

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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- Nagaland Governor, Nand Kishore Yadav visits Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research in Kohima and reviews progress of State's first medical college.
- Regional programme is being organised at NEIGRIHMS, Shillong in Meghalaya as part of nationwide outreach initiative under Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana.
- Samagra Shiksha Assam releases 10 per cent of annual grants for financial year 2026-27 to 39,415 schools.
- Armed cadre of United Kuki National Army in Manipur killed in gunfight during joint operations by security forces in Henglep Sub-Division of Churachandpur district.
- National Health Authority launches Dimapur as State Model District under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission to accelerate digital health adoption.
- Chairman of Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission, Prof. (Dr.) Pradip Lingfa calls on Governor KT Parnaik and presents Commission's Annual Report for 2025–26.
- NEET UG examination will be conducted at 10 centres across Tripura on Sunday.
- Arunachal Pradesh Deputy CM, Chowna Mein chairs high-power committee meeting to deliberate on measures for resolving forest area issues and land management concerns.
- Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma urges citizens to continue prioritising cleanliness and hygienic values of Mizo people.
- Tripura Industries and Commerce Minister, Santana Chakma stresses on importance of preserving and protecting cultural heritage and traditions of every community.
- 25th Great June Uprising Day also known as Unity Day observed at Kekrupat in Imphal city, Manipur.

SITHARAMAN VISIT:

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman is visiting Meghalaya today and tomorrow. Today morning, Sitharaman will inaugurate the North East's largest organic spice processing unit in Ri-Bhoi district before attending a conference on "Leveraging Externally Aided Projects in North-Eastern States" in Shillong and laying of foundation stone for various Externally Aided Projects worth 1,200 crore rupees. Tomorrow, the Union Minister will inaugurate the Jowai-Nartiang-Kdiap-Khanduli road in West Jaintia Hills district to be followed by an interaction with students of Kiang Nangbah Government College at Jowai, besides a visit to Nartiang Monolith heritage site and other programmes in Shillong.

RAJYA SABHA MIZORAM:

In Mizoram, the ruling Zoram People's Movement has secured its first-ever representation in the Rajya Sabha as party leader, K. Lalitluangkima was elected to the lone Upper House seat yesterday. Lalitluangkima secured 26 out of 36 votes polled, defeating Zothansangi Hmar of the opposition Mizo National Front, who secured 10 votes cast by her party's legislators. Three legislators abstained from voting, including two BJP MLAs and one Congress legislator, while one ZPM legislator was unable to vote due to health reasons. The outgoing Rajya Sabha member is K. Vanlalvena of the MNF. Lalitluangkima is currently the Member Secretary of the ZPM's Political Affairs Committee and party's official spokesperson.

NAGALAND-GUV:

Nagaland Governor, Nand Kishore Yadav visited the Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research in Kohima yesterday and reviewed the progress of the State's first medical college. The Governor expressed satisfaction over the progress since the start of the MBBS programme in 2023. He lauded steps being taken to strengthen healthcare infrastructure, including the upcoming Hospital and a proposed 400-bedded tertiary care centre. The Governor urged all stakeholders to continue working with dedication, professionalism and a spirit of service. Earlier, the Governor chaired a review meeting of the Department of Youth Resources and Sports at Lok Bhavan and reviewed activities of allied wings under the Department, including the National Service Scheme.

PROGRAMME:

As part of a nationwide outreach initiative under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana, a regional programme is being organised at NEIGRIHMS, Shillong in Meghalaya today, connecting beneficiaries, employers and stakeholders with the national event to be addressed by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi from New Delhi. The programme will be attended by Meghalaya Labour & Employment Minister, Methodius Dkhar, Lok Sabha MP, Saleng A. Sangma, other dignitaries, along with the beneficiaries, employer representatives and senior officials from the Central and State governments.

SAMAGRA SHIKSHA ASSAM:

Samagra Shiksha Assam has released 10 per cent of the annual grants for the financial year 2026-27 to 39,415 schools across the state. All District Mission Coordinators have been directed to ensure proper utilisation of funds. According to the guidelines, priority has been accorded to payment of electricity bills from the grant amount and 10 per cent of the released funds must be spent on sanitation-related activities. Schools have been instructed to utilise the amount in accordance with the prescribed norms and complete the expenditure by the 25th of this month.

KILLED IN GUNFIGHT:

In Manipur, an armed cadre of the United Kuki National Army was killed in a gunfight during joint operations conducted by security forces. According to a press release issued by PRO IG Assam Rifles (South), a joint operation by Indian Army and Assam Rifles was conducted in Henglep Sub-Division of Churachandpur district acting on precise intelligence regarding the movement of militants. A fire fight ensued when troops approached the hideout resulting in neutralisation of one insurgent while others escaped. Subsequent combing operation also led to the destruction of fortified bunkers and recovery of a sizeable cache of arms, ammunition and warlike stores.

STATE MODEL DISTRICT:

National Health Authority yesterday officially launched Dimapur as the State Model District under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission to accelerate digital health adoption. Speaking at the inaugural workshop on Model District and Model Facilities at Chümoukedima, National Health Authority Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Sunil Kumar Barnwal said, the initiative aims to create a fully integrated, paperless, and citizen-centric healthcare ecosystem and would empower patients by giving them greater control over their health information and facilitate seamless access to healthcare services. Around nine lakh people in Nagaland have already obtained Ayushman Bharat Health Account cards, covering nearly 38 per cent of the state's population.

COMMISSION:

Chairman of the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission, Prof. (Dr.) Pradip Lingfa, yesterday called on the Governor KT Parnaik and presented the Commission's Annual Report for the year 2025–26. The Chairman, accompanied by Members of the Commission, briefed the Governor on the Commission's activities during the year, including examinations conducted, recruitment recommendations made, key observations, and related financial implications. The Governor emphasized that the Commission should strengthen its credibility, effectiveness, and public trust by ensuring that only the most deserving candidates are recommended for public service. Underscoring the importance of transparency and merit-based selection, the Governor advised the Commission to conduct examinations and recruitment processes with complete fairness, accountability, and transparency.

NEET:

In Tripura, the NEET UG examination will be conducted at 10 centres across the state on Sunday. Of these, one centre is in Dhalai district, while the remaining nine centres are in West Tripura district. Around 4,500 candidates will appear for the examination in the district. The state government has put in place the highest level of security measures to ensure a fair, transparent, and smooth conduct of the examination.

DyCM:

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein yesterday chaired a high-power committee meeting to deliberate on measures for resolving forest area issues and addressing related land management concerns along with Minister for Environment and Forest, Wangki Lowang, Minister for Urban Development and Land Management, Balo Raja and Chief Secretary and other officials. The meeting focused on identifying practical solutions, strengthening inter-departmental coordination and ensuring a balanced approach towards conservation and developmental needs.

CLEANLINESS:

Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma remarked that cleanliness and hygienic sense of the Mizo people as a whole has enhanced the reputation of both Mizoram and its people, and urged the citizens to continue prioritising these values. He was speaking at the function to mark the donation of a Garbage Tipper to the Joint Young Mizo Association of Thenzawl town in central Mizoram's Serchhip district by the Formosa Foundation in support of the efforts to maintain cleanliness and improve waste management in the town. The Chief Minister noted that Thenzawl has also emerged as one of Mizoram's most prominent tourist destinations and is increasingly attracting visitors from across the country.

CULTURAL HERITAGE:

Tripura Industries and Commerce Minister, Santana Chakma stressed on the importance of preserving and protecting the cultural heritage and traditions of every community. Inaugurating a three-day exhibition and cultural programme organised by the Bishnupriya Manipuri organisation at Bhagat Singh Youth Hostel in Agartala yesterday, the Minister said, culture plays a vital role in achieving mental and spiritual well-being. She also emphasized the need to showcase Tripura's rich composite cultural heritage before the world and called for initiatives to promote and preserve the state's traditional values.

UPRISING-UNITY DAY:

In Manipur, the 25th Great June Uprising Day also known as Unity Day was observed at Kekrupat in Imphal city yesterday. The day was observed every year on June 18 commemorating 18 people who lost their lives during the 2001 mass agitation to safeguard the State's territorial integrity after the Union Government signed an amended ceasefire agreement with the NSCN (IM) on June 14, 2001 extending it 'without territorial limits'.
