancing farmer livelihoods, the Department of Horticulture in Nagaland yesterday entered into a Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding with Natural Fuel India, Chümoukedima, and Sathwaro Farming Group, Gujarat, for the development of a sustainable and inclusive horticulture value chain in the State through a Public-Private Partnership model. Under the agreement, partners will work for the development of pineapple cultivation clusters and strengthen other high-value horticultural crops such as Kiwi, Litchi, Rambutan, and Spices. The initiative also seeks to leverage private sector expertise, market access, and technology while ensuring greater participation and benefits for local farmers.

CABINET DECISIONS

The Arunachal Pradesh cabinet yesterday deliberated and approved a series of important policy, administrative, governance and developmental matters concerning various departments. The cabinet has approved proposal of the Department of Administrative Reforms & Training for framing of the “Arunachal Pradesh Public Examination (Measures for Prevention of Unfair Means in Recruitment) Rules, 2026” aimed at strengthening safeguards against question paper leakages and other unfair practices in recruitment examinations. Other key decisions include approval for amendment and modification of Recruitment Rules relating to Administrative Officers and Chief Engineers in various departments and approval of the Arunachal Pradesh Tenancy Rules, 2026.

MANIPUR CM

As a part of his continuing effort to foster peace and building trust among communities, Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh yesterday visited Kangchup Chingkhong, a foothill village in Imphal West district and interacted with the Internally Displaced Persons. He assured them of their safe return to their respective homes and adequate security will be provided. He also assured the IDPs that a pucca house to shelter security personnel will be constructed in the area soon. He also visited the injured Tangkhul Naga villagers who are under medical treatment at the Regional Institute for Medical Sciences Lamphel, Imphal West.

TRIPURA

Tripura has secured the top position in India in Business Reforms by successfully implementing major simplification measures through the Industry and Commerce Department’s Single Window System “SWAAGAT” portal. Addressing a press conference at the Civil Secretariat yesterday, Industry and Commerce Secretary Kiran Gitte said, the achievement came under the second phase of the National Compliance Reduction and Deregulation Initiative led by the Cabinet Secretariat of the Government of India. He stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister Manik Saha, Tripura has introduced reforms across multiple sectors including industry, land management, tourism, forest, environment, education, and agriculture and fire services to make business and investment easier in the State.

BANDH

In Mizoram, residents of Ngopa observed a total bandh yesterday in protest against poor workmanship in NH-102B Package 2. The road linking Manipur through Ngopa was completely blocked during the bandh. Speaking to Akashvani News Aizawl, Ngopa Joint Action Committee said that if today’s total bandh failed to achieve its intended outcome, the organisation would enforce an indefinite total bandh from today. AIR AIZAWL = 7
