

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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- ✧ Council of Ministers in Assam will be expanded on 5th of this month.
- ✧ Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs and Power, Manohar Lal announces series of initiatives to strengthen urban sanitation and power infrastructure in Tripura.
- ✧ Meghalaya records decline in stunting among children under five years from 46.5 per cent to 36.8 per cent.
- ✧ Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma meets Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal and discusses strategies to accelerate state's development journey under vision of Viksit Assam.
- ✧ Sikkim government withdraws odd-even restriction on movement of private vehicles except within Gangtok town.
- ✧ Election Commission of India begins enumeration process under Phase-III of SIR in Odisha, Mizoram, Sikkim and Manipur.
- ✧ Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh takes oath as President of Lainingthou Sanamahi Temple Board in Imphal.
- ✧ Tripura Animal Resource Development Minister, Sudhangshu Das inaugurates 56th Annual General Conference of Tripura Veterinary Doctors' Association at Agartala.
- ✧ World No Tobacco Day observed in various states of North East.
- ✧ Nagaland intensifies tobacco control measures with plans to introduce tobacco vendor licensing rules and strengthen enforcement.
- ✧ Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya participates in 76th edition of nationwide *Sundays on Cycle* campaign in Shillong.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

RS POLLS:

A notification for biennial elections to 24 seats of the Rajya Sabha from ten States will be issued today. Four seats each in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Karnataka, three seats each in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, two seats in Jharkhand, and one seat each in Manipur, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram will go to polls on the 18th of this month. Counting of votes will take place on the same day.

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS:

In Assam, the Council of Ministers will be expanded on the 5th of this month. This was announced Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday, though he did not mention the number or names of new ministers to be inducted. Sarma was sworn in as the chief minister for the second consecutive term on May 12.

URBAN & POWER:

Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs and Power, Manohar Lal yesterday announced a series of initiatives to strengthen urban sanitation and power infrastructure in Tripura. Addressing a joint press conference in Agartala with Tripura Power Minister Ratan Lal Nath, the Union Minister said, financial assistance will be provided to upgrade waste management systems in the state. Special funds have also been earmarked to enhance cleanliness standards in Agartala, Dharmanagar, Melaghar and Udaipur, which attract a large number of tourists. In the power sector, the Minister set a target of installing two lakh rooftop solar connections in Tripura under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana by March 2027. He also stressed the need to curb illegal electricity connections and accelerate smart meter installation to reduce power losses. He said that the Centre has set a target of generating 300 gigawatts of power nationally in the coming year and 100 gigawatts of nuclear power by 2047.

STUNTING:

Meghalaya has recorded encouraging progress in child nutrition, with the latest National Family Health Survey-6 showing a decline in stunting among children under five years from 46.5 per cent to 36.8 per cent. The survey also highlights encouraging breastfeeding practices, with 76.4 per cent of children breastfed within one hour of birth and 97.1 per cent of infants under six months currently breastfeeding. Frontline workers, such as Accredited Social Health Activists, Anganwadi Workers and Auxiliary Nurse Midwives have played a pivotal role in this effort, serving as the vital link between government services and communities. The state has also strengthened systems to identify malnutrition before it becomes severe. The Chief Minister's Mission 1000 Days has emerged as a flagship initiative focussing on the critical period from conception until a child's second birthday. Meghalaya's progress demonstrates the impact of sustained government commitment, strong frontline systems and active community participation.

VIKSIT ASSAM:

Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday met Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal in New Delhi and discussed strategies to accelerate the state's development journey under the vision of Viksit Assam. The discussion focused on developmental gains made over the last decade and measures required to further strengthen Assam's growth trajectory. The two leaders reviewed key initiatives relating to economic development, infrastructure expansion and overall progress of the state and exchanged views on enhancing cooperation to realise the goal of transforming Assam into a developed and prosperous state.

SIKKIM ODD-EVEN:

The Sikkim government yesterday withdrew the odd-even restriction on the movement of private vehicles across the state, except within Gangtok town. The decision was taken after the Food and Civil Supplies Department informed during a review meeting that sufficient buffer stocks of petrol and diesel had been created to meet the state's current requirements. The Sikkim government had earlier extended the odd-even rule to all districts as part of austerity measures aimed at conserving fuel amid supply concerns.

SIR:

The Election Commission of India said that enumeration under Phase-III of Special Intensive Revision has begun in Odisha, Mizoram, Sikkim and Manipur. All eligible electors whose Enumeration Forms are received by the Electoral Registration Officer on or before 28th of June will be included in the Draft Electoral Rolls. Electors who are unable to submit their Enumeration Forms by the said date may apply through Form 6, along with the prescribed Declaration Form, during the claims and objections period. All eligible electors are requested to participate in the SIR process and cooperate with election officials during the house-to-house visits. The objective of SIR is to ensure no eligible citizen is left out, while no ineligible person is included in the Electoral Roll.

OATH:

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh took oath as President of the Lainingthou Sanamahi Temple Board in Imphal. The Sanamahi Temple is dedicated to Lainingthou Sanamahi, the supreme deity of the indigenous Meitei Sanamahism religion. On his arrival at the temple complex, Khemchand was accorded a warm welcome by the members, priest, priestess and devotees. Addressing the gathering after taking oath as president of the Board, the Chief Minister expressed that preserving culture and traditions has been a requisite for taking a society to the path of progress and development. Sharing his concern on the present law and order situation, he prayed for a peace and progressive Manipur.

CONFERENCE:

Tripura Animal Resource Development Minister, Sudhangshu Das inaugurated the 56th Annual General Conference of the Tripura Veterinary Doctors' Association at a private hotel in Agartala yesterday. The Minister said, veterinary doctors played crucial role in improving the economic condition of rural people and have made significant contributions to the state's economic growth. Noting that Tripura continues to lag behind in milk and egg production, he stressed on the need to increase livestock resources to achieve greater self-sufficiency in these sectors. The Minister also informed that the State government has taken various initiatives to strengthen the animal husbandry sector and support livestock development across Tripura.

WORLD NO TOBACCO:

World No Tobacco Day was observed in various states of the North East yesterday. In Manipur, the Central Bureau of Communication, Regional Office Imphal and Field Office Chandel organised separate special outreach programmes at Gem Public School in Imphal East and Purum Tampak Village in Chandel respectively. The Assam Rifles also organised comprehensive awareness programmes at Sehlon, Kovang and Chakpikarong villages in Chandel. In Tripura, the State Legal Services Authority organised awareness programmes across all districts. Legal volunteers, school students and college teachers participated in an awareness rally at Gonda Twisa under Dhalai district. A similar awareness rally was organised in Belonia of South Tripura while the NSS Unit of Women's College organized at Jogendranagar Railway Station, Agartala to educate passengers and the public about the harmful effects of tobacco consumption.

TOBACCO NAGALAND:

Nagaland is intensifying its tobacco control measures with plans to introduce tobacco vendor licensing rules and strengthen enforcement, as more than 400 violations of tobacco-free zones around educational institutions were penalised during the last financial year. The announcement was made yesterday during the

State-Level Observance of World No Tobacco Day 2026-cum-Sensitization Programme for Youth Ministry leaders held at Kohima, under the theme, “Unmasking the Appeal: Countering Nicotine and Tobacco Addiction.” State Health and Family Welfare Secretary, S. Tainiu said that tobacco control efforts in Nagaland are moving beyond awareness campaigns and evolving into a stronger administrative and enforcement-driven initiative. Church leaders and youth ministries were also urged to actively support tobacco prevention initiatives within their communities.

AWARDS DISTRIBUTION:

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh said that the meaningful and productive utilization of time is a key habit that enables students to achieve in their lives and encourages them to work hard and remain dedicated in their pursuit of success. Addressing a meritorious award distribution ceremony at Imphal yesterday, the Chief Minister highlighted the realities of a modern globalised world and it is important for students to focus not only on academics but actively participate in skill development programmes. The Chief Minister also appealed to the people of Manipur to encourage dialogue and discussions in resolving issues pertaining to the State rather than resorting to road blockades and bandhs.

SUNDAYS ON CYCLE:

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya yesterday participated in the 76th edition of nationwide *Sundays on Cycle* campaign under the Fit India Movement in Shillong. Meghalaya Sports Minister, Wailadmiki Shylla, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Raksha Khadse, athletes and cycling enthusiasts also joined the event. Dr. Mandaviya expressed happiness that the youth of Meghalaya are spreading the message of fitness through cycling. He said that cycling is one of the best forms of exercise and serves multiple public benefits, reducing pollution, conserving fuel and helping ease traffic congestion. With Meghalaya hosting the National Games in 2027, the Union Minister said, Meghalaya should leverage the upcoming National Games to promote cycling as a sport while simultaneously encouraging it as a mass fitness movement.
