

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN
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HEADLINES:-

- Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma announces passing of government resolution against uranium mining.
- Mizoram and Assam will hold official-level talks in Aizawl soon to resolve decades-old inter-state boundary dispute.
- Meteorological Centre Itanagar issues yellow alert for 13 districts in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Nearly one week of incessant rain in Mizoram triggers widespread destruction, woman killed in landslide in Kolasib district.
- Census 2027 in Tripura will begin with self-enumeration phase from today.
- Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio meets Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari and discusses state's infrastructure development.
- Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand meets with community leaders from Moreh as part of government's outreach to engage with different communities and address local development priorities.
- Assam government prepares comprehensive five-year plan to enhance tourism potential in state.
- Tripura Minister Sudhangshu Das discusses measures to strengthen dairy sector with officials of National Dairy Development Board in Gujarat.
- Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein chairs marathon meeting to review progress of projects under various Central schemes.
- Recording of evidence in Zubeen Garg death case continues in Assam; late singer's sister, Pami Barthakur will again appear before Fast Track Court today.
- Altogether one hundred eleven successful candidates of Post Graduated Teachers Examination 2025 felicitated in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Thousands of devotees participate in annual Kang celebration across Manipur also known as Rath Yatra or Kang Chingba.

URANIUM:

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma yesterday reaffirmed the state government's clear and consistent stand against uranium mining in the State. Responding to recent and ongoing speculation and media reports on uranium mining in the state, the Chief Minister announced that the government will pass a resolution to formally oppose uranium mining, reiterating that the government has never approved uranium mining in the state. The proposed resolution reinforces the government's commitment to addressing longstanding public concerns over the potential environmental and social impacts of uranium mining.

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TALKS:

Mizoram and Assam are expected to hold official-level talks in Aizawl soon to resolve decades-old inter-state boundary dispute. Officials said that both sides are in contact to finalise a date for the meeting as discussions were delayed by various factors, including Assam Assembly elections earlier this year. The last official-level talk was held in Guwahati in April last year, when both sides had agreed to maintain the status quo and expedite responses to border-related claims.

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WEATHER:

The Meteorological Centre Itanagar yesterday issued yellow alert for 13 districts in Arunachal Pradesh. According to the State Disaster Management's daily report in the last 24 hours, Upper Siang district has so far faced 15 landslides, seven heavy rainfalls and four floods in many places. In Upper Subansiri district, three landslides and floods each were reported in Limeking, Nacho, Siyum and Daporijo circles affecting several villages. Two landslides were also reported in Kra Daadi district and a flood each at Kimin in Papum Pare district and Tik Rijo village in Kamle district. Altogether 52 people are still staying in the relief camp in Keyi Panyor district. Meanwhile, during a review meeting on monsoon-related disaster preparedness held yesterday under the Deputy Commissioner, Upper Subansiri, all departments have been directed to immediately report incidents of landslides, floods, road blockages, and other emergencies to the District Administration to enable swift response and coordinated action.

RAIN MIZORAM:

In Mizoram, nearly one week of incessant rain has triggered widespread destruction across the state, displacing more than 100 people and stranding hundreds of travellers as landslides and rockfalls blocked major roads. A woman was killed in a landslide in Kolasib district, the first monsoon-related fatality this year. The State Emergency Operation Centre said that fresh reports of landslides, mudslides and flooding continued to pour in from across the state, with more families displaced, particularly in Lunglei, Lawngtlai and Siaha districts. Volunteers of the Young Mizo Association have been providing food and assistance to stranded motorists as part of the Mizo tradition.

CENSUS:

Director of Census Operations, Ratan Biswas, announced that Tripura has completed all preparations for the first phase of Census 2027. The self-enumeration phase will run from today till the 31st of this month, and House Listing and Housing Census will be conducted from August 1 to August 30, during which, enumerators will verify and collect data using mobile applications and web-based platforms across all eight districts, eliminating paper forms.

NAGALAND-CM:

Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, accompanied by Deputy Chief Ministers, TR Zeliang and Y Patton, met Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi yesterday and discussed the state's infrastructure development. Rio said that the delegation pressed for Nagaland's national highway priorities including pending projects, declaring the Foothill Road and other strategic corridors as National Highways, and improving road connectivity. In a separate meeting, the Chief Minister called on Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman and sought the Centre's support following the discontinuation of Revenue Deficit Grants. Rio requested for assistance under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment for the state's developmental priorities.

MANIPUR CM:

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand yesterday met with community leaders from Moreh including representatives of the Manipuri Muslim Council, Tamil Sangam and Gorkha Samaj at the secretariat in Imphal. During the meeting, the delegation discussed key development issues affecting Moreh, with particular emphasis on strengthening healthcare services, addressing public hardships, and improving staff strength and infrastructure. The Chief Minister assured that their concerns would be considered carefully. The meeting was part of the government's outreach to engage with different communities and address local development priorities.

ASSAM TOURISM:

The Assam government is preparing a comprehensive five-year plan to enhance tourism potential in the state. Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the proposed five-year tourism plan will strengthen rural tourism, generate employment opportunities at the local level and act as a catalyst for sustainable development.

The plan will also focus on attracting domestic and international tourists to Assam's natural beauty, wildlife, cultural heritage and spiritual destinations. Describing the ‘Awesome Assam’ campaign as gaining further momentum, Dr Sarma said, six crore tourists have visited the state over the last ten years.

DAIRY SECTOR:

Tripura Animal Resources Development, Minister Sudhangshu Das attended a meeting with officials of the National Dairy Development Board in Gujarat yesterday and discussed measures for strengthening the state's dairy sector. The meeting focused on key issues, including increasing milk production, developing modern dairy infrastructure, promoting value addition, and enhancing the financial empowerment of dairy farmers. He stated that the Tripura government is committed to working in closer partnership with the NDDB to build a robust and prosperous dairy industry in the state, aimed at improving farmers' livelihoods and boosting dairy-based economic growth.

REVIEW:

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein yesterday chaired a marathon meeting to review physical and financial progress of projects implemented under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund, North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region, and Vibrant Villages Programme Phases I & II. The review meeting focused on implementation status of ongoing projects, fund utilization, inter-departmental coordination, and measures to ensure timely completion of development works across the State.

ZUBEEN:

In Assam, recording of evidence in the Zubeen Garg death case continued yesterday. The late singer's sister, Pami Barthakur, appeared before the Fast Track Court and her statement was recorded in connection with the case. The court directed Ms Barthakur to appear again today. Meanwhile, the bail petition filed by accused, Paresh Baishya was listed for hearing, but the bench declined to hear the matter, and directed that the petition be listed before an appropriate bench that was hearing the earlier cases.

CANDIDATES:

Altogether one hundred eleven successful candidates of Post Graduated Teachers Examination 2025 were felicitated and presented appointment orders in an event held at Arunachal Pradesh State Legislative Assembly in Itanagar yesterday. On the occasion, Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that reforming the state’s recruiting agencies was given top preference among other reforms in various sectors.

DEVOTEES-KANG:

In Manipur, thousands of devotees participated in an annual Kang celebration across the state yesterday. Also known as Rath Yatra or Kang Chingba, the largest gathering was held at the historic Shree Shree Govindaji Temple in Imphal. Devotees pulled the traditional chariot of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Goddess Subhadra, offering prayers and chanting hymns as the procession moved through the city. The centuries old festival, introduced to Manipur during the reign of Maharaja Gambhir Singh, remains one of the State's most significant religious and cultural events.
