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- Centre Extends Special Intervention for Apprenticeships in North-Eastern Region
- Meghalaya Records 95% Jump in Apprenticeship Participation, Fastest in Northeast
- Election Commission of India is one of the world's most transparent and credible election management bodies says Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar
- Tripura Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu launches Census 2027
- Meghalaya government to launch scheme to support religious and cultural institutions, says Meghalaya Chief Minister at Tuber Behdeinkhlam
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma paid tribute to the legendary Khasi freedom fighter, U Tirot Sing Syiem, on his 191st death anniversary
- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Yumnam Khemchand Reviews Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences Affairs in Meeting
- A special workshop titled 'Varta' organised by the Press Information Bureau in Amingaon, Kamrup district

APPRENTICESHIP

Reinforcing its commitment to expanding quality apprenticeship opportunities and strengthening youth employability in the North-Eastern Region, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has launched the Extension of the Special Intervention for Promotion of Apprenticeship in the North-Eastern Region under the Prime Minister's National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme for Financial Year 2026–27, to be implemented by the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati. Building on the success of the pilot initiative launched in May 2025, the extended intervention aims to deepen apprenticeship penetration across all eight North-Eastern States, enhance participation of industry and government establishments, and create sustainable livelihood pathways for the region's youth under the Skill India Mission. The Ministry has expanded the scope of the intervention for Financial Year 2026–27 with a higher target of 30,000 apprentices, an increase of around 15 per cent over the pilot phase.

MEGHALAYA-APPRENTICESHIP

Meghalaya has emerged as the Northeast's fastest-growing state in apprenticeship participation, recording a 95% increase under the Centre's flagship apprenticeship programme, as the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) announced an expanded push to train 30,000 youth across the region during 2026-27. The ministry has extended its Special Intervention for Promotion of Apprenticeship in the North Eastern Region under the Prime Minister's National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (PM-NAPS), allocating ₹57.58 crore for the initiative.

ECI:

Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar yesterday said the Election Commission of India is one of the world's most transparent and credible election management bodies, with several democracies looking to India's electoral process as a model. Addressing the All India Media Conference 2026 organised by the ECI, Gyanesh Kumar said elections in India are conducted independently under the Constitution, enabling citizens to freely elect their representatives. He said the ECI is the world's largest election management body and that election officials from many countries regularly visit India to study its electoral practices. He said representatives from more than 40 democratic countries have visited India to observe its election management system. The conference, held at the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management New Delhi, was organised under the theme, "Connecting Stakeholders, Strengthening Democracy: The Role of Media in Elections".

TUBER:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma yesterday attended the Behdeinkhlam celebrations at Tuber in Jaiñtia Hills and announced a new state scheme to support religious and cultural infrastructure in Meghalaya. Addressing the gathering, Sangma called Behdeinkhlam "the true identity of our people" and said it is important to preserve traditions for future generations. He said the government will soon launch a programme to help Seinraij, Seng Khasi, Christian denominations and other faith groups. The support will include funds for museums and galleries to document history and culture. Sangma said a proposal from Seinraij Tuber for a gallery and museum, estimated at Rs 10 crore, will be included. He added that a similar request from Presbyterian church leaders for a museum in memory of Thomas Jones will also be considered. The Chief Minister said the government will prepare a comprehensive plan to ensure all communities and religious groups are covered.

ANNIVERSARY:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma paid tribute to the legendary Khasi freedom fighter, U Tirot Sing Syiem, on his 191st death anniversary, honouring his unwavering courage, supreme sacrifice, and indomitable spirit in defending his land. The Chief Minister yesterday took to social media to reflect on the martyr's legacy, stating that U Tirot Sing was a fearless freedom fighter. He said the people of Meghalaya paid tribute to Tirot Sing's indomitable spirit and expressed hope that his legacy would continue to inspire the people of the state to uphold their rich culture and traditions, stand firm in their convictions, and strive for justice, equality, and the greater good of society. Coinciding with the death anniversary of U Tirot Sing, the Hynniewtrep Youth Council of Meghalaya unveiled the full-length statues of two legendary chiefs, U Bormanik Syiem of the erstwhile Hima Shyllong and Sngap Sing Syiem of Hima Maram at Laitarted, Nongthliew in East Khasi Hills District.

TRIPURA:

Tripura Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu launched Census 2027 in the state at a programme held at Lok Bhawan. The first phase of the country's first fully digital census will continue till 31st this month using mobile applications and a web-based monitoring system for data collection, verification and supervision. The door-to-door enumeration will be conducted from August 1 to August 30. Citizens across all eight districts can submit their household details online through the self-enumeration portal before a census enumerator visits their homes. Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha urged people to actively participate, saying the census is not merely a statistical exercise but the foundation for planning and implementing

development programmes. He described Census 2027 as a significant step towards a transparent, technology-driven and citizen-friendly enumeration process.

WORKSHOP:

A special workshop titled 'Varta' was organised by the Press Information Bureau at the Lokapriya Directorate Auditorium in Amingaon, Kamrup district yesterday. The workshop was held to create awareness ahead of the 2027 Census. The 2027 Census will be conducted in two phases. The first phase, involving the house-listing process, will begin on the 17th of August. The second phase of the Census is scheduled to commence in February 2027. Census Director Biswajit Pande said that all preparations for the Census process have been completed.

EKYC:

Tawang Deputy Commissioner Namgyal Angmo, yesterday chaired a comprehensive review meeting on the status of eKYC under the Smart Public Distribution System along with a vigilance meeting of all 39 Fair Price Shops in the district. The meeting was attended by the District Food & Civil Supplies Officer, officials of the Food & Civil Supplies Department, and all Fair Price Shop dealers. Reviewing the progress, the Deputy Commissioner expressed concern over the pending eKYC cases and directed all Fair Price Shop dealers to intensify their efforts and ensure substantial improvement in eKYC completion within one week. She instructed the FPS dealers to undertake door-to-door follow-up wherever necessary and extend all possible assistance to beneficiaries for completing the authentication process.

JNIMS:

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand chaired a review meeting yesterday with Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences officials. The meeting was attended by the Commissioner (Health), the Director, faculty members and other senior officials. The discussion focused on the grievances and concerns raised by the teaching fraternity and the administration. Key issues taken up included improving institutional governance and strengthening medical education and healthcare services at JNIMS. The Chief Minister reaffirmed the Government's commitment to resolving genuine concerns through dialogue. He also stressed the need to ensure the continued growth and excellence of JNIMS. Later the Chief Minister was briefed at the Secretariat by N. Khedabarta Singh, Commissioner, Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Department, and Director L. Arunkumar Singh. Officials informed that the department's work on disease surveillance, preventive vaccination, artificial insemination, and Mobile Veterinary Clinics is playing a key role in protecting livestock and poultry. These efforts are also aimed at strengthening rural livelihoods and promoting sustainable growth of the livestock sector in Manipur.

AWARENESS:

A district-level awareness workshop under Mission Sankalp was held yesterday at the Sepahijala District in Tripura to strengthen efforts against child marriage and adolescent pregnancy. Organised jointly by the District Administration and the Department of Social Welfare & Social Education, the programme brought together priests, imams, other religious leaders, decorators, caterers, and representatives from different sections of society associated with marriage ceremonies. Additional District Magistrate Subhash Dutta said Mission Sankalp, launched nearly a year ago, aims to make Sepahijala district in Tripura free from child marriage by 2027. He noted that around 300 minor girls have been prevented from child marriage over the past year, marking a significant achievement of the campaign. Additional Superintendent of Police Rajib Sutradhar, District Social

Welfare Officer Sanjay Dey, other administrative officials, and distinguished guests attended the workshop.
