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HEADLINES:-

- Meghalaya fully prepared for the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, says CEO Dr BDR Tiwari
- Manipur Chief Electoral Officer announces schedule for the Special Intensive Revision
- First phase of Census 2027 to begin in Meghalaya from today with the launch of the House Listing and Housing Census across all 12 districts
- Meghalaya's economy has doubled over the last five years, says Chief Minister, says Chief Minister Conrad Sangma
- Amid rising global crude oil prices and prevailing international uncertainties, the prices of petroleum products increases in Manipur
- Vice-President, C. P. Radhakrishnan to attend Sikkim's Statehood Day Celebrations in Gangtok today
- Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare approves Rs 273.46 crore for the expansion of infrastructure at Agartala Government Medical College
- NITI Aayog, Member Dr. Joram Aniya calls on Arunachal Pradesh Governor, Lt Gen KT Parnaik , discusses inclusive and people-centric policymaking.

SIR:

Meghalaya Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Dr. B.D.R. Tiwari on Friday asserted that that the State is fully prepared for the forthcoming Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls as announced by the Election Commission of India. Addressing media persons, Dr. Tiwari informed that the qualifying date for the revision exercise in Meghalaya has been fixed as October 1, 2026. According to CEO, preparatory activities, including training programmes and printing of enumeration forms, will be conducted from June 20 to June 29, 2026. In addition, the house-to-house survey by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will be carried out from June 30 to July 29 covering all polling stations across the State. The polling station-wise consolidation exercise will also be completed on July 29. The draft electoral roll will be published on August 5 following which the period for filing claims and objections will continue till September 4. The final electoral roll will be published on October 7, 2026, after completion of the revision exercise. The CEO stated that all necessary arrangements and advance planning measures have already been initiated in accordance with the guidelines of the Election Commission of India to ensure smooth conduct of the SIR.

MANIPUR:

The Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur has also announced the schedule for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the Electoral Roll, Phase III, with July 1, 2026

as the qualifying date. In a press note issued on Friday, CEO, Arun Kumar Sinha said that the Preparatory activities including training and printing will be carried out from May 20 to May 29, followed by house-to-house visits by Booth Level Officers from May 30 to June 28. Rationalisation of polling stations will be completed by June 28. The draft electoral roll will be published on July 5, while claims and objections can be filed from July 5 to August 4. The final electoral roll will be published on September 6.

CENSUS:

The first phase of Census 2027 in Meghalaya will begin today with the launch of the House Listing and Housing Census (HLO) across all 12 districts. The month-long exercise will continue till June 14 and will be conducted entirely through a digital mode. The Director of Census Operations, Biswajit Pegu on Friday told media persons that 8,309 Enumerators and Supervisors have been appointed for the exercise, while 9,950 House Listing Blocks (HLBs) have been finalized across the state. The HLO phase will gather information on housing conditions, drinking water, sanitation, household amenities, and assets. Enumerators will visit every household to ensure complete coverage.

CONRAD:

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad Sangma on Friday said the state's economy has doubled over the last five years, as he highlighted Meghalaya's rapid infrastructure expansion and investment potential at the curtain raiser of the North East India Infrastructure Summit and Exhibition 2026 in the national capital. The curtain-raiser event, organised at Meghalaya House in New Delhi, outlined the roadmap for the two-day North East India Infrastructure Summit and Exhibition, scheduled to be held in Shillong on June 11 and 12. Sangma while speaking on the occasion said that Meghalaya has emerged as one of the fastest-growing economies in the country with sustained growth over the past several years even as he added that the state has consistently maintained strong economic momentum for the last three to four years, which has boosted investor confidence.

CRUDE:

Amid rising global crude oil prices and prevailing international uncertainties, the prices of petroleum products have been increased in Manipur. An official of Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Imphal Division informed that the price of petrol has been raised by 3 rupees and 13 paise, taking the retail price to 102 rupees and 28 paise per litre. Similarly, the price of diesel has been increased by 2 rupees and 92 paise, with the revised rate now standing at 88 rupees and 15 paise per litre.

SIKKIM:

The Vice-President, C. P. Radhakrishnan, will undertake his first visit to Sikkim today after assuming office. During the visit, the Vice-President will grace the Statehood Day Celebrations of Sikkim in Gangtok. Governor and Chief Minister of Sikkim, Union DoNER Minister are also likely to attend the event to be held at Manan Kendra at Gangtok. Sikkim State Day is celebrated annually on May 16 to commemorate the day in 1975 when the Himalayan kingdom officially integrated with the Indian Union to become its 22nd state. Meanwhile, Union Minister of DoNER and Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia arrived in Namchi district last night on a 3-day visit to Sikkim. The Union Minister will visit Sikkim State University at Temi Tarku today as a part of his visit to the state.

TRIPURA:

Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha has announced that the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has approved Rs 273.46 crore for the expansion of infrastructure at Agartala Government Medical College (AGMC). With the approval, the medical college will increase 100 MBBS seats from the 2026–27 academic session, taking the total number of MBBS seats in the institution to 250. He added that postgraduate seats have also been increased by 83 across 19 important and specialised departments. Dr. Saha stated that with the addition of these seats, the total number of MBBS seats in government and private medical colleges in the state will rise to 550, while postgraduate seats will increase to 196.

NITI:

The Member of the NITI Aayog, Dr. Joram Aniya on Friday called on Arunachal Pradesh Governor, Lt Gen KT Parnaik, (Retd.) at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar. The Governor congratulated Dr. Aniya on her appointment to NITI Aayog, the apex public policy think tank of the Government of India. He expressed confidence that she would make valuable contributions towards the economic development of both the Nation and Arunachal Pradesh through inclusive and people-centric policymaking. The Governor highlighted that Arunachal Pradesh has unique challenges due to its difficult terrain, sparse population, and rich cultural diversity. He said that development parameters used for the plains and other States should not be applied uniformly to hill States like Arunachal Pradesh.

AIR:

To mark the historic milestone of 90 years of All India Radio, a prestigious classical music programme was organized by Akashvani Agartala on Friday evening at the Sukanta Academy auditorium. The event, held in coordination with nationwide celebrations, was formally inaugurated by the District Magistrate of West Tripura, Dr. Vishal Kumar. During the inaugural session, Dr. Vishal Kumar praised the pivotal role of Akashvani in shaping the country's cultural and social fabric. The musical evening featured a captivating classical guitar performance by Pankaj Kumar Das, who was masterfully accompanied on the tabla by Debjyoti Dasgupta. The duo enthralled the audience, which included media personalities, cultural icons, and long-time listeners. Guided by the motto "Bahujan Hitaya Bahujan Sukhaya" since its establishment on June 8, 1936, the celebration highlighted Akashvani's enduring legacy as the nation's most credible broadcaster. Meanwhile, the Akashvani Kohima also marked 90 years of Akashvani's service to the nation with a musical concert at Kohima. The event featured performances by the NCMFA Choir, Manchai Phom and Naga folk singer Seyievinuo Chuzho.

EDUCATION:

The fourth edition of EduConnect: Connecting Education to Opportunities was held in Dimapur on Friday. The event organized by the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland, in collaboration with Cryptex Solo is platform for youth to explore higher education and career options. Addressing the event, IDAN Chairman, Abu Metha highlighted the importance of education and technology in building successful careers. He urged students to embrace continuous learning, acquire digital skills, and use social media responsibly. Metha also emphasized that modern education offers diverse career pathways beyond traditional professions and called for dedication and integrity in all pursuits. A key feature of the event was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between IDAN and Atria Institute of Technology. The agreement will facilitate academic cooperation, skill development, student engagement programs, and the Atria-IT Scholarship for meritorious students from Nagaland.
